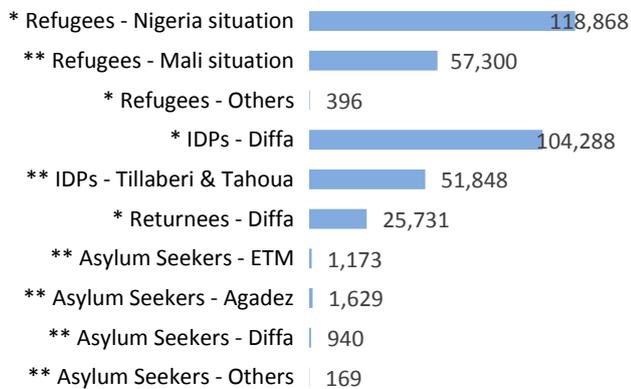


Niger



POPULATION OF CONCERN

362,342



* Government of Niger official figures.

** UNHCR figures.

KEY INDICATORS

2,069

Refugees evacuated temporarily from Libya to Niger as part of the ETM (Emergency Transit Mechanism) from November 2017 – November 2018

1,629

Persons profiled by UNHCR in Agadez seeking asylum

51,848

Persons internally displaced in the Tillaberi & Tahoua regions



Sensitization activity in a primary school of Niamey to promote birth registration and documentation as part of the #Ibelong campaign to eradicate statelessness

Operational Context

The key situations include:

- 1. The Mali situation:** began in 2012 with the outbreak of conflict in northern Mali. The regions of Tillabéri and Tahoua bordering Mali and hosting most of the Malian refugees are increasingly affected by insecurity and terrorism. A State of Emergency was declared last year, extended and expanded this year. There are currently 57,300 Malian refugees in Niger. The Government of Niger and UNHCR seek to accelerate the socio-economic integration of these refugees and the closure of the camps through urbanization by the end of 2020.
- 2. The Nigeria situation:** began in 2013, with the arrival of the first Nigerian refugees across the border fleeing Boko Haram. The situation deteriorated with the first attacks in Niger territory in 2015. There are almost 250,000 displaced persons in the region (including 118,868 refugees, 104,288 IDPs, 25,731 returnees). The majority live in spontaneous sites or with the local population, while UNHCR manages one refugee camp, with 14,579 people. In 2018, despite a complex security context, all actors agreed on the necessity to engage strongly in development oriented interventions. The Government of Niger, UNHCR and the World Bank are working closely in that direction. Additionally, an EU Trust Fund project is ongoing in Diffa region, aimed at supporting economic recovery and long term solutions through urbanization and the construction of durable housing.
- 3. Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs):** The displaced population in the Diffa region is extremely mixed, including refugees, IDPs and returnees. However, the IDP situation in Niger has become more complex with increasing insecurity in the regions of Tillabéri and Tahoua, bordering Mali. In 2018, attacks and insecurity in the area have resulted in the internal displacement of at least 51,848 people. Protection monitoring, advocacy, capacity building and coordinated efforts with humanitarian actors are ongoing to ensure an adequate response to the situation. Securization of certain zones has been organized as of October and continued in November to secure access for evaluations, targeting exercises and emergency response of humanitarian actors.
- 4. Mixed Movements:** Niger is a major crossroads of migratory movements northwards towards Libya, Algeria and the Mediterranean. These migratory flows constitute mixed movements, including economic migrants as well as persons in need of international protection. In Agadez, UNHCR works to identify asylum seekers within the migratory flows and works with the government, as well as IOM and NGOs to provide these persons with information and assistance. 1,629 persons, mostly Sudanese, are currently profiled by UNHCR in Agadez. 28% are minors and 180 are unaccompanied or separated children. The situation has become more complex, with the addition of downward movements from Libya and Algeria. A new humanitarian centre is being built to accommodate and screen those seeking international protection.
- 5. Emergency Transit Mechanism (ETM):** This unique programme aims to provide life-saving protection, assistance and long-term solutions to extremely vulnerable refugees trapped in detention in Libya, through temporary evacuation to Niger. The aim is to deliver protection and identify durable solutions, including resettlement for these refugees, who are predominantly Eritrean and Somali. Their profiles mainly include survivors of torture or other forms of violence in the country of origin and/or transit countries (e.g. Libya) and others with compelling protection needs. Many of them are unaccompanied children and women and girls at risk. To date, 2,069 persons have been evacuated. A new transit centre is being built near Niamey to host the evacuees.

Security Situation

The regions of **Tahoua** and **Tillabéri** continue to be affected by armed groups and inter-ethnic violence resulting in displacement of population in all the departments close to the Mali border. Movements of suspected extremists near the border have been reported, as well as incursions in villages, cattle thefts and markets attacks by armed extremists. The situation along the border with Burkina Faso also deteriorated significantly with attacks targeting the defence and security forces as well as the civil population. On the 30 of November, the GoN extended the state of emergency to 3 new departments of the Tillabéri region (Say, Torodi and Tera) at the border with Burkina Faso.

In the **Diffa** region in November, the security situation continues to be marked by repeated attacks by the Boko Haram (BH) armed group. 15 major incidents occurred mainly marked by the killing of 8 technicians from a drilling company and the kidnapping of 16 young girls, both incidents in the commune of Toumour.

The security context in the **Agadez** region continues to be marked by repeated armed attacks, particularly on the main roads converging towards Agadez. Armed attacks and the organized work of groups of bandits creates a constant psychosis among the population of Agadez and among road users.

Key Developments & Achievements

- On the 25th of November, all of the UNHCR offices in Niger celebrated the launch of the 16 days of activism campaign against sexual and gender based violence. Sensitization sessions, participative theatre and a march were held in the capital to raise awareness of the campaign.
- Four years after the launch of the decade-long #Ibelong campaign to eradicate statelessness globally, UNHCR Niger organized a two-day sensitization activity to promote birth registration and documentation, on 22nd-23rd of November in Niamey. The GoN focal point for statelessness, the civil registration and local/traditional authorities met with primary school children and their parents - including urban refugees – to provide information on civil registration, and theatre sessions were held to explain the risk of statelessness.
- A two-day cross border workshop on the Emergency Transit Mechanism (ETM) was organized on the 26-27 of November in Niamey, to reflect on best practices & lessons learned after 1 year of experience of this life saving mechanism.
- 51 vulnerable refugees/asylum seekers were evacuated to Italy on a humanitarian flight on the 14 of November.
- A meeting was held on the 5th of November between UNHCR and the World Bank regarding the PARCA project (Projet d'Appui aux Réfugiés et aux Communautés d'Accueil), as an opportunity to make concrete the humanitarian development Nexus debate.



Protection Cluster

- The October 2018 Protection Cluster bulletin is published [here](#).
- The October 2018 Protection Monitoring Report on Tahoua is available [here](#).
- The October 2018 Protection Monitoring Report on Tillaberi is available [here](#).
- More than 51,800 people have been internally displaced in the Tillaberi and Tahoua regions as of 30 of November. Please see the latest map [here](#).

Nigeria situation

- BIMS registration of displaced persons continued in Kindjandi site in November. A total of 748 new households of 2,386 people have been registered with 2,156 enrollments in BIMS.
- Protection incidents increased by 40% in November compared to October. IRC and DRC partners reported 77 incidents (involving 124 persons). This increase is due to the resurgence of activities of non-state armed groups and conflicts between farmers and animal breeders.
- In November, about 404 households were forced to move, either within the Diffa region, or across the Niger-Nigeria border to protect themselves from threats, kidnappings for ransom and incursions by non-state armed groups. A new influx of registered households from the out of camp sites was recorded at Sayam Forage camp. These movements have been amplified more and more by the latest attacks in Toumour by alleged elements of the BH group. According to the latest CNE figures, there are about 90 households of 327 individuals mainly from Toumour, Kabléwa and Garin Wanzam. In addition to these, there are about 34 households of 294 newcomers not yet registered, currently hosted at the transit center of the camp.
- A SGBV risk assessment was conducted at Kindjandi, Kabléwa, Garin Wanzam and Sayam Forage. It identified the main risks to which women and girls are exposed, and it enabled the development of risk a mapping of services available for the 10 women's groups from these localities.
- A training for 60 defense and security forces was organized in November in N'Guigmi and Maine Soroa on International Protection and documentation of refugees.

- A UNHCR /Regional Directorate for Civil Status, Refugees and Migration (DGEC-RM) mission registered all Nigerian refugees who fled Nigeria last July to settle in 4 sites in the Maradi region. 660 people were registered from the 21st to 24th of November and received NFI kits.

Mali Situation

- 2,303 Malian refugees benefitted from voluntary repatriation so far in 2018. In November, 566 Malian refugees from the Tabareybarey camp received their Voluntary Repatriation Form (VRF) and the cash support to transport them to Mali.



IDP situation

- A [link](#) has been developed on an interactive website, which shows in real time the number of displaced people (disaggregated by sex and age) and the number of households in the regions of Tillaberi and Tahoua, based on protection monitoring information.
- An overview of protection incidents in the Tillaberi region from January to November 2018 is available [here](#).
- An illustrative map of insecurity routes in the Tahoua and Tillaberi regions as of end November is available [here](#).

Mixed Movements situation

- In Agadez, UNHCR continues to follow up on cases of persons deported from Algeria. So far, the total number from January 2018 to 30 of November is 21,073 – of which 63% are Nigerien.
- Refugee Status Determination (RSD) interviews continue in Agadez by a UNHCR / National Eligibility Commission (CNE) team. 70 unaccompanied and separated children have been interviewed so far in a total of 153 interviews.

Emergency Transit Mechanism (ETM)

- UNHCR has been evacuating refugees from detention centres in Libya to Niger temporarily since November 2017. In December 2017, UNHCR signed a MoU with the Govt. of Niger regarding the ETM process. To date, 2,069 people have been evacuated from Libya to Niger and a total of 882 individuals have departed for resettlement to Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, The United Kingdom and The United States.
- 2 evacuation flights from Libya to Niger were organized in November with the biggest flight ever on the 13th of November with 262 refugees on board, followed by a further 132 persons evacuated on the 22nd.
- UNHCR has received a total of 3,516 resettlement pledges for refugees out of Niger for 2018-2019; the pledges also include resettlement places for some refugees already hosted by Niger.
- Of those already hosted in Niger, 201 refugees from Mali, Nigeria, Central Africa, Mauritania and Ivory Coast have departed for resettlement.


EDUCATION
Mali situation

- Education infrastructure improvement is ongoing in the Tillaberi and Tahoua regions which will benefit both refugees and host population, including:
 - Construction of 2 temporary classrooms for the secondary school of Telemces (Tahoua region).
 - Supply of tables and benches for the primary school of the urbanized site in Ayorou to allow the opening of the school.


Nigeria situation

- Installation of the “Culture Box” in Sayam Forage camp - A multimedia server with built-in Wifi broadcaster for access to documentaries, books, etc. programmed for the use of refugees for leisure and culture.


HEALTH & NUTRITION
Mali situation

- Health infrastructure improvement is ongoing in the Tillaberi and Tahoua regions which will benefit both refugees and host population, including:
 - Rehabilitation of the current health centre of Intikane is finished and work has started to transform the CSI (Integrated Health Centre) into a CSI type II.
 - The construction of 2 CSI Type II for the Abala and Ayorou urbanized sites is ongoing.


SHELTER AND NFIS
Agadez

- Progress continues on the new humanitarian centre for asylum seekers in Agadez, including the drilling of the second water well that reached 249m deep. 459 persons more were installed in November, reaching a total of 949 persons living on the site.

Nigeria situation

- In the context of the Urbanization project, activities continued in November in Diffa:
 - The construction of 431 houses is in progress in the Diffa commune, with 53 houses completely finished;
 - The construction of 96 houses has begun by the partner CISP on the urbanized site of Chétimari and 222 on the urbanized site of N’Guigmi.

Mali situation

- In Abala, the final plans of the future urbanization site are finished (electricity, topographic study, roads, infrastructure etc.). A Ministerial order will be released in December to start the land division.
- In Ayorou, a Ministerial order was published by the Ministry of Urbanism and Housing, on the 7 of November to approve and execute the newly defined urbanized site following some changes in the size limits.

ETM

- As part of the EU Trust Fund ETM project recently signed, work has started on the new ETM site in Hamdallaye, 40kms away from Niamey: 160 workers (including 137 refugees evacuated from Libya and 23 host population workers) were trained for 3 days on Refugee Housing Unit (RHU) construction. After the training, refugees were supervised to install their first RHU. Each supervisor was instructed to monitor and guide a team of 5 workers.
- So far, 200 RHU's have been installed of a target of 320. Basic services infrastructure is also being built, including latrines and showers, health posts, solar panels, cooking sheds and communal gathering areas.



CENTRE DE MECANISME D'EVACUATION TEMPORAIRE (ETM)
PLAN D'AMENAGEMENT



**COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE****Nigeria situation**

- On the 17th of November, an official ceremony for the launch of the Sayam Forage fish farm was organized for the agro-sylvo-pastoral project between UNHCR, University of Diffa and APBE. 52 ponds, run by 5 groups of beneficiaries, have been filled with fish.

**Key Challenges****Mali situation**

- Increasing insecurity, due mostly to armed attacks and ethnic tensions, and a resulting lack of humanitarian access continues to pose the biggest challenge in the area of the country bordering Mali and Burkina Faso.

Nigeria situation

- In the Diffa region, in addition to the threat posed by terrorism, the level of criminality is increasing significantly. Killings and lootings are becoming more frequent, creating tensions and fears among the local community.

IDP situation

- The massive increase in the magnitude of internal displacement in Tillaberi and Tahoua, increasing to over 51,000 IDPs, is creating significant protection challenges and is underfunded. Regular access remains the main issue.

Mixed Movements

- In the Agadez region, UNHCR must continue strengthening cross border coordination in order to support refugees coming from the bordering countries. Works on the humanitarian centre must continue so that all persons of concern are accommodated and protection and basic needs provided.

Emergency Transit Mechanism

- For those refugees evacuated from Libya, the main challenge remains to improve the fluidity of the process of departures for resettlement, in order to free more refugees from the Libyan detention centres. With ongoing conflict in Libya, major efforts must be made to ensure the evacuation of the most vulnerable.

UNHCR Presence in Niger

Staff: a total of 317 national and international staff (*this includes consultants and affiliate workforce*)

Offices: 1 Head Office Niamey, 2 Sub-Offices Diffa and Agadez; 2 Field Offices Tillaberi and Tahoua; 2 Field Unites Abala and Ouallam.

Partners

Govt. of Niger, ACTED/REACH, ADES, Adkoul, APBE, Care, CDR, CIAUD, CISP, COOPI, DEDI, DRC, Forum Réfugié Cosi, FRC, GVD, HI, IRC, SFCG, SDO.

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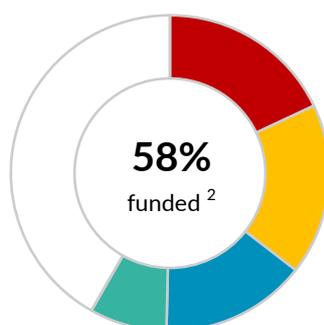
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\$92.8 million

 UNHCR's financial requirements 2018 ¹

58%
 funded ²


NIGER

as of 4 December 2018

CONTRIBUTIONS ³ | USD

	■ Unearmarked	■ Softly earmarked	■ Earmarked	■ Tightly earmarked	Total
United States of America	-	-	12,500,000	-	12,500,000
European Union	-	-	-	8,587,019	8,587,019
Italy	-	-	-	4,840,338	4,840,338
France	-	-	3,077,816	774,294	3,852,110
Japan	-	-	-	1,800,000	1,800,000
CERF	-	-	-	809,241	809,241
Spain	-	-	800,000	-	800,000
Canada	-	-	706,991	-	706,991
Sweden	-	-	285,533	-	285,533
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	-	-	-	195,578	195,578
UN Peacebuilding Fund	-	-	-	142,219	142,219
UN Programme On HIV/AIDS	-	-	-	65,000	65,000
Miscellaneous private donors	-	-	-	35,595	35,595
Sub-total	-	-	17,370,341	17,249,283	34,619,624
Indicative allocation of funds and adjustments	7,292,257	13,767,396	(1,099,068)	(566,620)	19,393,965
Total	7,292,257	13,767,396	16,271,272	16,682,663	54,013,588

Methodology: Unearmarked funding is allocated and reallocated multiple times during the year to allow UNHCR to fund prioritised activities. This funding update includes an indicative allocation of funds so as to accurately represent the resources available for the country. The contributions earmarked for Niger shown above are combined with an indicative allocation of the softly earmarked and unearmarked contributions listed below. This allocation respects different levels of earmarking. Adjustments relate to programme support costs and carry-over.

■ OTHER SOFTLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS ⁴ | USD

United States of America 163.9 million | **Private donors Australia** 13.3 million | **Germany** 12.3 million | **Canada** 3.3 million | **Private donors Sweden** 2.4 million | **Private donors Republic of Korea** 2.3 million | **Private donors Spain** 2.3 million

Japan | Norway | Sweden | Private donors

■ UNEARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS ⁵ | USD

Sweden 98.2 million | **Private donors Spain** 71 million | **Netherlands** 47.1 million | **United Kingdom** 45.3 million | **Norway** 42.5 million | **Private donors Republic of Korea** 32 million | **Japan** 26.5 million | **Denmark** 25.5 million | **Private donors Japan** 17.9 million | **Private donors Italy** 16.8 million | **Switzerland** 15.8 million | **France** 14 million | **Germany** 13.7 million | **Private donors Sweden** 13.2 million | **Italy** 11.2 million

Algeria | Argentina | Austria | Belgium | Bosnia and Herzegovina | Bulgaria | Canada | Chile | China | Costa Rica | Estonia | Finland | Holy See | Iceland | India | Indonesia | Ireland | Israel | Kuwait | Latvia | Liechtenstein | Lithuania | Luxembourg | Monaco | Montenegro | New Zealand | Philippines | Portugal | Qatar | Republic of Korea | Russian Federation | Saudi Arabia | Serbia | Singapore | Slovakia | Sri Lanka | Thailand | Turkey | United Arab Emirates | Uruguay | Private donors

Notes:

- The financial requirements for Niger include requirements for the operation's regular programme, Central Mediterranean Route Situation, Mali Situation and the Nigeria Situation.
- The percentage funded (58%) and total funding amount (\$54,013,588) are indicative based on the methodology described above. This leaves an indicative funding gap of \$38,770,227 representing 42% of the financial requirements.
- Contributions to Niger are shown by the earmarking modality as defined in the Grand Bargain.
- Due to their earmarking at the region or sub-region, or to a related situation or theme, the other softly earmarked contributions listed are those which can potentially be used for Niger. Where a donor has contributed \$2 million or more, the total amount of the contributions is shown.
- Contributed without restrictions on its use, unearmarked funding allows UNHCR critical flexibility in how best to reach refugees and other populations of concern who are in the greatest need and at the greatest risk. Where a donor has contribution \$10 million or more, the total amount of the contribution is shown.

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