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 groups to whom UNHCR has extended its protection or assisted on a humanitarian basis.

**12.8 MILLION PERSONS OF CONCERN**

The total of 1.6 million refugees represent a 7% increase from September 2021. Chad hosts the largest number of refugees with 68% from Sudan. Cameroon hosts the second largest number of refugees mainly from CAR (72%) and Nigeria (27%).

The number of internally displaced rose to an estimated 7.3 million. Nigeria hosts 42% of IDP population in the region. Burkina Faso is the second largest country in terms of IDPs (21%).

The Lake Chad Basin hosts 38% of forcibly displaced population in West and Central Africa. Central Sahel hosts the second largest number (30%) with the majority being Internally Displaced Persons in Burkina Faso (56%).

**1.6 MILLION REFUGEES & ASYLUM-SEEKERS**

**7.5 MILLION INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS**

**1.6 MILLION STATELESS & AT RISK OF STATELESSNESS**

**1.7 MILLION RETURNED INTERNALLY DISPLACED**

**0.1 MILLION REFUGEES RETURNEE**

**0.1 MILLION OTHERS OF CONCERN**

**INTERNATIONAL DISPLACEMENTS**

The boundaries and names shown on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

**POPULATION TRENDS**

**SITUATIONS**

**CAR SITUATION**

**FAR NORTH CAMEROON**

**SAHEL SITUATION**

**REFUGEE POPULATION PROFILE**

**REFUGEES WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS**

**REFUGEES IN CAMPS**

**REFUGEES IN URBAN AREA**

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