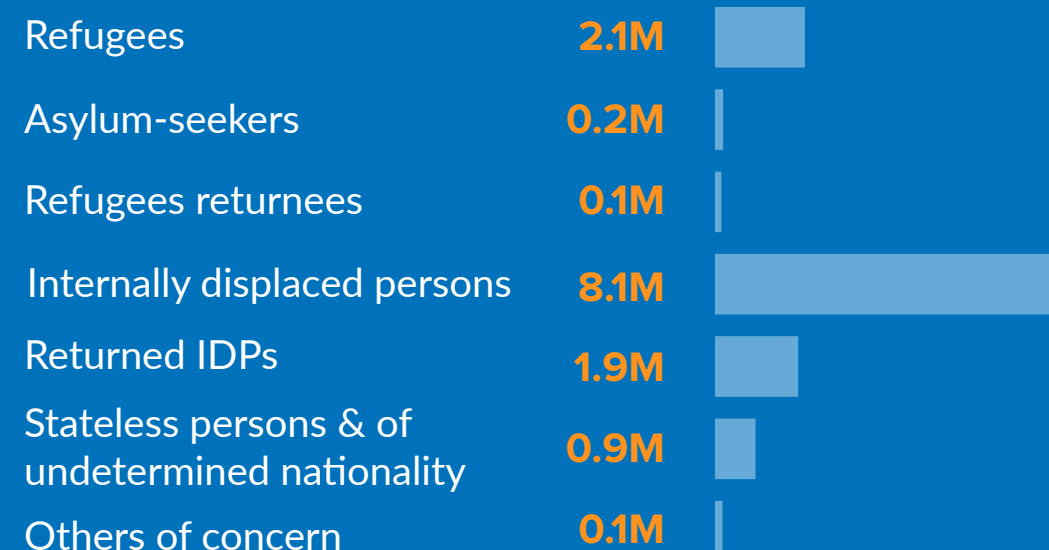
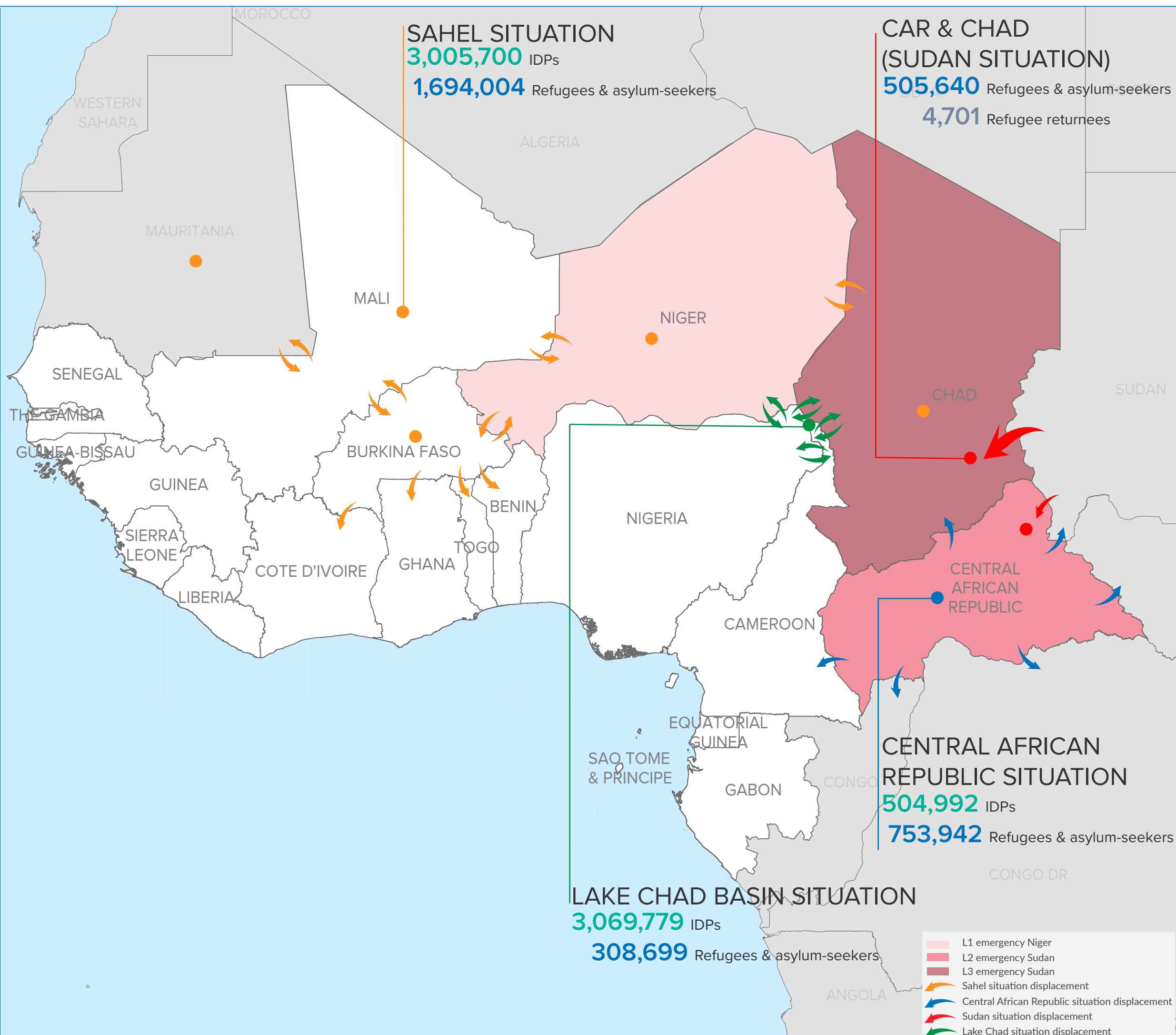
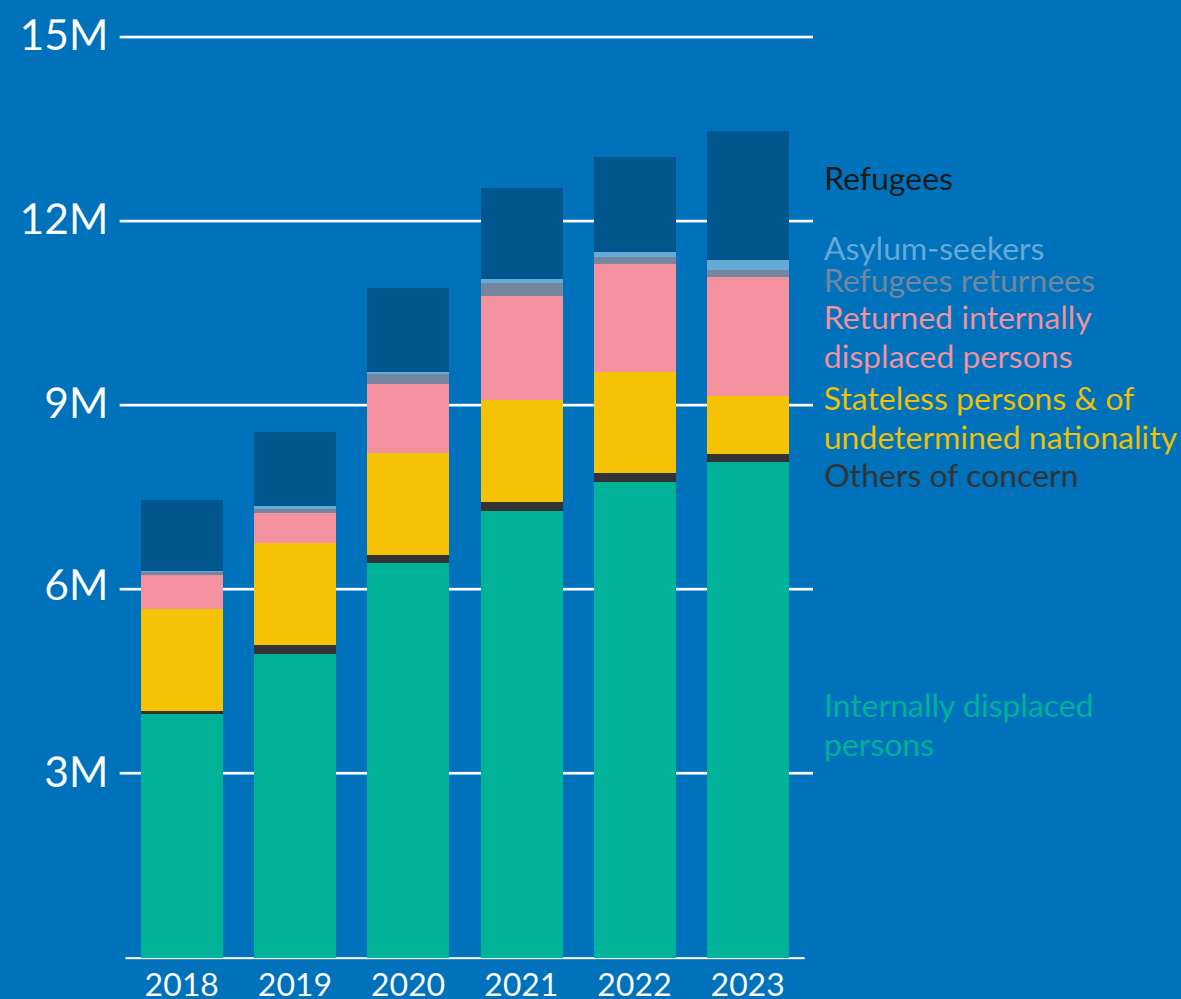


# 13.4 MILLION

FORCIBLY DISPLACED AND STATELESS PERSONS



## Populations trends 2018 - 2023



# 13.4 MILLION FORCIBLY DISPLACED & STATELESS PERSONS

UNHCR protects and assists forcibly displaced and stateless persons across the West and Central African region. UNHCR works with and for refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced persons (IDPs), refugee and IDP returnees, stateless and of undetermined nationality persons. Protection and assistance is extended to additional groups, based on humanitarian and other special grounds.

**2.3 MILLION** REFUGEES & ASYLUM-SEEKERS

**0.1 MILLION** REFUGEES RETURNEES

**8.1 MILLION** INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

**1.9 MILLION** RETURNED INTERNALLY DISPLACED

**0.9 MILLION** STATELESS & OF UNDETERMINED NATIONALITY

**0.1 MILLION** OTHERS OF CONCERN

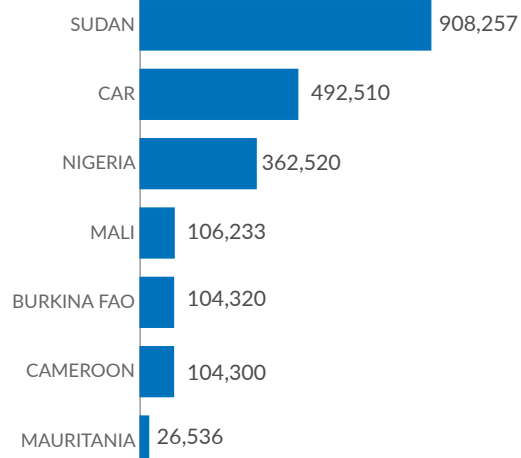
The current number of 2.3 million refugees and asylum seekers marks a substantial 39% increase from the number reported at the end of 2022, mainly as a result of the ongoing crisis in Sudan and the deteriorating security situation in the Sahel, leading thousands of persons to leave their country in search for safety and protection. The largest hosting refugee country in the region is Chad with 47% of the total population, followed by Cameroon with 22%. Sudan, the Central African Republic (CAR), and Nigeria are the main countries of origin, collectively representing 81% of the region's refugee population.

As the registration exercise is ongoing, there are currently 83,008 asylum seekers pending registration.

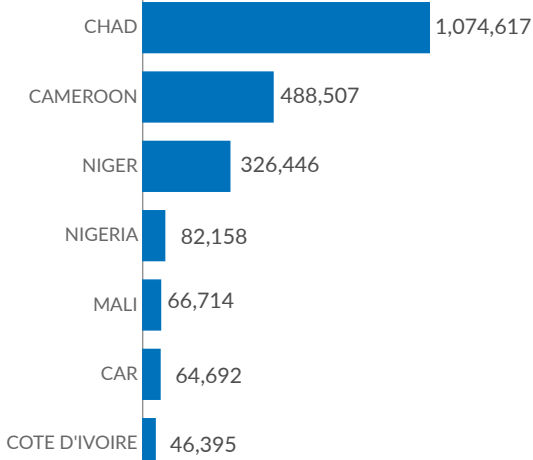
Internally displaced persons represent the vast majority of the forcibly displaced population in the West and Central Africa region. Nigeria, Burkina Faso and Cameroon respectively host 43%, 26% and 13% of the total IDP population.

West Africa hosts over 931,156 stateless persons and persons of undetermined nationality, reported mainly in Côte d'Ivoire and Cabo Verde. Millions of people are reported to be at risk of statelessness across the region.

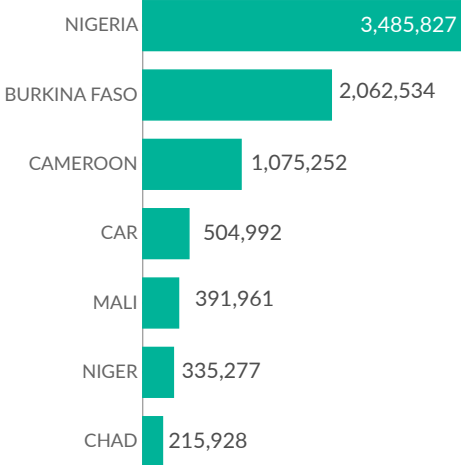
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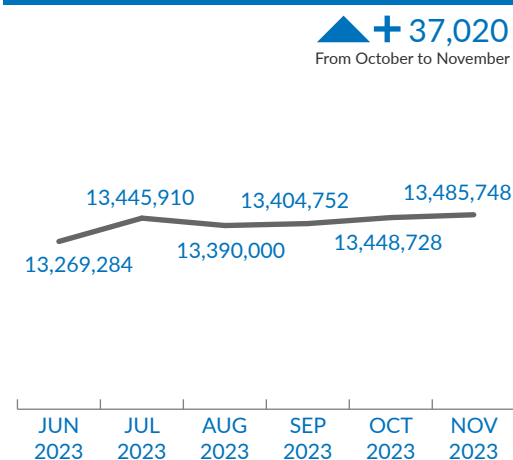
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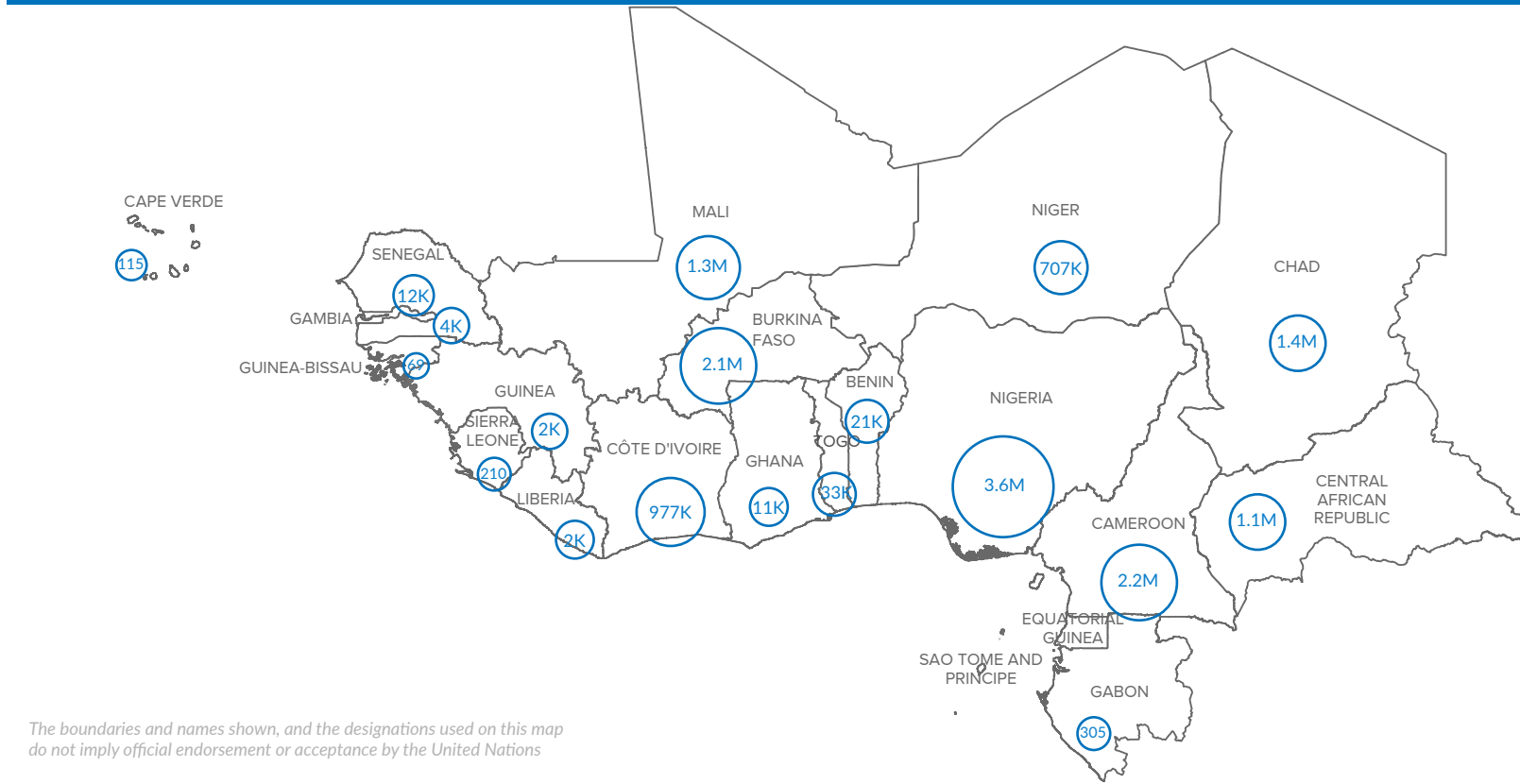
## INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT



## POPULATION TRENDS



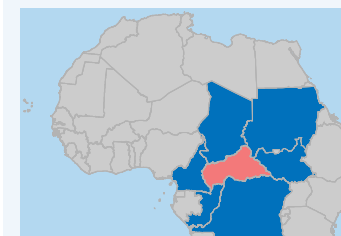
## FORCIBLY DISPLACED AND STATELESS PERSONS BY COUNTRY



	REFUGEES	ASYLUM SEEKERS	REF. RETURNEES	IDPs	RETURNED IDP	STATELESS	OTHERS	TOTAL
BENIN	2,756	10,185		8,785				21,726
BURKINA FASO	37,484	562		2,062,534				2,100,580
CAMEROON	479,012	9,495		1,075,252	658,548			2,222,307
CAPE VERDE						115		115
CAR	32,365	32,327	31,662	504,992	499,430			1,100,776
CHAD	1,069,147	5,470		215,928			100,543	1,391,088
COTE D'IVOIRE	2,282	44,113				931,041	94	977,530
GABON	211	94						305
GAMBIA	3,772	447						4,219
GHANA	6,964	4,311						11,275
GUINEA	2,204	57						2,261
GUINEA BISSAU	32	37						69
LIBERIA	1,167	617						1,784
MALI	66,436	278	85,484	391,961	785,725			1,329,884
NIGER	290,969	35,477		335,277			45,410	707,133
NIGERIA	69,081	13,077	1,319	3,485,827				3,569,304
SENEGAL	11,860	647						12,507
SIERRA LEONE							210	210
TOGO	28,262	4,413						32,675
GRAND TOTAL	2,104,004	161,607	118,465	8,080,556	1,943,703	931,156	146,257	13,485,748

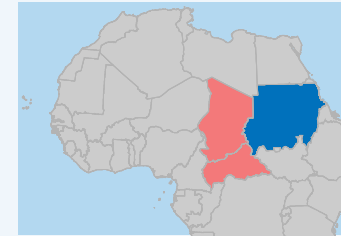
## MAJOR AREAS OF DISPLACEMENT

### CAR SITUATION



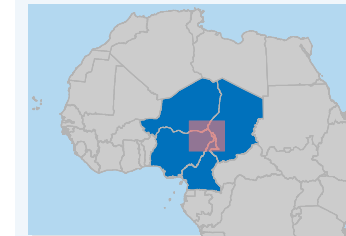
The figures reported reflect the number of refugees from the Central African Republic in neighbouring countries (Cameroon, Chad, Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo Sudan, and South Sudan) and the IDPs within the Central African Republic.

### CAR & CHAD (SUDAN SITUATION)



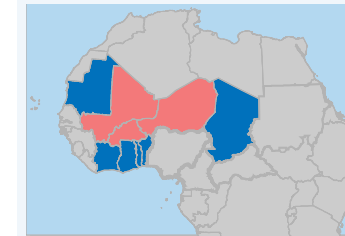
The figures reported reflect the number of Sudanese refugees and asylum-seekers that arrived in the CAR and in Chad since the beginning of the current crisis in Sudan, in April 2023.

### LAKE CHAD BASIN



The figures reported reflect the total number of IDPs and refugees in the Lake Chad Basin area, across Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Nigeria.

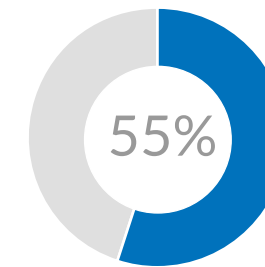
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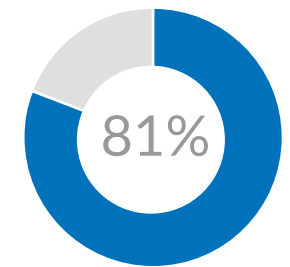
The figures reported reflect the number of IDPs in the Central Sahel (Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger), Chad and Mauritania, as well as the number of refugees originating from the Central Sahel across the region, including in neighbouring coastal countries (Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana and Togo).

## REFUGEE & ASYLUM-SEEKERS POPULATION PROFILE

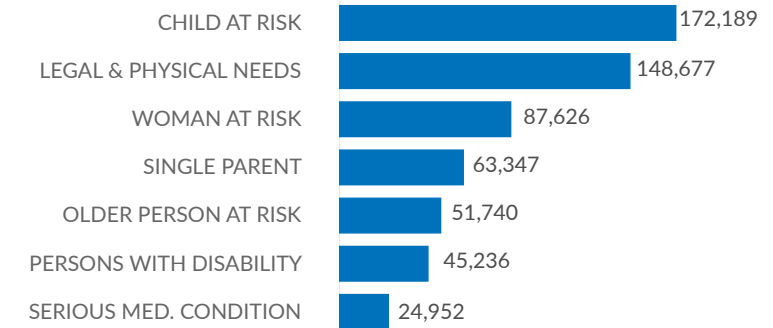
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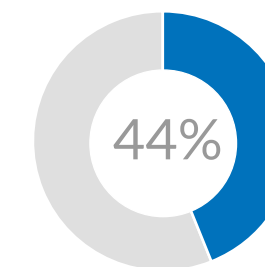
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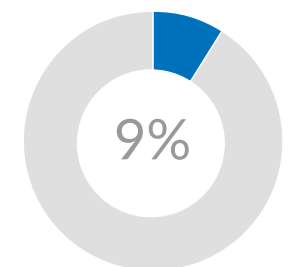
### REFUGEES WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS



### REFUGEES IN CAMPS



### REFUGEES IN MAIN URBAN AREAS



### DEMOGRAPHICS

