



UNHCR provided returning refugees with shelter assistance, in Gao, January 2020 ©UNHCR Mali

UNHCR MALI FACTSHEET

January 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

326

Documented protection incidents in January.

46

Persons on the move identified in mixed flows in January.

1,500

Households provided with non-food items (NFIs) in January.

215

Households provided with shelter assistance, in January.

POPULATION OF CONCERN –

31 JANUARY 2020

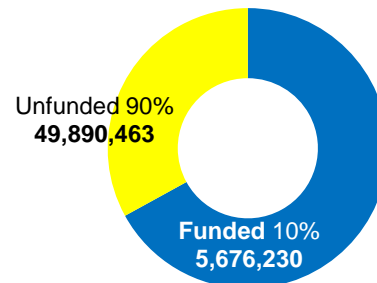
A total of **1,217,388** persons of concern

Population group

Malian refugees in asylum countries*	155,151
Malian refugees' returnees	84,743
IDPs	346,864
IDP returnees**	582,079
Refugees and asylum seekers in Mali (mixed origin) *	48,551

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

FUNDING AS OF 27 JANUARY 2021



USD 55,566,693 requested for Mali

UNHCR Presence

Staff, as of 31 January 2021:

- **58** National staff
- **28** International staff
- **21** Affiliate workforce

Offices, as of 31 January:

Five (5) offices located in:

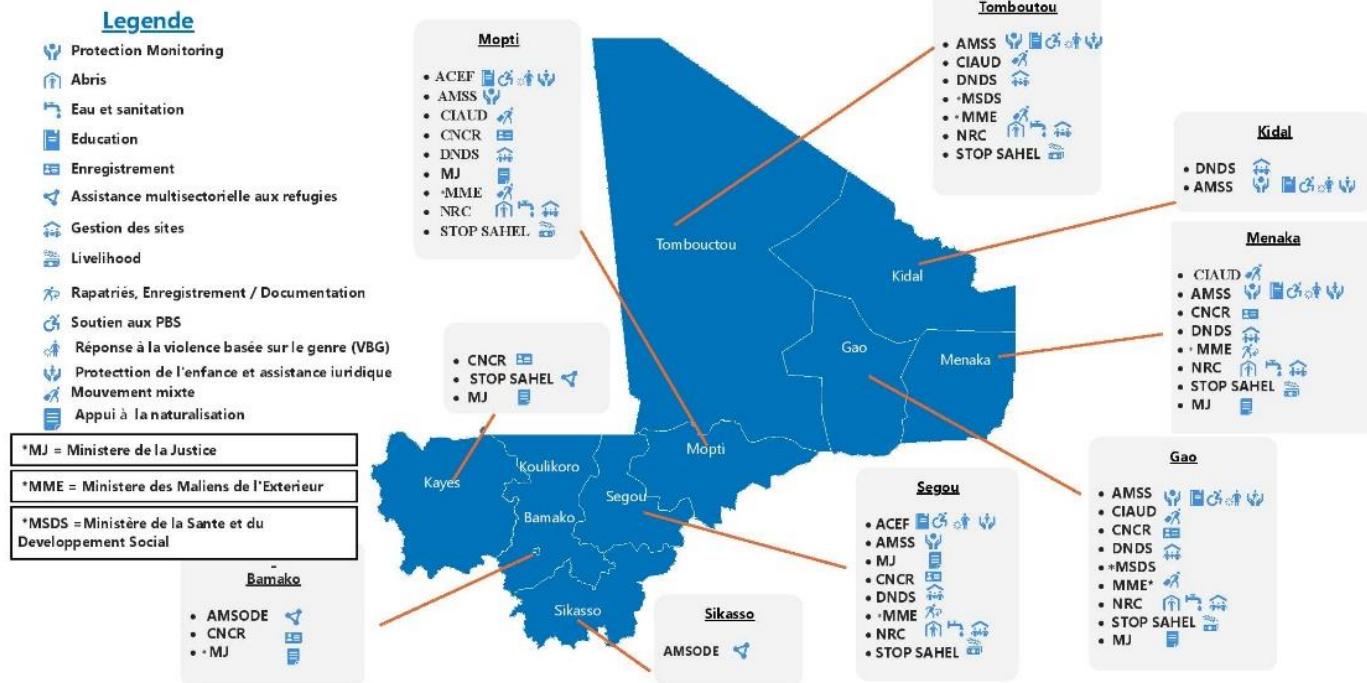
- Bamako (Country Office)
- Gao (Sub-Office)
- Timbuktu (Field Office)
- Mopti (Field Office)
- Menaka (Field Unit)

WORKING WITH PARTNERS



UNHCR Partners in Mali

2021



MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection Cluster

- The Protection Cluster shared the January-December 2020 protection situation infographic with the humanitarian actors. The infographic indicates that, in 2020, inter and intra-community tensions and insecurity escalated, leading to population movements, attacks on villages and on public infrastructure, as well as serious violations of fundamental rights. Risks of murder and mutilation, gender-based violence, including forced marriage and sexual violence, bodily harm, arbitrary arrests, and forced recruitment are of particular concern. Moreover, because of banditry, the extortion of property and the theft of cattle deprive the populations of their means of livelihood and hamper their right to property (blockade, repeated attacks on villages, looting of crops, theft of cattle, fire in agricultural crops, etc.).
- In January 2021, 326 incidents were recorded by the protection monitoring system. As a reminder, the 2020 annual report of the protection monitoring system indicated 4,036 protection incidents. The region of Mopti is the most affected by these incidents (35%) followed by Segou (25%), and Gao (21%).
- UNHCR supported its partner AMSS in conducting the assessment on civilian population’s perception of the protection situation of the civilian population in Mali, as part of the continuous improvement of the protection monitoring project. The results of the assessment were shared online.
- On 21 January, the Protection Cluster organized an emergency group meeting to discuss the response capacity of protection actors following *Rapid Protection* and *Rapid Response Mechanism* assessments. The meeting addressed the actors’ challenges related to the protection response and the monitoring of interventions.

Protection

In January, UNHCR proceeded to draft the operation's protection strategy. Once finalized, this strategy will provide the broad operational guidance on the protection of persons of concern.

Mixed Movements:

- In January, 46 persons on the move were identified in mixed flows, including 31 in Timbuktu. No unaccompanied or separated children or persons of concern to UNHCR were identified during the period under review. There were also no persons returning voluntarily or expelled from Algeria.
- CIAUD Canada, UNHCR's partner, conducted five sensitization sessions on various themes related to mixed movements, reaching a total of 100 persons on the move, including 67 men and 33 women.
- UNHCR participated in a workshop organized by the *Ministry of Health and Social Development* to validate a National Referral Mechanism for the protection of vulnerable persons on the move. The Mechanism aims to set up a national cooperation framework to better coordinate referrals between the government, civil society, and international organizations, to provide holistic, multidisciplinary, and needs-based assistance to persons on the move and to refugees.

Registration and Documentation:

- In January, UNHCR processed two Travel Document (CTD) requests with CNCR. On 29 January, the two beneficiaries received their documents, allowing them to travel abroad, for medical reasons.

Statelessness:

- On 28 January, UNHCR participated to a meeting at the Ministry of Economy and Finances, on the General Census of Population and Housing. The Minister underlined the importance of the census, as a pledge to a peaceful transition and to the success of future elections. The census will also provide relevant information on UNHCR's persons of concern, regarding registration and statelessness aspects. Partners' financial support was requested to conduct the census, scheduled for November 2021.

Reception and Orientation:

- In January, UNHCR received and oriented ten refugees, two asylum seekers, and one other of concern, including ten men and three women. They were provided with the necessary information and guidance, according to their documentation, asylum, resettlement, and WASH needs.

Durable Solutions:

- In 2020, the *Direction Nationale du Développement Social* (DNDS), UNHCR's governmental partner, recorded 6,808 returning refugees, including 2,268 spontaneous returns and 4,540 facilitated returns. Among them, 3,792 are children under the age of 18. Furthermore, from 2013 to 2020, 84,649 persons, including 39,480 children under the age of 18, were registered by the DNDS. Generally, returning refugees are constituted of 52% women and 48% men.
- In 2020, UNHCR assisted 4,717 returnees with cash, including:
 - 699 returnee households, including 3,050 persons (1,860 children and 1,190 adults), in Gao.
 - 388 households of 1,667 returnees, including 938 children and 729 adults, in Timbuktu.

Education

- On 25 January children in Mali returned to school for the 2020-2021 school year, delayed several times due to COVID-19 pandemic measures. Thus, in January, UNHCR followed-up on the identification and verification of school-aged children in northern and central regions of the country, to ensure their enrolment at schools.

- In January, UNHCR and its partners distributed 100 solar radios to displaced and host school-aged children, in Gao.
- UNHCR continued to receive school equipment to be provided to newly constructed classrooms, as part of the project funded by Japan Emergency Grant.

Shelter and NFIs

- In January, UNHCR and its partners provided 215 emergency shelters (family tents) to 145 returning refugee households and 70 internally displaced households, in Gao and Segou regions.
- UNHCR and its partners distributed 1,500 Non-Food Item (NFI) kits in Farabougou, where the humanitarian access remains challenging due to the presence of unidentified armed groups. NFI kits are composed of solar lamps and COVID-19 masks.

Supply

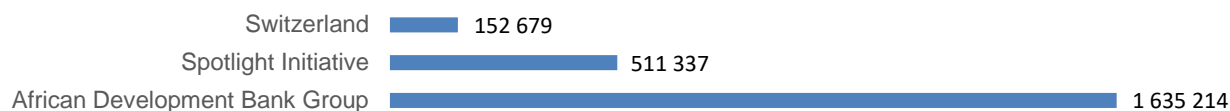
- As part of the fight against COVID-19, UNHCR received 5,420 surgical gowns to be distributed to government authorities and local partners. 15 medically equipped tents and mobile respirators are to be shipped in the next few weeks, as part of supporting local authorities as well.
- UNHCR purchased and received material and equipment to be sent to its new office in Menaka.
- UNHCR received 500 printed versions of the Study on Statelessness in Mali and for Malians abroad, released in August 2020.

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\$ 5,676,230** million.

EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR MALI | USD



OTHER SOFTLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

Germany 8 million

Iceland | Private donors

UNEARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

Sweden 66.9 million | Netherlands 36.1 million | Denmark 34.6 million | Germany 22.1 million | Switzerland 16.4 million | Ireland 12.5 million | Belgium 11.9 million

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