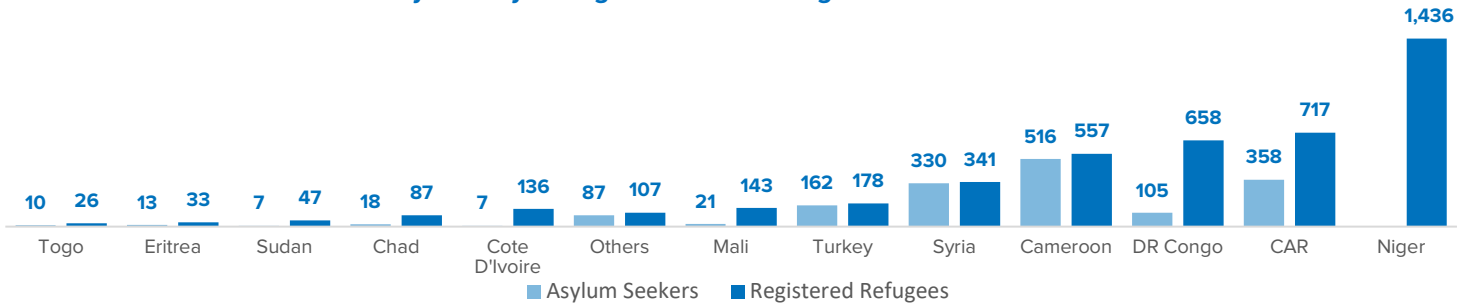


Chart below shows breakdown by country of origin for Urban Refugees.



Access to Asylum

In the month of July, NCFRMI Office in Abuja received **17** (**13** males and **4** females) asylum seekers, while the Office in Lagos received **29** (all males) asylum seekers. The asylum seekers are mainly from Republic of Benin, Cameroon, Lebanon, Syria and Turkey.



Counselling

To ensure that refugees can utilize acquired skill to the full extent, on 6 and 7 July, JDPC conducted counselling sessions for **4** female refugees currently undergoing skill training in Lagos. The counselling is aimed at preparing trainees for the rigors of the training, and stress management.



Education

By the end of July, JDPC had facilitated the payment of education allowance for **9** refugee children in primary schools and **6** in secondary schools.

On 13 of July, **5** refugees comprising of **3** males and **2** females from Cross River, Benue, and Abuja were selected to participate in a 6-month "Refugee youth leadership, advocacy and public speaking training" online course organized by UNHCR Headquarters. The overarching objective of the training program (4-6 hours per month) is to support selected refugee youth to develop public speaking, leadership, content generation, advocacy and other relevant skills thus equipping them to participate effectively in a range of events and contexts, not only to tell their own unique story but also speak with confidence on complex issues and to lead efforts to expand education and solutions for refugees.



Livelihood

On 6 July, **8** refugees (**5** female and **3** male) in Abuja who applied for livelihood support were assessed for possible micro-credit business loan. On the same day, transport allowance was provided to **7** female refugees undergoing training on hair dressing, fashion design and photography with the Lagos vocational training centers.



General Protection

On 6 July, subsistence allowance for the month of July was paid to **7** refugees with specific needs comprising **4** females and **3** males. The beneficiaries had been identified individually through NCFRMI, UNHCR, and JPC's periodic assessments.

World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

On 30 July, a 3-kilometer sensitization walk, and media engagement was organized to mark 2021 World Day Against Trafficking in Persons (WDATIP) in Benin City, with the theme – "Victims' Voices Lead the Way". This activity was organized with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) Benin Zonal Command. The objective of the activity was to raise awareness about human trafficking, provide information on where victims can seek help in Edo State, and promote social cohesion and address challenges such as stigma faced by Victims of Trafficking (VOTs).



Capacity Building

Between 30 June – 2 July, UNHCR in collaboration with the National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) organised the second batch of a three-day capacity building training for NAPTIP Caregivers, with the theme 'Building and Strengthening the Capacity of Care Givers in Combatting Trafficking in Persons.' The training had specific objective to ensure that Caregivers are equipped with the necessary knowledge and tool for identification, protection, and assistance of victims of Human Trafficking, especially those who may need international protection. A total of **50** staff of NAPTIP have been trained.

From 12 – 14 July, UNHCR organized a Livelihood and Economic Inclusion: Review, Learning and Planning workshop for selected staff in the operation, including staff from other relevant UN and Donor Agencies. The objective of the 3-day workshop which was held in Abuja is to support review, learning and planning on livelihood and economic inclusion interventions. It aims to provide a forum for joint review and learnings followed by building on the recommendations on how to operationalize the country Livelihood and Economic Inclusion Strategy for 2022-2024.

Between 13 – 16 July, UNHCR organized an end-user training on proGres V4 training for **10** staff of NCFRMI in Abuja. The training which was a blend on of in-person and online training methods was outlined as one of the activities before the Nigeria Operation is migrated fully to V4, and to equip and provide skills and capacity to selected UNHCR and NCFRMI Staff on the use of proGres V4. Those trained are expected to use the skill acquired in conducting registration, RSD, managing protection activities and other live events on proGres which is now web based.

UNHCR supported the Government-Led CCCM trainings at various locations in the country by co-facilitating the training with NEMA, SEMA, and IOM. At the trainings which was held in Yola (5-8 July), Gombe (12-15 July), Humanitarian Reform Process as a basis to understanding the emergence of CCCM cluster; CCCM Framework and Roles and Responsibilities – the NE context; Coordination and Information Management;

Protection Principles & Approaches which had components of Humanitarian principles and code of conduct; site improvement and standards; community participation; Out of Camp Area Based Approach – with concentration on Urban Displacement; PSEA; GBV; counter trafficking; Durable solutions and camp closure.

Commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention

On 28 July, UNHCR Nigeria organised a hybrid symposium in Lagos to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention. The meeting had participation of about **45** individuals from governments, academia, law students, refugees, media and individuals. It also brought an array of excellent and seasoned panelists which include, Mr. Femi Falana SAN, foremost human rights lawyer, Mrs. Toyin Saraki, President and Founder of Wellbeing Foundation, Dr. Oluwole Kunuji, International Law Specialist and Senior Lecturer at University of Lagos, Mr. John McKissick, UNHCR Deputy Representative, Mr. Titus Murdakai, Deputy Director at NCFRMI, Barr. Geofred Andang, a Cameroonian Refugee representative in Nigeria and Ms. Amarachi Ubani, Head of Foreign Desk at Channels TV as the moderator to discuss the broad theme; "70 years of the Refugee Convention: How can Nigeria take refugee protection to the next level?"

The symposium raised awareness about the rights and obligations of refugees as enshrined in the 1951 Refugee Convention, explained its importance for Nigeria and participants can contribute to providing durable solutions for refugees.

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