

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

100,000 NEWLY DISPLACED SINCE SEPTEMBER 2016

Fresh clashes between armed groups led to an upsurge of violence and new displacements in the prefectures of Ouaka in the centre, Haute Kotto in the east, and Mbomou in the southeast. Needs assessments are ongoing. From September 2016 to February 2017, 100,000 newly displaced persons were registered across the country.

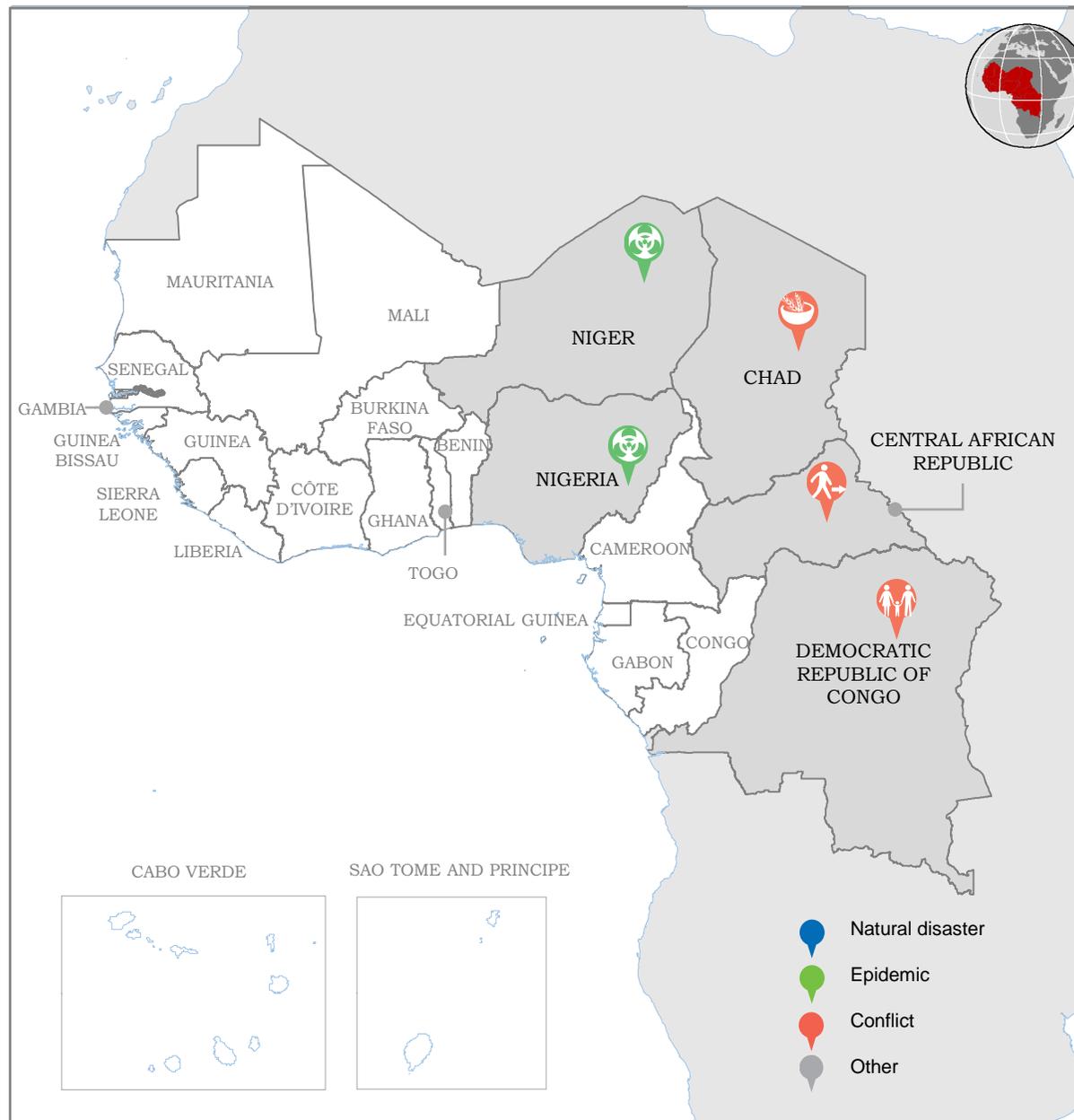
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1,4 MILLION FACE SEVERE FOOD INSECURITY

Almost 1.4 million people will suffer from severe food insecurity between June - August if no adequate measures are taken, according to the latest assessment released on 23 March. This includes 396,000 refugees and 97,000 Chadian returnees. Overall, some 3.5 million people are projected to suffer from food insecurity during the lean season. Funding shortfalls risk affecting humanitarian actors' capacity to respond.

ALMOST 1,300 CASES OF HEPATITIS E IN THE NORTHEAST

As of 26 March, some 1,292 cases of hepatitis E including 15 deaths were reported in the country's southeastern Salamat region. On 14 February, the ministry of Public Health officially declared the disease an emergency. The first cases have been reported in September 2016. Humanitarian actors are supporting the authorities in their response.



DR CONGO

OVER 18,000 PEOPLE RECEIVE CASH ASSISTANCE

On 23 March, NGO Mercy Corps completed an unconditional cash intervention reaching 18,000 people in four villages southwest of Beni, in the country's northeast. Most of them were IDPs who had arrived between October 2016 and January 2017 after fleeing their villages following clashes between armed groups.

NIGER

MENINGITIS EPIDEMIC DECLARED

On 29 March, the Government of Niger declared a meningitis epidemic in three health centers of the Niamey II health district. Six health districts are in alert in the regions of Tillabéry, Dosso and Tahoua. To date, 921 cases including 55 deaths have been recorded in the country compared to almost 1,300 cases and 89 deaths at the same period last year. Health authorities, in partnership with humanitarian actors, are preparing vaccination campaigns.

NIGERIA

OVER 300 DEATHS FROM MENINGITIS

More than 2,500 cases of meningitis including 328 deaths were reported across 16 states (Cross Rivers, Federal Capital Territory in Abuja, Gombe, Jigawa, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, Lagos, Nasarawa, Niger, Osun, Plateau, Sokoto, Taraba, Yobe and Zamfara), according to the federal ministry of Health. The World Health Organisation has secured about 5,000 doses of meningococcal vaccines for the state of Zamfara where the outbreak started in December 2016. More are expected in the coming days for other affected areas.