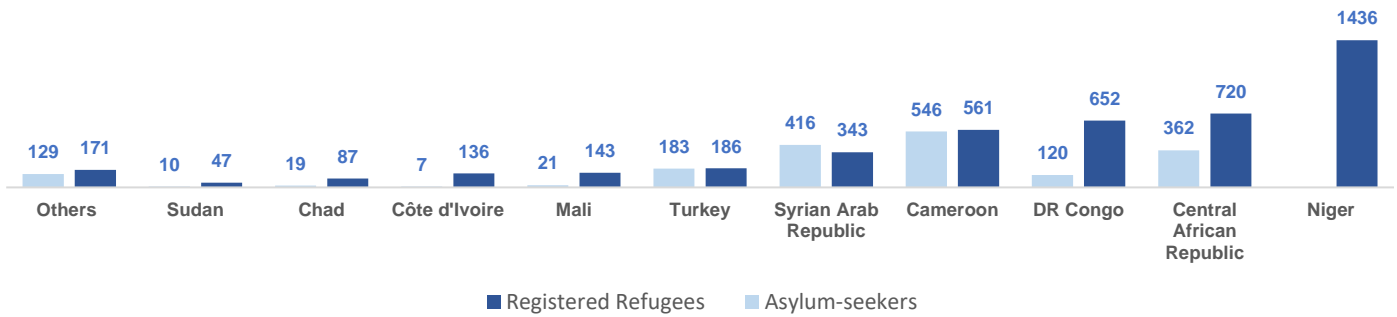


Chart below shows breakdown by country of origin for Urban Refugees.



General Protection

On 5 August, UNHCR participated in the 6th Meeting of Partners in Awareness Creation Against Human Trafficking and Irregular Migration (PACHTIM) in Abuja. The meeting, which was organised by IOM had participants from NAPTIP, NCFRMI, NOA, UNHCR and other relevant national and local organisations involved in migration issues. One of the key activities of the meeting was the adoption of a strategy that will serve as a guide in the implementation of PACHTIM awareness raising activities in Nigeria from 2021 to 2025.

On 17 of August, UNHCR participated in a meeting that was organized by the National Commission for Refugees on the planning for a National Working Group on the domestication and implementation of the Kampala Convention. Forum was to address some of the gaps that have hindered the domestication process. UNHCR is supporting the NCFRMI to move the process forward. Next step agreed was that NCFRMI would draft a concept note and terms of reference which will be circulated among participants for inputs, together with NCFRMI Bill and IDP policy.

24 to 26 August, NCFRMI with support from UNHCR organized a technical meeting to review the draft standard operating procedures for maintaining the civilian and humanitarian character of asylum in the Cameroon operation. **16** national and state level government agencies as well as field-based NGOs and UNHCR participated in the highly interactive discussions. SOPs validated at technical level and a communique with key recommendations on dissemination and next steps was issued at the end of the meeting.

25 August, UNHCR, NCFRMI and JDPC held a Town Hall meeting with refugees residing in Lagos Island, Mainland, Ajah and Ikotun with **146** persons of concern (PoCs) comprising **72** females and **74** males.

During the meeting, issues on accommodation, health, RSD, NIN, livelihood and Education assistance were discussed. Transport allowance was paid to all **146** PoCs that attended the town hall meeting.

On 19 August, the humanitarian community in Nigeria marked the World Humanitarian Day (WHD) at the State House in Abuja. The event was organised by the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development. The WRD which was marked under the global theme #TheHumanRace: A global challenge for climate action in solidarity with people who need it the most, had participation of the Minister of Humanitarian Affairs, NCFRMI's Federal Commission, UNHCR's Deputy Representative and other sister UN Agencies, local and International Non-governmental Organisations.

UNHCR and UNFPA jointly supported a refugee led organisation-RLO in convening a "Health Information Campaign for Empowerment of Female Cameroonian Refugees". The RLO Endam Home of Hope (EHOP), held the five and a half hours event in Mpape (a suburb of Abuja) on Saturday 14th August 2021. There were **12** participants in attendance (**9** female and **2** males). UNFPA's presentation highlighted issues of sexual and reproductive health (including family planning, sexual transmitted infections, protection from sexual exploitation and abuse-PSEA). While the session was solely facilitated by UNFPA, UNHCR provided information on PSEA informing that all services provided by UNHCR, Government and partners are offered free of charge. UNFPA also provided male and female condoms, caps/tee-shirts to EHOP.



Access to Asylum

In the month of August, NCFRMI in Abuja registered **7** asylum seekers (**5** males and **2** females), while the Office in Lagos registered **102** (**90** male **12** female). The asylum seekers are mainly from Syria, Cameroon, DRC and Turkey.



Counselling

Counselling sessions were conducted for **27** refugees (**17** females and **10** males) in Lagos on skill training, economic hardship and support for their children's education.



Education

Call for application for DAFI Refugee Scholarship 2021 ended on 6 August. A Total of **132** applicants (**61** females and **71** males) applied for the available slots. JDPC is currently compiling the list of applicants for further assessment.

On 23 August, a Virtual meeting on DAFI was organized by JDPC to discuss issue of allowances given to students for the year 2021. The meeting had **23** participants (DAFI students, UNHCR, JDPC and CARITAS Nigeria staff). At the end of the meeting, the issues raised were resolved

Prevention of Statelessness

Between 17-19 August UNHCR in collaboration with the National Population Commission (NPC) and NCFRMI undertook a mop up exercise for birth registration exercises in three IDP camps in Abuja resulting in **1516** children being issued with birth certificates in the new Kuchigoro, Durumi and Malaysia Garden IDP camps. Activity aimed at raising awareness on need for birth registration and to ensure birth registration and documentation for children without birth certificates due to several reasons, ranging from illiteracy, poverty, and lack of awareness by parents of the usefulness of birth certificate to the future of a child.

This was part of efforts to support the Government of Nigeria to operationalize the National Action Plan (NAP) on Prevention of Statelessness in Nigeria and to fulfil it's the pledges made by the Government 'to scale up issuance of birth registration' to IDPs, refugees and returnees during the High-Level Segment on Statelessness held in Geneva in 2019.



Livelihood and Skill Acquisition

Transport allowance for the month of August was paid to **7** female refugees undergoing training on hair dressing, fashion design and photography with the Lagos state vocational training centers to aid their mobility to and from their various training centres.

Subsistence allowance was paid to **7** (**4** females and **3** males) vulnerable persons of concern for the month of August 2021. The beneficiaries had been identified individually through National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons (NCFRMI), UNHCR, and JDPC's periodic assessments.

On 12 August, transport allowance was paid to **5** refugees (**4** females and **1** male) currently undergoing internship on painting, furniture making and photography in Lagos.

On 25 August, JDPC organized skill acquisition training for **22** refugees (**14** females and **8** males) on liquid soap and antiseptic in Lagos Island.



Monitoring

By the end of August, Justice Development and Peace Commission (JDPC) conducted monitoring exercises on businesses of **8** refugees (**8** females and **2** males) to assess their business concerns. The refugees all complained of inflation and low turnout on sales.

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