UNHCR MALI
FACTSHEET
February 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

- 410 Documented protection incidents
- 350 Persons on the move identified in mixed flows
- 2,000 Households provided with non-food items (NFIs) in 2021
- 455 Households provided with shelter assistance, in 2021

POPULATION OF CONCERN
AS OF 31 JANUARY, 2020

A total of 1,217,388 persons of concern

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<th>Population group</th>
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<td>Malian refugees in asylum countries*</td>
<td>155,151</td>
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<td>Malian refugees’ returnees</td>
<td>84,743</td>
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<td>IDPs</td>
<td>346,864</td>
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<td>IDP returnees**</td>
<td>582,079</td>
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<td>Refugees and asylum seekers in Mali (mixed origin) *</td>
<td>48,551</td>
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* Source: UNHCR. All other figures are sourced from the Government of Mali

UNHCR Presence

Staff, as of 28 February 2021:
- 58 National staff
- 28 International staff
- 21 Affiliate workforce

Offices, as of 28 February:
- Five (5) offices located in:
  - Bamako (Country Office)
  - Gao (Sub-Office)
  - Menaka (Field Unit)
  - Mopti (Field Office)
  - Timbuktu (Field Office)

USD 57,507,039 requested for Mali

Funding as of 23 February 2021

Unfunded 91%
52,534,528

Funded 9%
4,972,511
WORKING WITH PARTNERS

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection Cluster

- According to the 2021 Humanitarian Response Plan, released in February, the Protection Cluster is targeting three million people out of the 3.5 million people in need of protection in Mali. The requested amount is $73 million, for 52 protection projects or 13% of the 2021 HRP total budget for Mali.

- The Protection Cluster launched a localization initiative, aiming to support local partners to be more integrated within the humanitarian system and particularly within the Protection Cluster’s framework. Following consultations with the Protection Cluster’s members and other stakeholders, a guidance note was drafted, which provides an inventory of the locations within Mali’s Protection Cluster as well, to be applied throughout the year.

- In February, the Protection Monitoring system recorded 410 protection incidents, 37% of whom occurring in Mopti, followed by Gao (25%) and Segou (21%).

Protection

Mixed Movements:

- 350 persons on the move were identified in mixed flows in Mali, including 161 across Gao, Kidal and Menaka, as well as 189 in Timbuktu. Among these persons on the move, eight were evicted from Algeria and 47 returned voluntarily. No unaccompanied or separated children, nor persons of concern to UNHCR were identified during the reporting period.

- UNHCR conducted 23 sensitization sessions on various themes related to Mixed Movements, reaching a total of 576 persons on the move, including 390 men and 186 women.
Child Protection:

- On 24 February, in Timbuktu, AMSS, UNHCR’s partner, conducted two sensitization sessions on Children’s rights and on the use of social media, reaching 60 persons, including 23 men, seven women, eight girls, and 22 boys.

Gender-based violence (GBV):

- In Timbuktu, AMSS, UNHCR’s partner, conducted five sensitization sessions, including on the consequences of rape and early marriage, reaching in total 125 persons, including 94 women, 13 girls, and 18 men.

Registration:

- 74 households of 419 Burkinabe asylum seekers were pre-registered, in Gossi, Timbuktu region, northern Mali. It was reported that this group arrived in January 2021, following an escalation of violence and persecution in the Liptako-Gourma area. They expressed their need for shelter, food, water, and health assistance.

Reception and Orientation:

- UNHCR received and oriented three refugees and one asylum seeker, including three men and one woman. They were provided with the necessary information and guidance, according to their documentation, asylum, resettlement, and WASH needs.

Durable Solutions:

- UNHCR initiated the process to facilitate the voluntary repatriation of three refugee households of ten persons to Côte d’Ivoire.

Education:

- In Gao, UNHCR continued to assist returning refugee children from Burkina Faso, to recover their school certificates.

- In Gao, UNHCR handed over three newly constructed and equipped classrooms to local authorities. These classrooms were constructed thanks to funds from Japan. Additionally, UNHCR and its partners distributed school kits and solar radios among 200 children.

- In Mopti, UNHCR handed over to the government six newly constructed and equipped classrooms in Sevare and Fakala schools. Such school constructions and equipment were also made possible thanks to funds from Japan.

- Still in Mopti, UNHCR and its partners distributed 699 school kits to 373 girls and 326 boys, as well as solar radios to 1,383 children, including 624 girls and 759 boys, thanks to funds from Education Cannot Wait.

Shelter and NFIs

- UNHCR pre-arranged the distribution of non-food item kits in Diabali, to 500 households identified in the besieged Farabougou village, in Segou region. The kits contain solar lamps and masks, as part of the COVID-19 sensitization and protective measures.

- In 2021, UNHCR and its partners provided 170 Malian returning refugees with emergency shelters (family tents) in Gao, Tessit, N’Tilit and Gounzoureye, in Gao region, northern Mali.

- In 2021, UNHCR assisted 70 internally displaced households to settle in emergency shelters in Dougouba, Segou region.
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$ 8,189,540** million.

### EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR MALI | USD

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<td>Japan</td>
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<td>Education Cannot Wait</td>
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<td>Spotlight Initiative</td>
<td>511 337</td>
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<td>Switzerland</td>
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### OTHER SOFTLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

- Germany 8 million
- Iceland
- Japan
- Private donors

### UNEARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

- Norway 80 million
- 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
- Algeria
- Armenia
- Canada
- Estonia
- Finland
- Iceland
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Monaco
- Montenegro
- New Zealand
- Portugal
- Republic of Korea
- Saudi Arabia
- Singapore
- Thailand
- Turkey
- Uruguay
- Private donors

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