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

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The total forcibly displaced and stateless population to UNHCR in West and Central Africa (WCA) remains at 2.0 million, with 1.3 million registered refugees and 890,000 unregistered population. There are mainly in Benin (108,808), CAR (33,607), and Chad (99,229), with the majority being Internally Displaced Persons in Burkina Faso (314,547).

The CAR situation continues to be particularly challenging, with 514,547 forcibly displaced persons. These figures represent Cameroonians in Chad and Chad’s neighboring countries (Cameroon, Chad, Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, South Sudan and Sudan), as well as persons fleeing from the CAR to neighboring countries (Cameroon, Chad, Nigeria, NIGER, Sudan, South Sudan and Sudan). These figures do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations (Cameroon, Chad, Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, South Sudan) and IDP in CAR.

The CAR situation is being closely monitored by UNHCR, which continues to provide support to refugees and internally displaced persons. The CAR hosts 26.619 refugees and asylum seekers, representing a significant increase from the previous year.

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