

## Refugee Population

**13,237** people

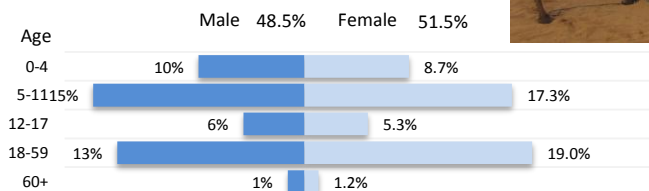
2,135 families

## Other persons of concern:

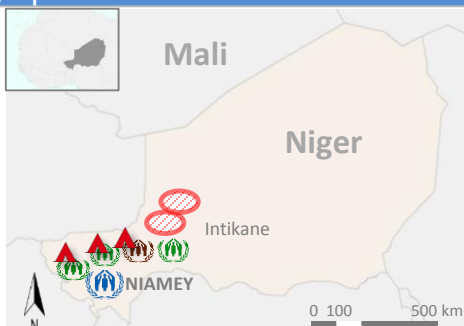
Niger Nationals

**2,280** people

**330** families



## Geographic Information



Coordinates (Lat/Long)	N: 16°54'50.4" E: 005°16'44.39"
Region/Department	Tahoua/Tillia
Commune	Tillia
Area	600 km²
Number of houses/shelters	1,500
Distance from international border	83 km
Hours from the border by road	2 hours
Hours from Niamey by road	10 hours

## Context

### History

The refugee hosting area (nomadic area) is a new concept developed by UNHCR with local authorities and communities in an attempt to adapt to the lifestyle of nomadic refugees. It differs from the traditional set-up of a refugee camp and allows refugees to settle freely in a vast pasture area with their livestock. The first "hosting area" was opened in Intekan in April 2013 with the successful relocation of nearly 8,000 people and their animals to the area. Previously, the refugees lived in spontaneous sites located at the border (Agando and Chinwaren).

### Areas of Origin

- Anderboukane: 91%
- Menaka: 6%
- Abeibara: 3%

### Cultural Background

- Tuareg: 99%
- Peul: 1%

### Main Occupations

- 100% nomadic Pastoralists

## Protection Issues

Refugee women are under-represented in the community structures

Lack of birth certificates for newborns

Low enrolment rate of girls in school

Incidence of sexual violence

Ethnic tension in camps

Conflict over resources with host communities

Forced and early marriages

## Protection Responses

Women platform was formed to encourage their participation in community structures

A mobile court was introduced to issue birth certificates

Involvement of the of marabouts and communities leaders as key actors

Prevention and response mechanisms with SOPs are established

Co-existence and peace-building programmes are introduced

Host communities are included in the water and health assistance

Targetted awareness campaigns for men, adolescents and families were introduced

## Index

Ratio of students attending school in Mali and refugee camp **2:3**

Percentage of refugees with water queuing time less than ten minutes **71**

Percentage of refugee families with animals of their own **77**

Percentage of refugees willing to return to Mali in a year **40**

