



Aï has been able to smile again since she started living in the 'village of opportunity' of Chadakori, where UNHCR offers assistance and protection.

On 17 October, the physical verification and biometric registration of refugees and asylum seekers was launched jointly by UNHCR and the Governor of Maradi at the Chadakori village of opportunity.

This operation will last 75 days and will consist of the physical and biometric verification of refugees and asylum seekers, the collection and updating of their personal and biometric data, the updating of vulnerabilities/protection needs, the renewal and issuance of identification documents.

PRIORITIES

- **Support the humanitarian response for new arrivals at the host villages near the border and provide longer-term opportunities for refugee communities in villages of opportunity**, such as access to agricultural space, access to financial services, market-based livelihood activities, and vocational training.
- Ensure timely registration and documentation, facilitate access to protection, and ensure accountability for individuals and groups with special needs (victims of gender-based violence (GBV), people with special needs, etc.), especially in the border host villages.
- Mobilize more funding and the commitment of partners to support the link between **Humanitarian Development - Peace and Security**.
- Develop new villages of opportunity, including shelter and water infrastructure, as well as the implementation of hygiene and sanitation activities.
- Strengthen activities to **integrate basic social services (health and education)** into the national system and develop an exit strategy for managing the health and education response



Permanent housing for refugees and host community members at the villages of opportunities.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2022



Protection and GBV

- Throughout the year, a total of 97 cases of gender-based violence (GBV) were identified and documented, of which 41 were assisted with an Individualized Personal Assistance (IPA) kit. 100% of the cases received psychosocial support.
- A total of 3,268 people were sensitized on GBV & 167 authorities and community leaders were trained on GBV issues.
- 650 dignity kits distributed to women.
- The nine village child protection committees have been revitalized.
- Four listening rooms were set up to assist and guide survivors.



Education

- 2,386 girls and boys, including 1,202 refugees, have been enrolled in school between October and December 2022. This figure represents 98% of the planned target of 2,426 children expected to be enrolled in school for this school year.
- The *Back to School* campaign is ongoing in the villages of opportunity and in the host villages to retain as many children as possible in school & 13 classrooms built in the villages of opportunities.



Young schoolchildren in the schoolyard of the Chadakori opportunity village

- 20 teachers were trained in August 2022, i.e., 100% of the expected result, & 60 members of the government were trained on their roles and responsibilities in September 2022, i.e., 110% as 50 members were targeted at the beginning.
- 1,000 programmed school kits were distributed in December 2022 in the 'village of opportunity' of Chadakori (600) and in the host village of Bartchaka (400).
- Six community teachers were trained in September to support remediation classes.
- 300 children, including 136 girls and 164 boys, were issued with birth certificates in preparation for their registration for official exams in December 2022.



WASH

- Construction of three mini water supply systems was completed in the three villages of opportunity ensuring distribution of drinking water to the sites with a ratio of 10 liters per person per day.
- Construction of 477 community latrines and showers in the three villages of opportunity.
- Construction of three waste separation centers in the villages of opportunity.
- Monthly distribution of soap for the benefit of refugees in the three villages of opportunity.



Shelter, Infrastructure and non-food items

- A total of 1,822 emergency shelters were built for refugees and IDPs.
- A total of 145 transitional shelters & 385 semi-durable houses were constructed.
- Construction of a community center and a fence at the Garin Kaka elementary school.
- A total of 585 floods affected IDP households were assisted with basic commodities.
- 1,737 refugee households assisted with basic commodities.



Energy and Environment

- A total of 27 solar-powered streetlamps were installed to light the latrine-shower blocks at the health centre and community spaces.
- 1,875 trees planted in response to the reforestation plan for the villages of opportunity.
- 313 households assisted with gas kits for cooking.



Livelihood

- Three women's groups were established and trained for income-generating activities in the three villages of opportunity.
- A total of 165 small ruminants (110 goats and 55 billy goats) and 220 bags of cattle feed, seeds and fertilisers, were distributed for livelihood activities.
- Identification of three market gardening sites in the villages of opportunity.



Health - Nutrition

- Since 2021, three integrated health centres (IHCs) have been built and equipped in the villages of opportunity of Chadakori, Garin Kaka and Dandadji Makaou, and a delivery room built in Batchaka.
- Support to the health centres in the villages of opportunity with human resources and essential medicines.
- Coverage of the costs of care and services offered to refugees in state health centres.
- Organization of 17 mobile clinics in the villages where refugees are staying.
- Provided primary health care with a total of 44,257 patients receiving curative care, including 25,047 refugees (56.60%) and 19,210 natives (43.40%).
- 467 patients were referred for secondary and tertiary care.
- 2,596 pregnant women received prenatal care and 1,189 assisted deliveries.
- 13,116 doses of vaccines were provided to refugee and Nigerien children through the national immunization program.
- 8,465 refugees were vaccinated against COVID-19 and 12,905 against cholera through national campaigns.
- 1,426 malnourished children received nutrition support and awareness raising on infant and young child feeding (ANJE) has been conducted.














Integrated health centre built in the village of Dan Dadjji Makaou. UNHCR /Romain_Pichon-Sintes

CHALLENGES AND CONSTRAINTS

- Need for increased humanitarian assistance to new arrivals in border areas. However, authorities are reluctant to provide assistance in these areas for national security reasons.
- Volatile security environment. Regional authorities have put in place measures requiring the use of military escorts for all humanitarian movements in areas near the Niger-Nigeria border.
- Additional support for comprehensive livelihood opportunities and links to local markets for refugees and host community members in villages of opportunity.
- Need for additional resources to develop new opportunity villages and strengthen refugee empowerment.
- Difficult access to host villages due to the deteriorating security situation because of recurrent attacks by non-state armed groups.
- The need to use armed escorts for missions to host villages along the border with Nigeria.
- Need to further understand the engagement and synergies of development and stabilisation partners in Maradi and ensure refugees' inclusion into social and economic services.

NGO partners in the Maradi region

	Domain	Partners
	Shelter & Infrastructure	Action Pour le Bien Etre (APBE), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
	Livelihood	APBE, Mercy Corps
	Peaceful coexistence	Danish Refugee Council (DRC)
	Water, hygiene & sanitation	World Vision, Croix Rouge Espagnole
	Education	Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
	Environment	APBE
	Health & mental health	APBE
	Community mobilization	APBE
	Logistics	African Initiatives for Relief Development (AIRD)
	Food security & nutrition	APBE, ALIMA BEFEN
	Protection	Comité International pour l'Aide d'Urgence et le Développement (CIAUD), Association Nigérienne pour le Traitement de la Délinquance et la prévention du crime (ANTD), Mercy Corps, Save the Children, DRC, NRC, APBE

UNHCR, as leader of the Protection Cluster, also works closely with other UN agencies such as WFP, UNICEF, OCHA, IOM, UNDP, UNFPA, UN-Women, FAO, etc.

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