The total population of concern (PoC) to UNHCR in West and Central Africa (WCA) relates to the people UNHCR is mandated to protect and assist. It includes those who have been forcibly displaced; those who have returned home within recent years; those who are stateless or at risk of statelessness; and other displaced; those who have returned home within recent years; to protect and assist. It includes those who have been forcibly displaced, stateless or at risk of statelessness; and other groups to whom UNHCR has extended its protection or assisted on a humanitarian basis.

The total of 1.6 million refugees represent a 15% increase from April 2021. Chad hosts the largest number of refugees mainly from Sudan, Cameroon holds the second largest number (31%) with the majority being from the Central African Republic (72%) and Nigeria (27%).

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