



Operational Highlights

- The UN Refugee Agency has been providing **protection and multi-sectorial assistance** in coordination with **CONAREF** (*Commission Nationale Pour les Réfugiés*) along with UN Agencies and various NGOs to **49,975 Malian Refugees (13,577 households)**, which include 10,490 newly arrived refugees following the military offensive of 11 January. **Coordination:** UNHCR has signed sub-agreements with 17 NGOs and has operational partnerships with a variety of distinguished NGOs, providing quality services in sectors ranging from protection, health, education, shelter, communal infrastructures, animal health and husbandry, environment preservation, food security, nutrition and WASH, to partnerships that exist exclusively for the benefit of host communities.
- Consolidation of Camps:** UNHCR is consolidating **3 official camps** (Goudoubo, Mentao and Sag-nioniogo) in order to improve UNHCR's ability to deliver assistance as well as relocating the refugees at a safer distance from the border. After six months of re-locating more than 11,300 refugees from three camps and one spontaneous site located near the border, the operation will continue in order to relocate the three remaining spontaneous sites.
- Nutritional Intervention:** UNHCR is currently responding to the high rates of anemia (average 66.6 in all camps) and acute malnutrition in Goudoubo camp (24.5 % GAM). Individual screening of all children under 5 years of age is completed and treatment of malnutrition cases is ongoing. Other joint response actions with partners includes: blanket feeding programmes, fortified cereals and micro-nutrient powder for children under 5 years, supplements or fortified blended food for all pregnant and lactating women. Emergency referrals of MAM, MAS and anemia cases; vaccination campaigns of Vitamin A as well as providing nutrition education and training community focal points for longer term prevention is also ongoing.
- Joint-Assessment Mission:** UNHCR and WFP started a Joint-Assessment Mission in April 2013. The objective of the JAM is to identify obstacles that exist for the refugees' self-sufficiency as well as to review the quality of the intervention that are being implemented. A report on the current needs of terms of assistance in food security as well as a joint plan of action is expected. The team undertook the JAM in Sag-nioniogo and in Bobo-Dioulasso and will soon move to the camps in the Sahel.
- Education:** UNHCR is strongly focusing on tackling the huge challenge that exists in Education, with low enrollment rates (32% for Primary School; 7% for Secondary School and 15% in Pre-Primary School).
- Workshop on Strategic Environmental Assessment:** on 29 and 30 April, UNHCR organized a workshop on the environmental impact of the installation of Malian refugees in the fragile Sahel ecosystem in order to reflect with partners, local leaders and the refugees on how to mitigate the impact caused by the large presence of the refugees and their livestock. The main conclusions of the workshop is the need to identify immediately grazing lands for the animals as well as the need to rehabilitate water access points for animals belonging to the refugees and host population.

Working With Partners

In order to ensure the international protection of refugees and **coordinate** their assistance, UNHCR works closely with **CONAREF** (*Commission Nationale Pour les Réfugiés*) and with partners.

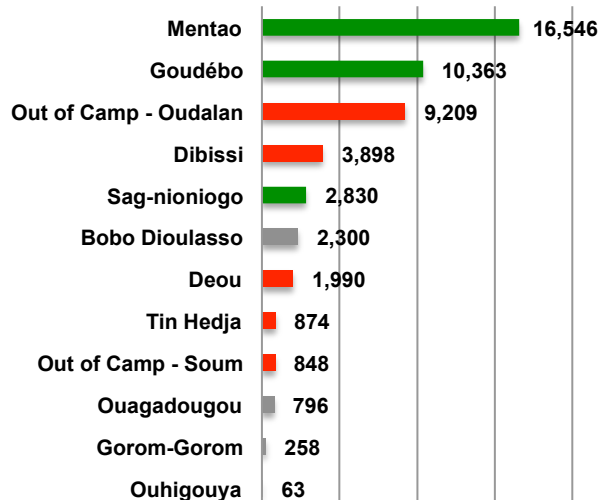
Partnership with other UN agencies: **FAO** for Animal Health and Animal Husbandry | **UNFPA** for SGBV and Family Planning | **UNICEF** for Child Protection, Nutrition and Education | **WFP** for supply of food commodities | **WHO** for Health.

UNHCR current implementing Partners: **AIRD:** warehouse management and logistics | **Christian Relief and Dev. Org (CREDO):** urban refugees | **CONAREF:** camp admin., protection, registration and civil/humanitarian character of refugees camps | **Croix Rouge du Burkina Faso:** WASH, shelter, distribution of food and non-food items (NFIs) | **Croix-Rouge Française:** health-care in Sag-nioniogo | **Danish Refugee Council (DRC):** border monitoring and sensitization of host communities for peaceful co-existence with host population | **HELP-Germany:** co-existence projects for refugees and host population | **Int. Emergency and Dev. Aid (IEDA):** Camp management and community services generally | **Medecins du Monde (MDM)-France:** Health and nutrition (Soum) | **Medecins du Monde (MDM)-Spain:** Health and nutrition (Goudoubo) | **Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC):** shelter strategy | **OCADES Caritas Burkina:** Firewood distribution and collection among, environment preservation | **Oxfam:** Water and Sanitation in Sahel Camps | **Plan Burkina:** education | **Vétérinaires Sans Frontières (VSF):** animal health and animal husbandry | **Terre des Hommes (TDH):** protection and awareness-raising | **CSSI:** Health care in Bobo-dioulasso.

UNHCR current Operational Partners: **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)** | **Spanish Red Cross** | **Ordre de Malte** | **Croix-Rouge de Monaco** | **Croix-Rouge du Luxembourg** | **Tin-Hinane** | **MSF-France** | **International Organization for Migration (OIM)**

Refugee Site Populations

Total Malian Refugee Population BKF
49,975 (13,577 Households)



Other Refugees in Burkina Faso

Top 5 Refugee
Countries of
Origins in BKF

1) Chad	184
2) Congo Brazza	96
3) Rwanda	79
4) Burundi	62
5) Dem. Rep. Congo	46
OTHERS	79
TOTAL	546

Top 5 Asylum-
Seekers'
Countries of
Origins in BKF

1) Cote d'Ivoire	223
2) Chad	81
3) Congo Brazza	78
4) Togo	72
5) Dem. Rep. Congo	48
OTHERS	163
TOTAL	665

UNHCR Operation in Burkina Faso (USD) in 2013

Country	Total Budget in USD
Burkina Faso Budget	29 Million USD*

* The total Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) for Burkina Faso.

UNHCR Burkina Faso Major Donors in 2012*

Austria, Canada, Denmark, European Commission, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, United States of America, CERF, ECHO

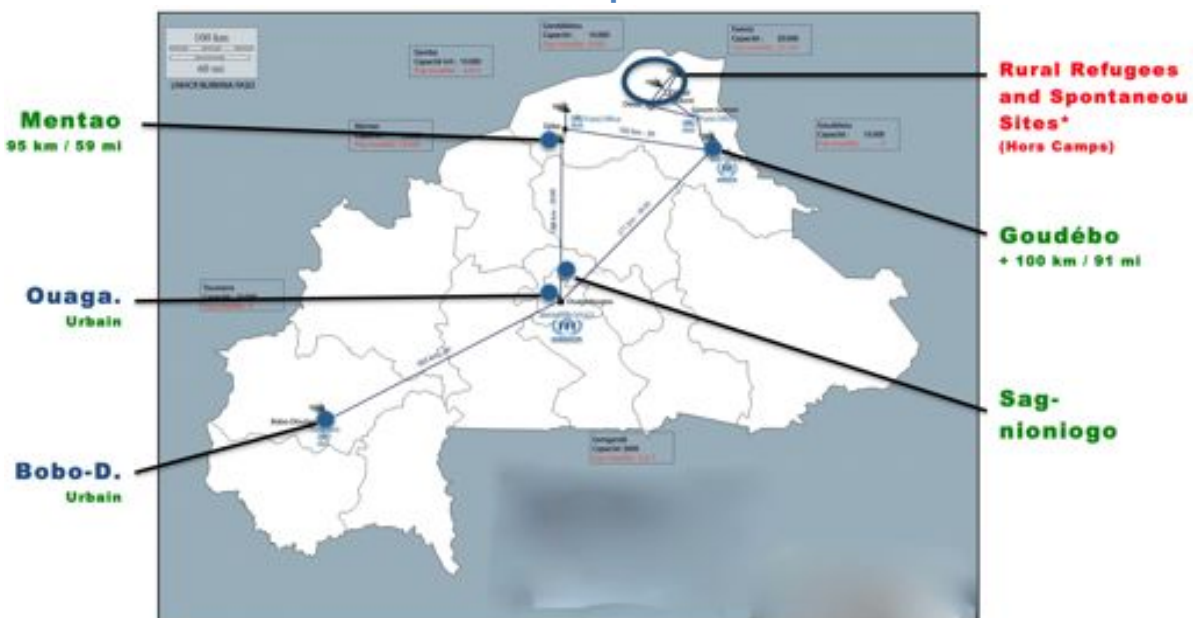
*2013 Donors will be communicated as soon as available.

- UNHCR is very grateful for the contributions of its donors -

ACHIEVEMENTS

- UNHCR Nutritional Response:** as a response to the high prevalence of anemia in all camps and the high levels of Global Acute Malnutrition rate (GAM), at 24.5% (WHO standards - 15% or more is a critical situation) in Goudoubo, UNHCR has just finished the training of 42 community relay agents to act in our nutrition intervention in the camp of Goudoubo. Their training was organized by UNHCR, **IEDA** and **MDM-Spain**. Their first task will be to undertake a "pre-survey" on the use of the CSB powder by the refugees. This pre-survey will then be followed by training provided by UNHCR/Partners/Community Relays on how to prepare the CSB in a manner that increases the nutritional value of this food that is already distributed to the refugees. Additionally, the health center in Goudoubo by MDM-Spain has been treating patients for moderate cases of malnutrition in the camp of Goudoubo itself. The serious cases are still referred to the local health center, the CSPS of Selbo.
- Child Protection:** In collaboration with **Terre des Hommes** in Goudoubo camp, UNHCR conducted 27 home visits in order to follow up on children who were identified as at risk during registration level II. The cases visited were 26 separated children (6 girls | 20 boys) and one case of unaccompanied child (boy). Additionally, during the reporting period, there have been seven new children at risk (4 girls | 3 boys) bringing the total number of children at risk to 162. In Mentao, **Plan Burkina** together with **IEDA**, **CONAREF** and other UNHCR partners have set up and started the functioning of Child Protection Committees with six representatives per sector.
- Education:** On the 13th of April 2013, **Plan Burkina** inaugurated 24 new classrooms that has a capacity to host 3'000 students constructed with UNHCR-Funds. UNHCR Representative as well as the Governor of the Sahel Region attended the ceremony. The school includes four latrine blocs as well as eight offices. During the ceremony, the representative thanked the Burkina Faso authorities for its hospitality and Plan Burkina for the quality of the buildings inaugurated.
- Shelter:** During the month of April 2013, the **Norwegian Refugee Council** has distributed and constructed 630 shelter kits (95 in Goudoubo and 535 in Mentao). As a result of the storm of the end of the month of April, some 400 shelters have been badly hit. The NRC is currently evaluating the needs before distributing the elements of the shelter kit that needs replacement.
- WASH:** In terms of water provision, the situation in the camps are: Mentao (21.68 liters/pers/day), Sag-nioniogo (8.5 litres/pers/day) and Goudoubo (17 liters/pers/day). In Goudoubo, partners **Oxfam** and **HELP-Germany** are currently ordering a new solar cell was ordered and should be delivered soon. In order to increase the water supplied in Goudoubo, the construction of two new boreholes is under way. In Sag-nioniogo, the construction of a water tower by **Luxembourg Red Cross** is under way that will serve both the refugees and host population. In terms of latrines, the situation for each camp is: Mentao (31 pers/latrine), Goudoubo (20 pers/latrine), Sag-nioniogo (84 pers/latrine). In Goudoubo **Plan Burkina Faso** has built 65 latrines in order to accompany the growth of the population. In terms of showers, the situation for each camp is: Mentao (39 / pers /shower), Goudoubo (43 pers/shower), Sag-nioniogo (73 pers/shower).
- Border Monitoring:** The Danish Refugee Council (DRC), operational partner, has begun its operations in the Sahel Region (Seno, Soum and Oudalan Provinces) having as a base Dori and Djibo. At the field level, some DRC advanced posts are based in Gorom-Gorom, Tin-Akof, Deou and Markoye for Oudalan. In the Soum Province, DRC undertakes monitoring visits to Damba, Ouahigouya and Koungousi.
- Improved Banco Cooking Stove:** 400 households benefitted from the distribution of improved stoves. Additionally, there have been 20 training sessions on environmental awareness in Goudoubo and Mentao camp that benefitted 600 persons.

Burkina Faso Operation Plan



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