

## HIGHLIGHTS

OCTOBER 2018

Mali still faces major security and political challenges. The council of Ministers on Wednesday, 24 October adopted the prolongation of the state of emergency for another year with effect from October 31st, 2018.

In the Secretary General's latest quarterly report, he denounced the rise in violence against civilian population in the Northern and Central regions of the country. The Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration process has already Started. Despite the many challenges linked to this process, it is hoped that a successful disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of the combatants will reduce the human rights violations and enhance peaceful co-existence.

### KEY INDICATORS

- ✓ **140,276 Malian refugees** remain in asylum countries [As of 30 September, 2018].
- ✓ **1024 refugees from Niger** newly registered.
- ✓ **46 sensitizations** on the consequences and dangers of irregular movements.

### PRIORITIES

- ✓ Support voluntary repatriation of refugees in protracted situations;
- ✓ Continue the process of naturalisation for Mauritanian refugees who have indicated their desire for local integration;
- ✓ Support and advocate for the functioning of the Appeals Board as well as expedite the granting of refugee status to eligible applicants;
- ✓ Strengthen protection to PoCs through socio-economic activities and access to basic rights;
- ✓ Strengthen advocacy for the domestication of the Kampala Convention for IDPs;
- ✓ Approach other UN Agencies to encourage them to intervene through projects to strengthen basic social structures ("delivering as one" context).

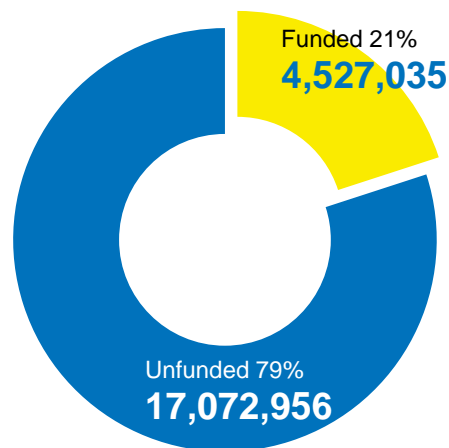


During the celebration of the United Nations Day, UNHCR participated to a UN Village, during which, UNHCR's Representative Ms. Angele Djohossou, the DSRSG/RC/HC Ms. Mbaranga Gasarawbe, exchanged with the Ivorian refugee community leader in Mali. ©UNESCO/Mali

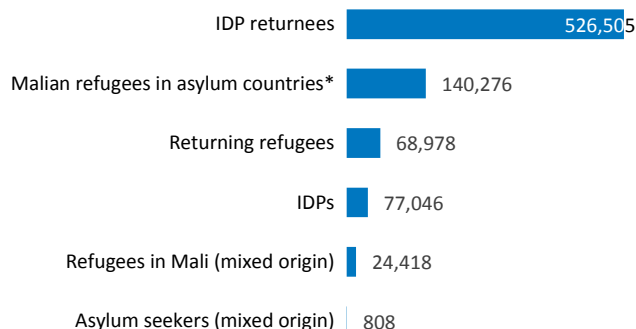
### FUNDING (AS OF 23 OCTOBER 2018)

USD 21,599,992

Requested for Mali



### POPULATION OF CONCERN



Figures as of 30 September 2018.

\* Source: UNHCR. All other figures are sourced from the Government of Mali.

## Update on Achievements

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### Operational Context

- In his latest quarterly Report on the situation in Mali, released on 2nd October 2018, the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres denounced the rise of violence against the civilian population in the north and center of the country. This report highlights the statistics of civilian victims of violence in the three last months. It consists of 287 persons killed, 36 wounded and 67 kidnapped. Additionally, the UN Secretary General declared in this report that this is the "heaviest record" against civilians since 2013, the year of the arrival of the UN mission (MINUSMA) in Mali.
- Following the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly, the different signatory parties of the Agreement on Peace and Reconciliation in Mali concluded a new document called "Pact for Peace". This document urges the Malian Government to implement the agreement for Peace and Reconciliation within a deadline of six months. Additionally, the document highlights that "if after 6 months no progress is made, the Security Council will take action against the perpetrators of the blockage".
- Initially scheduled for October 28th and November 18th, 2018, the legislative elections in Mali were postponed for one month following a strike by the magistrates that resulted in additional delays in the submission of applications. The decision was announced by the Malian Prime Minister, Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga on 10 October. It is to note that the magistrates have been on an indefinite strike since end of August 2018. They demand the security of the judicial personnel across all the territory and the revalorization of their salaries.
- The council of Ministers on Wednesday, 24 October adopted the prolongation of the state of emergency for another year with effect from October 31st, 2018. The decision came two months after the re-election of President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, who made the "security" of Mali the priority of his second term.
- On October 5, 2018, UNHCR Mali met with the Trust Fund for Victims of the International Criminal Court. The Trust Fund is mandated to implement court-ordered reparations for the victims of Ahmed al Faqi al Mahdi. Some of the victims are currently displaced in Bamako and their voluntary return and reintegration in Timbuktu will be supported by the Trust Fund as a form of collective reparation. The Trust Fund expressed interest in establishing a partnership with UNHCR to execute the reparation order to the benefit of IDPs.
- On October 2nd, within the framework of a joint collaboration, UNHCR met with IOM in Mali, in order to reinstate discussions with regards to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Identification and Referrals shared with them since spring 2018. IOM's Senior Management confirmed IOM's will to expedite the formalization of the relations, as well as to initiate the constitution of a Working Group, as discussed in late 2017.
- On October 5, 2018, the RC/HC of Mali submitted the intermediary draft Country Programme Document and Budget to the Secretariat of the EU/UN Spotlight Initiative in New York. In this document, UNHCR is responsible for conducting activities in the outcomes 1 and 5, i.e. strengthening of the legal framework and qualitative data collection.

- From 22 October to 24 October, a joint UNHCR-Swiss Cooperation mission visited the field offices of Timbuktu and Mopti to follow up on the performance of the protection monitoring project implemented by a UNHCR partner AMSS, financed by the Swiss Cooperation. Meetings were held with UNHCR and AMSS colleagues, including some community based protection monitors who shared their main concerns.
- On 25 October 2018, UNHCR participated in a seminar for G5 Sahel Joint Force officers organized by the European Union Training Mission (EUTM). The protection unit gave a presentation on UNHCR's mandate. Most questions from the trainees had to do with nomadic refugees and the civilian and humanitarian character of asylum.

## Achievements

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### PROTECTION

#### Achievements and Impact

#### Protection Cluster

- Within the process of projecting needs and planning for humanitarian responses for 2019, the Protection Cluster identified the numbers of populations in need of humanitarian assistance. This number is estimated at 879,000 people and the targeted populations are estimated at 524,000 people. These populations were defined on the basis of the 2018 humanitarian needs' analysis with the participation of the Protection Cluster thematic groups at the regional and national levels.
- The Protection and Shelter/NFIs clusters were engaged in the development of analytical documents on the overview of humanitarian needs and the definition of logical frameworks for the preparation of the 2019 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP). Thus, the analysis of the protection situation in Mali in 2018, shows a strong deterioration of the protective environment especially in the regions of Mopti in the center, Menaka, Gao and Timbuktu in the north. Six hundred 600 allegations of human rights violations were recorded from January to July 2018 by UNHCR's protection monitoring project against 507 for the same period in 2017. One hundred and fifty-nine (159) civilian casualties of improvised explosive devices were recorded by the actors of the humanitarian anti-mines against 71 for the whole of 2017, an increase of 124%. Finally, because of the recurring crises (armed and community conflicts and natural disasters) affecting northern and central Mali, 77,046 people are still internally displaced as of September 30, 2018 compared to 38,000 as of December 31, 2017, more than 50 % of new IDPs.
- The logical framework of the 2019 Humanitarian Response Plan elaborated by the Protection Cluster defines three strategic objectives, identifies six country indicators and

provides twenty-two activities that will be monitored through forty outcome indicators to meet the humanitarian protection needs in 2019 in Mali. The three strategic objectives are to assess and analyze protection issues (displacement, human rights, GBV, child protection) and to undertake advocacy actions to ensure an emergency response; strengthen the capacity of partners, service providers, authorities and communities to better prevent and mitigate protection risks; and provide protection services and holistic assistance to vulnerable and conflict-affected people. In addition, the humanitarian planning framework for protection in 2019 defined 4,500,000 affected people across the country, 755,355 people in urgent need of protection responses and targets 505,810 people to benefit from a package of services including the holistic management of protection cases on the basis of the vulnerability of the needs of the said persons.

#### Mixed Movements

##### ■ **Monitoring:**

As part of the monitoring carried out by UNHCR's partner, AMSS, 1,528 people on the move (303 in Mopti / Bamako, 524 in Gao and 701 in Timbuktu) were identified, an increase of 68 % compared to September. Among them were 14 women, 31 unaccompanied and/or separated children and 02 potential asylum seekers .

##### ■ **Awareness:**

46 sensitizations, an increase of 24% (21 in Mopti, 10 in Timbuktu & 15 Gao) were organized for 644 people in transit on "the consequences and dangers of irregular movements", "the harmful consequences of sexual violence related to irregular movements", " the importance of identity documents during travel", "the consequences of irregular movements and statelessness", "the risks and incidents of protection in connection with mixed movements " and "the causes of mixed movements".

##### ■ **Case tracking:**

The protection team conducted interviews and follow-up of identified (old and new) cases of persons of concern to the UNHCR following expulsions from Algeria and referred by IOM and Association des Refoulés d'Afrique Centrale au Mali (ARACEM). An asylum seeker who wanted to return to his country of origin was referred to IOM for assistance.

##### ■ **Livelihood projects for people in Mixed Movements:**

Self-reliance and livelihoods projects as a durable solution for people in irregular movements and who are persons under UNHCR's mandate and including host communities continue to be implemented and monitored. A total of 39 associations were identified and assisted (16 in Gao, 15 in Timbuktu and 8 in Mopti).

#### Documentation

- 240 additional judgments were transcribed in birth certificates to the Samé-Diongoma Town Hall. This brings the total number to 640 additional judgments established on an annual target of 500, representing an achievement rate of 128%.

#### Reception and orientation

- In November, UNHCR received and oriented 24 refugees and asylum seekers. This brings the total number to 214 individuals (93 women and 121 men) since the beginning of 2018

on annual target of 150, and representing a reception and orientation rate of 142,5%. The major needs expressed by these refugees are medical and documentation assistance.

### Voluntary Returns

- UNHCR facilitated the voluntary repatriation of two refugee households (of which 4 individuals) of Ivorian nationality on Monday, October 8, 2018. This activity was implemented upon the request of these refugees who expressed their wish to return voluntarily to their country of origin. As of 8th October, Mali still counts 579 Ivorian refugees who still benefit from the assistance and protection of UNHCR in Mali, while awaiting the identification of durable solutions for them.

### SGBV

- Sensitization sessions on the fight against SGBV were carried-out in several sites where forcibly displaced populations exist. Furthermore, in October 339 persons (182 women and 157 men) from refugees and local populations, benefitted from these sessions.
- Radio messages were being broadcast within the framework of the fight against Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), early marriage and other types of SGBV. This brings the total number to 160 messages broadcast out of an annual target of 160, representing an implementation rate of 100%.



### EDUCATION

#### Achievements and Impact

- Preparations for the start of the 2018-2019 academic year took place and appropriate measures were taken to support the creation of three community boarding schools in three host villages.

#### Bamako

- As part of the promotion of the education of urban refugees, 3 new graduates benefited from UNHCR's support as part of their online pre-enrolment in universities of Bamako.
- As part of the promotion of refugee education, 748 school records were received in preparations of educational assistance for the 2018-2019 academic year.
- *The UNHCR External Relations section met on October 26, 2018 a young Congolese refugee writer in Bamako to exchange with him on his book entitled "La roue tourne".*
- A DAFI scholar received an honour in October at the awards ceremony for the best students in her institution.



### HEALTH

#### Achievements and Impact

- Since the beginning of the year, 34 households (123 individuals) have adhered to the health insurance scheme.



## WATER AND SANITATION

### Achievements and Impact

- In Gao, 1 borehole is in construction out of an annual objective of 2.
- In Mopti, the rehabilitation of 5 out of 5 boreholes is progressing to reinforce the existing 21, bringing the implementation rate to 98%.
- In Timbuktu region, the planned 3 water points have been rehabilitated in the communes of Soumpi, Ber and Hamzakoma with an implementation rate of 100%.



## SHELTER AND NFIS

### Achievements and Impact

#### Gao

- 100 mud shelters are being rehabilitated, including 20 in Gao, 20 in Ansongo, 20 in Menaka, 20 in Aderanboukane and 20 in Kidal, with an implementation rate of 98%.

#### Mopti

- The rehabilitation of 40 mud shelters and the construction of 40 traditional shelters were completed, bringing the implementation rate to 100%.

#### Timbuktu

- 75 mud shelters and 180 traditional shelters were rehabilitated. This brings the implementation rate to 94% (out of an annual objective of 270 rehabilitated shelters).



## COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

### Achievements and Impact

- The monitoring of Income Generating Associations assisted in 2017 in the city of Gao continued. Thus, from 20 to 24 October 2018, members of the Association of 'Thiérou diyan' engaged in Fish Farming, started the marketing of fish and sold 21 kg at a rate of 2,000 FCFA per Kg totaling an amount of 42,000 FCFA.
- In the commune of Gao, an association involved in carpentry produced and sold various items such as cabinets, wooden chair, door curtain, dressing table, stool etc.
- In Gao on October 18, 2018, four (04) survivors of SGBV were supported with an amount of 200,000 FCFA each. This is an assistance for individual Income Generating Activities (IGAs) with the aim of reducing the economic vulnerability of these survivors of gender-based violence.
- Timbuktu, a market gardening training was organized for members of market gardening groups through the UNHCR partner Agence pour le Développement Economique et Social (ADES) as part of the mixed migration project. These include 6 market gardening groups, of which 3 assisted in 2017 and 3 in 2018.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- 75% of applications for IGA funding remains to be met for refugees.
- 12% of school-age children in urban areas are not covered.
- 25% of the refugee population did not join the health scheme
- 200 refugee identity cards need be produced for urban refugees while 8,854 Mauritanian refugees are waiting for theirs.
- 51% of Malian returnees do not have civil status documents, mainly children.
- 00% Mauritanian refugees naturalized. The required funds represent the cost of the package accompanying the naturalization of 3,000 Mauritanian refugees).
- The Burkinabe situation in Gossi and N'tilit remains unfunded notably the lack of adequate shelters as a major challenge. Since their arrival, these refugees have been living in improvised tents made of random materials. They are therefore exposed to unfavourable weather, notably the persons with special needs, including children, women, elderly and people with serious medical conditions.
- Many Burkinabe refugees suffer from serious or chronic diseases. Due to resource constraints, it is not possible to assist all of them. A targeted support is provided to the most vulnerable only, leaving others relying on their own resources.
- The situation of refugees from Niger currently present in Ménaka region is also worth mentioning. While 1024 individuals in 247 households have been registered, they are also facing urgent and critical needs especially in the areas of shelter, water and health.



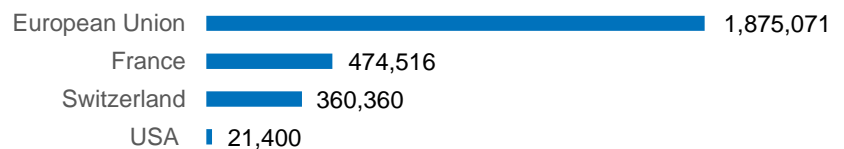


## Financial Information

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programs with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to some **US\$ 4,527,035** million, including **US\$ 15,677,406** million for the Mali situation.

### EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED | USD



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