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Forcibly Displaced Populations

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SITUATION OVERVIEW

- *Nigerians make up 3.5% of the world's 117 million forcibly displaced persons, including both internally displaced individuals and Nigerian refugees, primarily in the Lake Chad Basin.*
- *Conflict, insurgency, and communal violence have displaced millions, with the North-East experiencing the highest displacement.*

KEY FIGURES

142,064

REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN NIGERIA

- *Nigeria hosts refugees & asylum-seekers from over 45 countries, with majority from Cameroon*
- *Most refugees are concentrated in border states across the North East (Borno, Adamawa, Yobe), North Central (Benue), and South South (Cross River) regions of Nigeria.*
- ***16,672** individuals are awaiting registration.*

3,544,519

INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

- ***2,292,477** individuals displaced in the North East, primarily due to insurgency (**92%**) and communal clashes (**6%**).*
- *In the North West, **650,345** individuals are displaced, while the North Central region has **601,697,** driven by various conflict dynamics.*

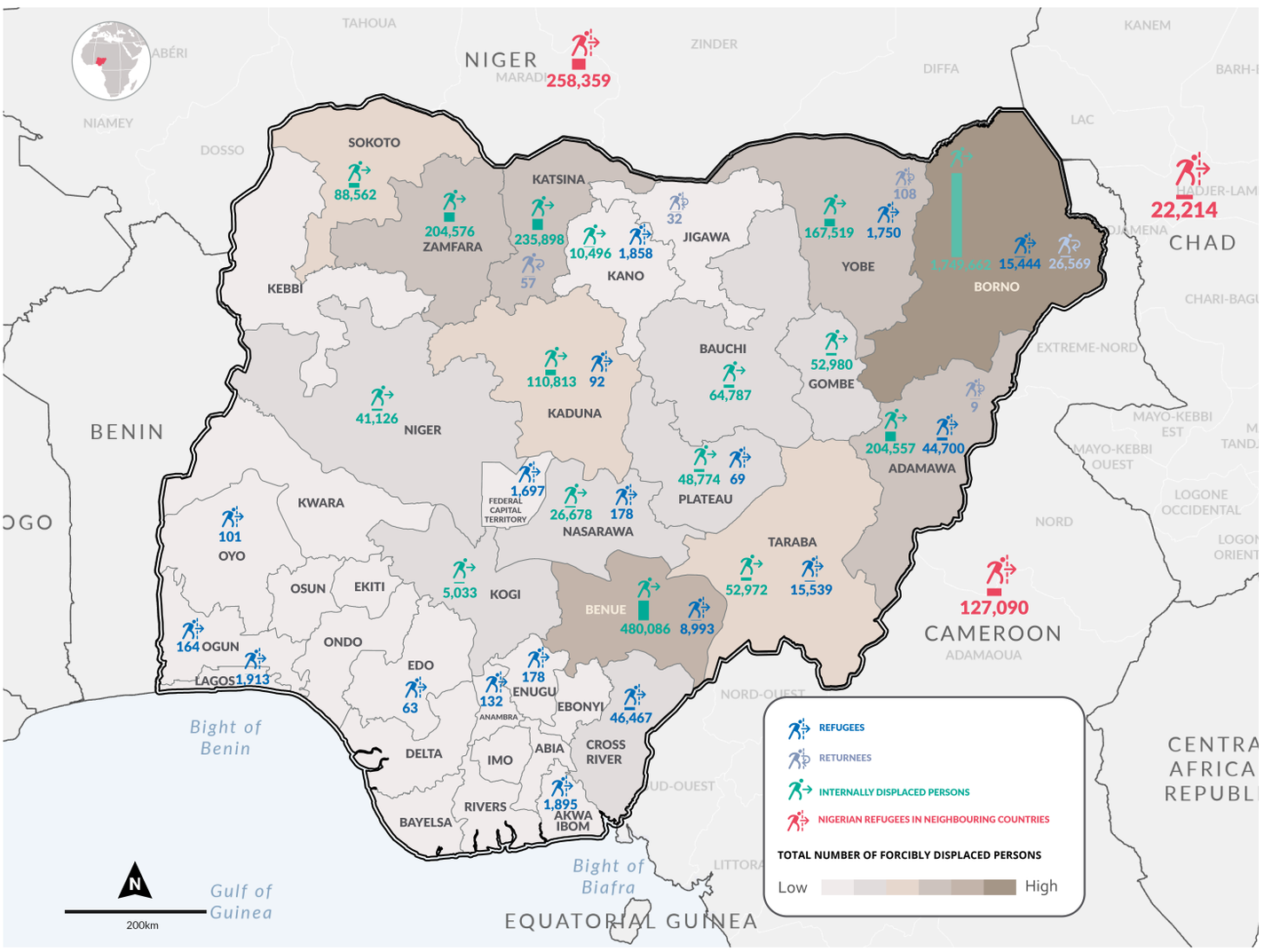
26,775

REFUGEE RETURNEES

- *Since the beginning of 2025, **2,995** refugees returned spontaneously from Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Sudan. Additionally, **23,780** refugees were repatriated bilaterally by the Nigerian Government from Chad (Feb 2025) and Niger (Apr-Nov 2025)*

407,663

NIGERIAN REFUGEES REGISTERED IN CAMEROON, CHAD, AND NIGER



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