



Fact Sheet | 30 June 2013 | UNHCR Operation in:

Burkina Faso

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 has consolidated **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. Since mid-October 2012, over 11,300 refugees have been relocated from camps and spontaneous site located near the border.
- 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.
- Biometric Registration:** UNHCR in Burkina Faso is currently preparing a campaign of biometric registration, which is planned to start on the 10th of June. With the use of biometric registration technology, UNHCR will be able to establish a better verification system of the registered refugees.
- Malian Elections for Refugees in Burkina Faso:** after being formally asked by the Government of Mali and Burkina Faso through an officially communicated *note verbale*, UNHCR in Burkina Faso has supported the registration phase of the Malian Refugees who voluntary chose to vote through logistics and awareness raising.

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.

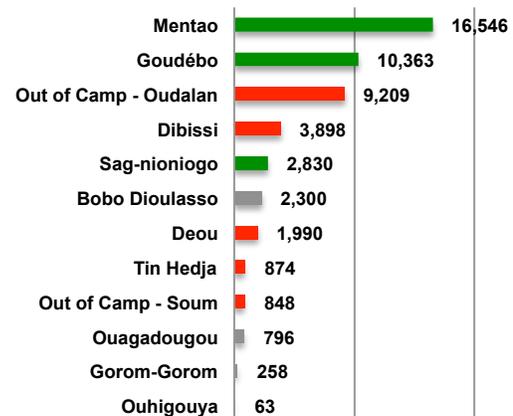
Partnership with other UN agencies: FAO for Animal Health and Animal Husbandry | UNFPA for SGBV and Family Planning | UNICEF for Child Protection, Nutrition and Education | WFP for supply of food commodities | WHO for Health.

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 (Goudebou) | **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)



*In Burkina Faso, UNHCR and the Government of Burkina Faso have decided to temporarily maintain 49,945 individuals – the registration figure as of 22 April 2013 – as the total Malian refugee figure pending the biometric registration which has been planned to start in August 2013, as well as the ongoing verification of the physical presence of refugees considered as being out of camps – the latter being scattered throughout the Sahel region of Burkina Faso. This figure will be updated as soon as these two exercises have been completed.

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

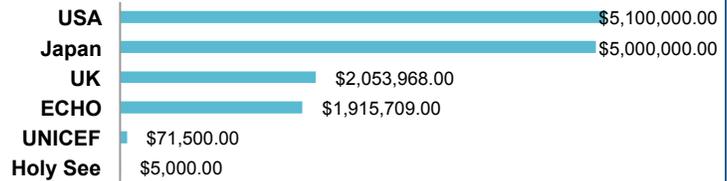
1) Cote d'Ivoire	223
2) Chad	81
3) Congo Brazza	78
4) Togo	72
5) Dem. Rep. Congo	48
OTHERS	163
TOTAL	665



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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 camp, Save the Children has continued with blanket feedings undertaken for 1,086 refugee children (0 to 59 months) and continued culinary demonstrations for all blocks of Goudoubo camp, with 2,475 participants (710 Women | 37 Men | 1,728 Children).
- Protection (SGBV):** following a national workshop on how to report SGBV and protection cases, a strategy on the prevention of early marriages was conceived and implemented. It consists of raising awareness about the negative impacts, the need to respect local legislation and empowering community protection committees to take responsibility for denouncing traditional harmful practices.
- Child Protection:** In Goudoubo camp 2,068 children benefitted from activities in five child-friendly spaces organized by **TDH-Lausanne**. In Mentao camp, 1,834 children benefitted from awareness raising activities in areas such as traditional harmful practices and violence against children by the same NGO. On that note, the Day of the African Child was celebrated in all camps of Burkina Faso on the 16th of June, during which the refugee and population children joined together in theater groups, which played out the importance of combatting child marriages and harmful traditional practices such as FGM.
- Income-Generating Activities:** On the 6 June 2013, **TDH-Lausanne** launched its IGA program for refugees in all locations of Burkina Faso. Beneficiaries of the IGA program, composed 237 women and 94 men in Goudoubo, Sag-nioniogo and Bobo-Dioulasso were provided with grants ranging from XOF 40'000 to 100'000 depending on the activity, which is paid in two phases. The grants will be used for activities ranging from sewing, to the preparation of various artisanal items such as soap, condiments, and works of Touareg art, leather, sculpture, basketry, clothing covering skin, forging, selling sugar, tea and tobacco, establishing food shop, preparation of beauty products, clothes, as well as for the sale of grains and livestock sale among others.
- Education:** The results of the 40 primary school children that sat for the exams on the 11 June thanks to the support of education partner **Plan-BKF**. Out of the 19 candidates from Goudoubo camp, 10 refugee children were admitted; and from the 21 candidates of Mentao camp, 11 were admitted. The 21 children that have passed their exams will start Secondary school in Djibo or in Dori in October. In Mentao camp, **Plan-BKF** has constructed four *bisongos* (pre-schools) and six additional classrooms in Mentao-South-South camp.
- WASH:** While standards have been reached in all other camps in Burkina Faso. In Sag-nioniogo, the water network project with tank constructed by the **Luxembourg Red Cross** will be completed in the first week of July. Once finished, this will increase the water provision to reach international standards.
- Environment:** In Goudoubo camp, **IEDA-Relief** together with UNHCR, organized an intensive ten-day training of 15 refugees (5 women) on how to recycle plastic bags and transform them into handicrafts and other artifacts that can be sold. (Photo in header by **O. Lompo/UNHCR**: Local Pop vs. Refugees in Soccer Match during World Environment Day on the 5th of June)
- Peaceful Cohabitation:** **HELP-Germany**, has prepared the 60 hectares of land for pasture regeneration in villages next to refugee sites. In Oursi, 30,000 tree seedlings have been prepared for reforestation, which will be undertaken at the end of the rainy season. Additionally, 1,159 households have benefited from seed distribution to promote food security in the host communities around the camps.

Burkina Faso Operation Plan



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