REGIONAL BUREAU FOR WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

FORCIBLY DISPLACED AND STATELESS POPULATION AND TRENDS FROM 2018-2023

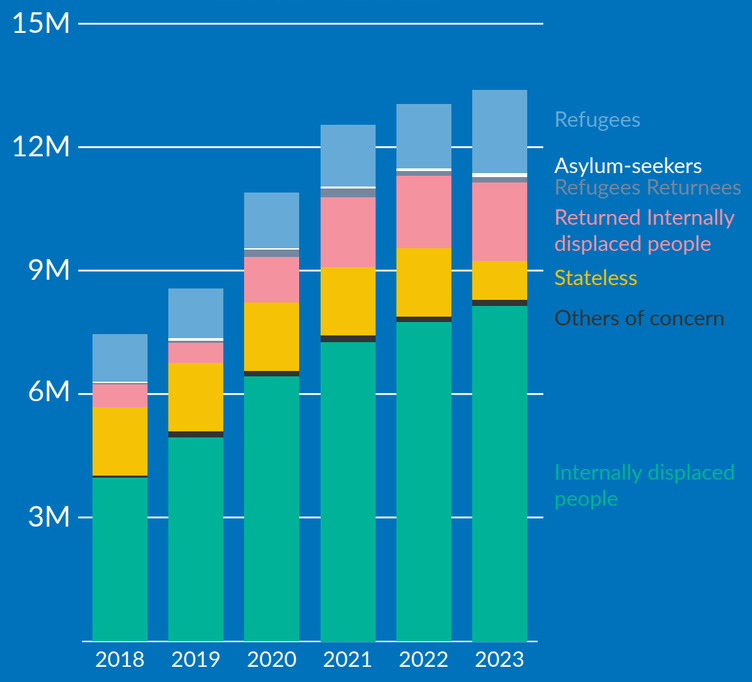
AUGUST 2023

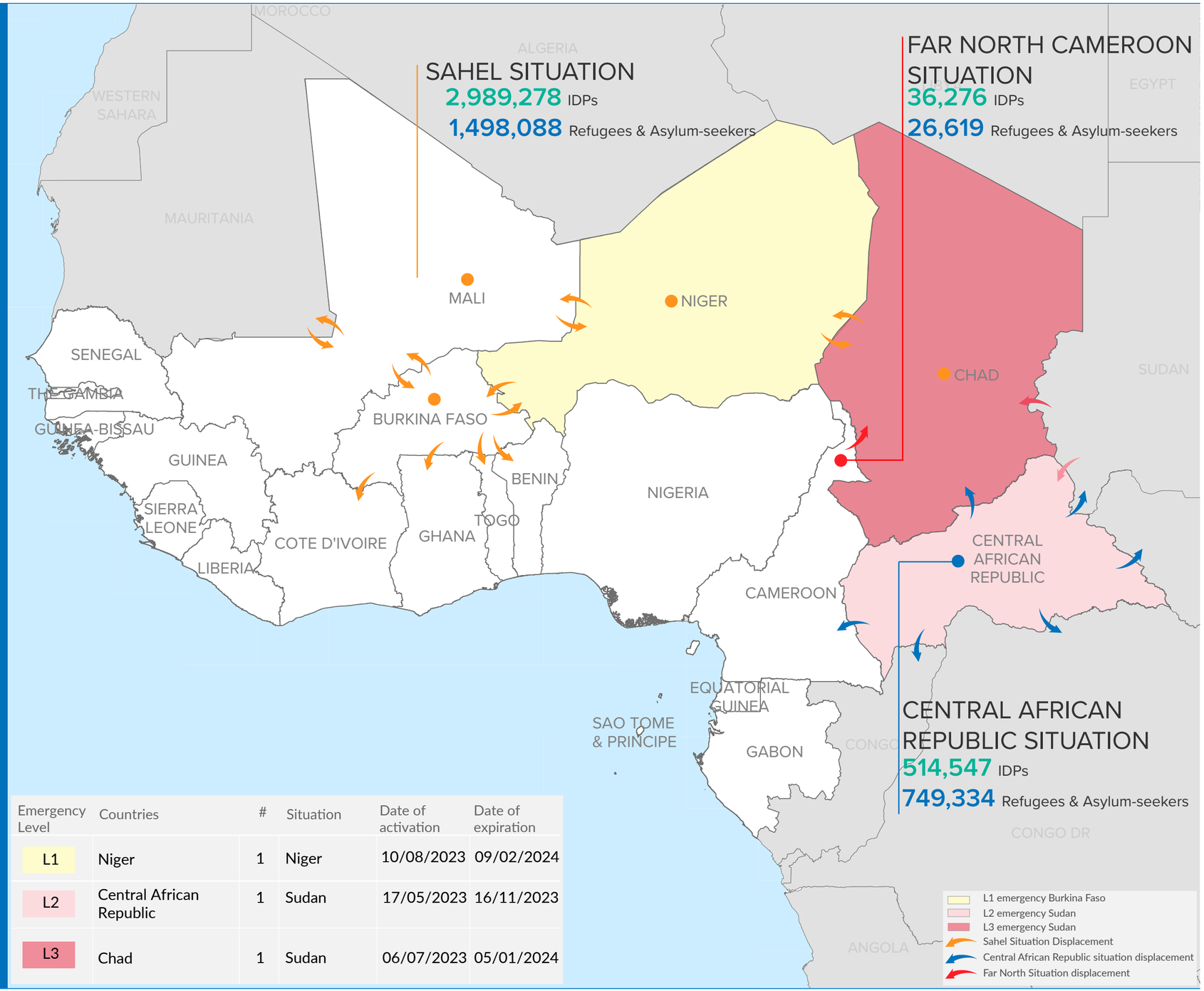
13.4 MILLION

FORCIBLY DISPLACED AND STATELESS PEOPLE

Refugees	2.1M
Asylum-Seekers	106K
Refugees Returnees	118K
Returned IDPs	2.0M
Stateless	931K
Others of Concern	145K
Internally Displaced People	8.1M

General Trends 2018 - 2023





Emergency Level	Countries	#	Situation	Date of activation	Date of expiration
L1	Niger	1	Niger	10/08/2023	09/02/2024
L2	Central African Republic	1	Sudan	17/05/2023	16/11/2023
L3	Chad	1	Sudan	06/07/2023	05/01/2024

Source : Geographic data: UNCS. Population statistics: UNHCR Monthly Statistical Reports or latest available, IDP statistics from OCHA, IOM.

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FORCIBLY DISPLACED PERSONS BY COUNTRY

AUGUST 2023

13.4 MILLION FORCIBLY DISPLACED POPULATION

The total forcibly displaced and stateless population 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.

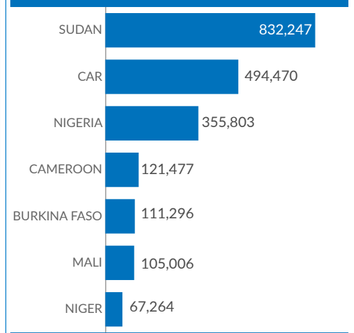
- **2.1** MILLION REFUGEES & ASYLUM-SEEKERS
- **8.1** MILLION INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS
- **931** K. STATELESS & AT RISK OF STATELESSNESS
- **2.0** MILLION RETURNED INTERNALLY DISPLACED
- **0.1** MILLION REFUGEES RETURNEES
- **0.1** MILLION OTHERS OF CONCERN

The total of 2.0 million refugees represents an 27% increase from July 2022. Chad hosts the largest number of refugees in the region with 46%. Cameroon is the second largest refugee-hosting country in the region with 23%. Sudan, CAR, and Nigeria are the main countries of origin (together 77%) of the region's refugees with a contribution of 37%, 24%, and 16% respectively.

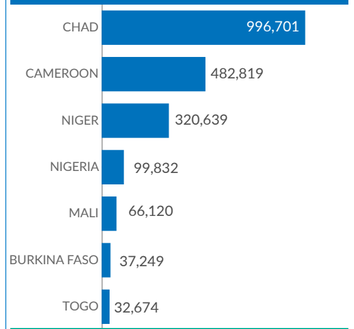
The registration exercise is still on going. Around a number of 590,398 are unregistered population. There are mainly in Benin (10,808), CAR (33,607), Chad (390,520), Cameroon (5,000), Guinea (63), Cote d'Ivoire (10,106), Ghana (4,784), Mali (27,464), Niger (89,599) and Nigeria (18447).

The Sahel hosts 47% of forcibly displaced population in West and Central Africa with the majority being Internally Displaced Persons in Burkina Faso (65%). The Lake Chad hosts the second largest number (38%) .

MAIN COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



MAIN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM



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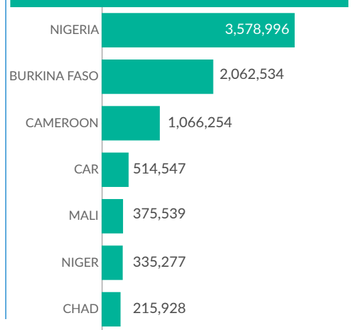

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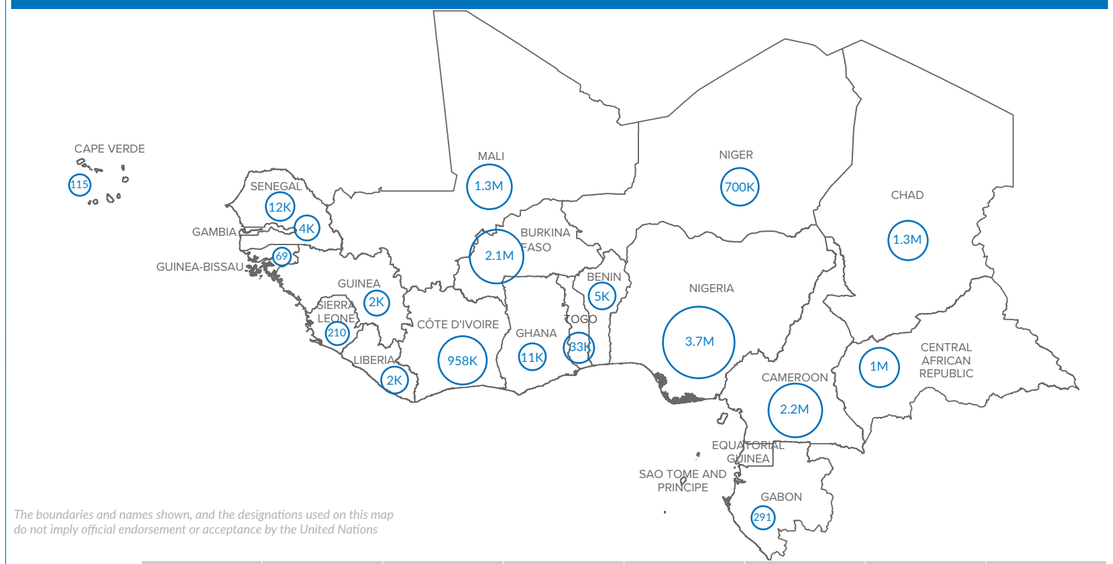

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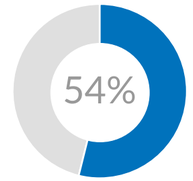
	REFUGEES	ASYLUM SEEKERS	REF. RETURNEES	IDPs	RETURNED IDP	STATELESS	OTHERS	TOTAL
BENIN	2,690	2,436						5,120
BURKINA FASO	36,388	564		2,062,534				2,099,783
CAMEROON	473,535	9,284		1,066,254	645,746			2,194,819
CAPE VERDE						115		115
CAR	22,175	1,762	31,662	514,547	499,430			1,069,577
CHAD	991,239	5,462		215,928			100,543	1,313,172
COTE D'IVOIRE	2,431	25,152				931,076	94	958,752
GABON	211	80						291
GAMBIA	3,759	432						4,191
GHANA	6,929	4,347						11,276
GUINEA	2,203	57						2,260
GUINEA BISSAU	32	37						69
LIBERIA	1,153	628						1,781
MALI	65,195	925	85,146	375,539	776,315			1,303,120
NIGER	285,495	35,144		335,277			44,433	700,349
NIGERIA	93,768	6,064	1,319	3,578,996				3,680,147
SENEGAL	11,825	454						12,296
SIERRA LEONE							210	210
TOGO	18,768	13,906						32,674
GRAND TOTAL	2,018,103	106,733	118,128	8,149,075	1,921,491	931,191	145,280	13,390,001

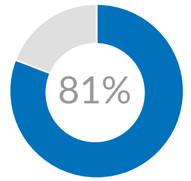
REFUGEE POPULATION PROFILE*

*Based on registered refugees

CHILDREN

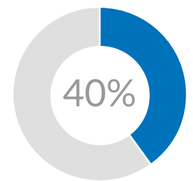


WOMEN & CHILDREN

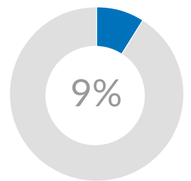


REFUGEES WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS

REFUGEES IN CAMP



REFUGEES IN URBAN AREA



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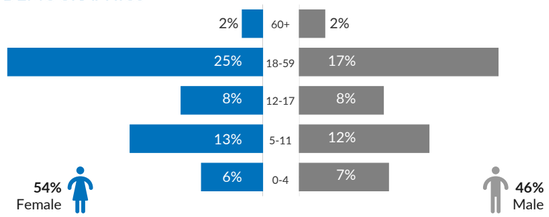

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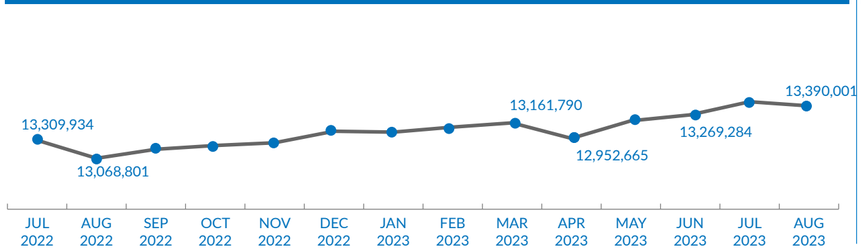

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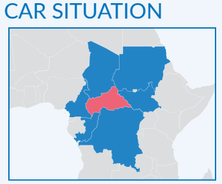
CAR SITUATION

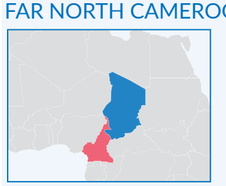


749,334 REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS

514,547 INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

These figures represent refugees from Central African Republic in neighboring countries (Cameroon, Chad, Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, South Sudan) and IDP in Central African Republic

FAR NORTH CAMEROON

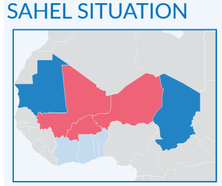


26,619 REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS

36,276 INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

These figures represent Cameroonian refugees in Chad and forcibly displaces people following the outbreak of violence in the Far North region of Cameroon in December 2021.

SAHEL SITUATION



1,498,088 REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS

2,989,278 INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

These figures represent all refugees and IDPs in Central Sahel (Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger), Chad and Mauritania. Refugees from Central Sahel in neighboring coastal countries (Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo) are also included.

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