

Overall situation in the country

In 2024, the humanitarian and security crisis in Mali continued to displace thousands of Malians into Mauritania, particularly into the south-eastern border region of Hodh Chargui, where Mbera refugee camp is located. This influx of 111,900 refugees is exacerbating the strain on services and natural resources in a region with high levels of multi-dimensional poverty (approx. 78%) and acutely vulnerable to climate-related shocks. Most new arrivals are choosing to settle in existing villages, requiring UNHCR and partners to expand the out-of-camp response to support both refugees and host communities, while maintaining activities in Mbera camp.

288,302
total refugees and asylum seekers

162,303
registered refugees and asylum seekers

39,543
registered women (= > 18)

86,503
registered boys and girls

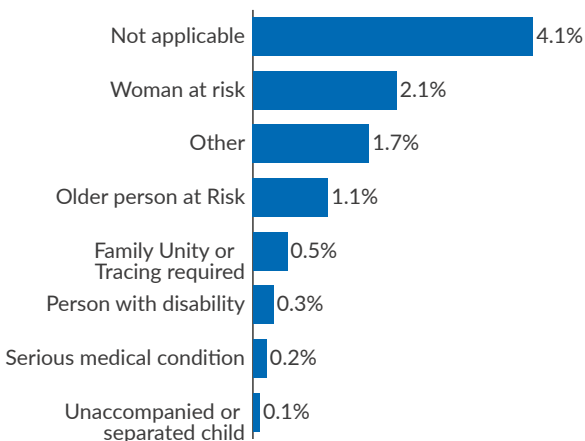
Situation in Mbera Camp

116,055
registered refugees in December

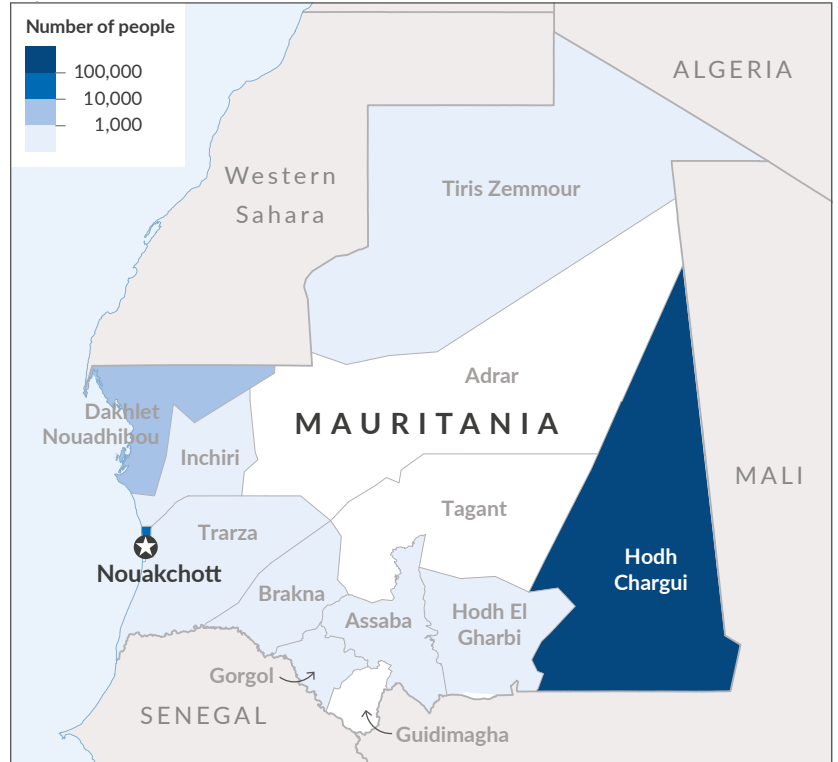
82%
registered women and children

2,685
new arrivals in December

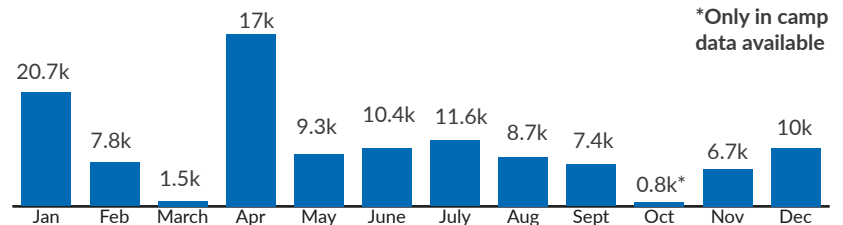
Specific needs declared by new arrivals



Total refugees and asylum seekers by region



Estimated new refugee arrivals in Hodh Chargui in 2024



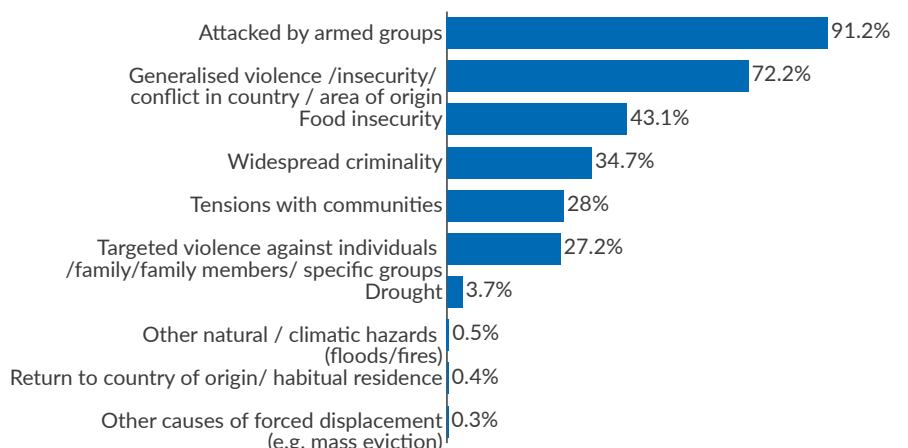
Difficulty along the journey to reach Mauritania



Difficulty by type



Reasons for fleeing Mali



Out-of-camp situation in Hodh Chargui region

The out-of-camp response is part of the multi-stakeholder refugee response and resilience plan in Hodh Chargui. The objective is to deliver vital assistance, such as food, shelter, healthcare and WASH services, to vulnerable refugees, returnees and host communities through an area-based approach that builds on existing services and systems in the region. With refugees scattered across a wide geographical area, UNHCR continues to monitor new arrivals in 66 villages (now every two months instead of monthly) and enhance mobile registration efforts with the government.



154,347
total Malian refugees
December



28,348
registered Malian
refugees

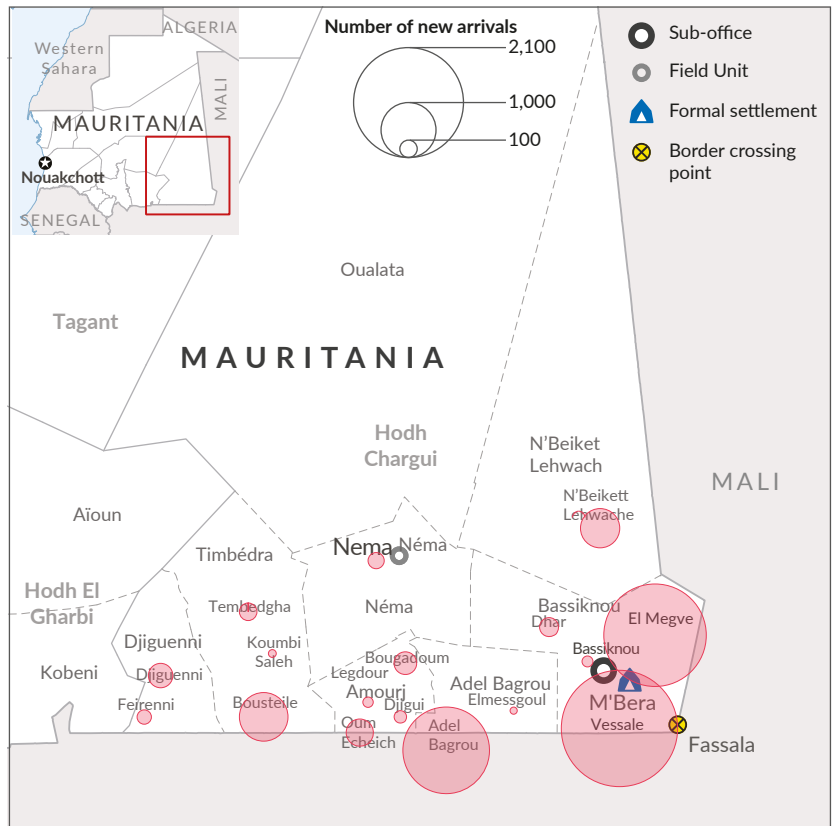


7,614
new arrivals
December

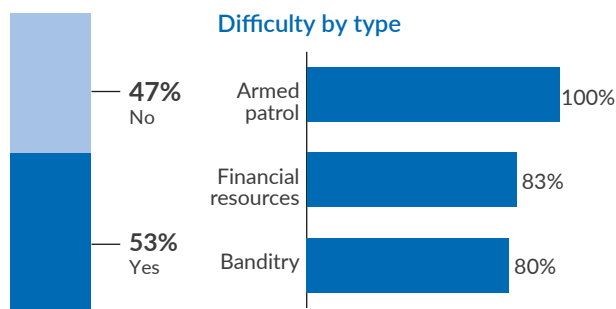


86%
women and children
among new arrivals

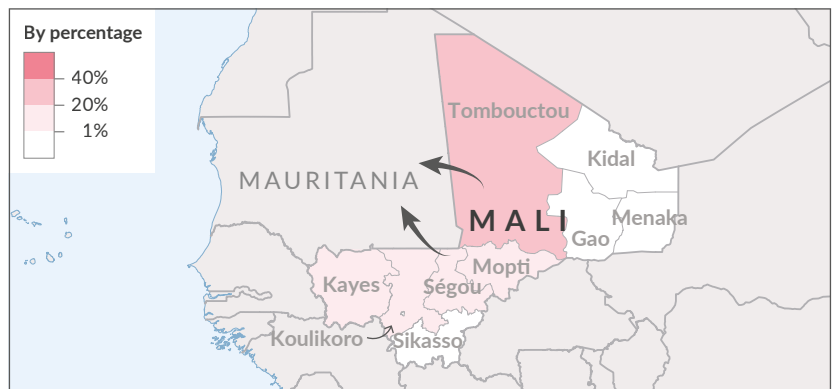
New arrivals in November and December by host commune



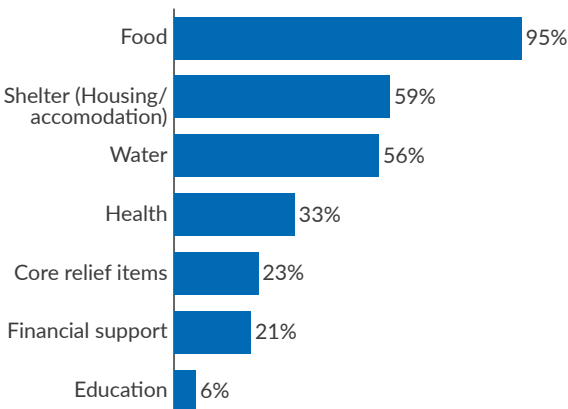
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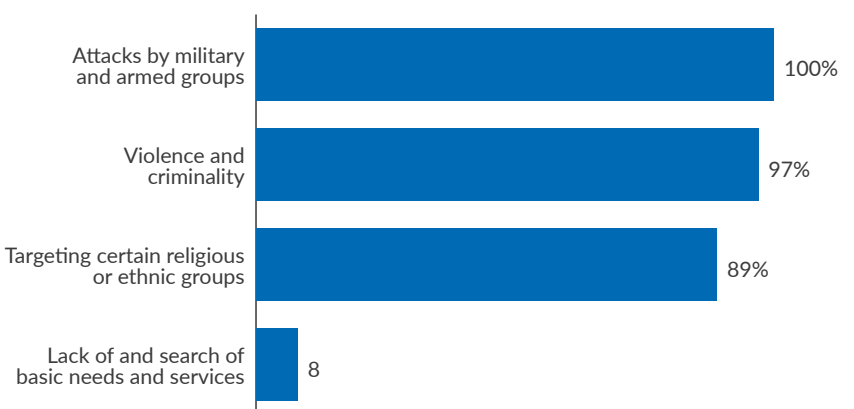
Region of origin (as identified by key informants)



Main needs in host villages



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