

### Political highlights

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of January, the African intervention force in Mali has been deployed and will be operating until the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2013 according to ECOWAS: Niger, Nigeria, Burkina Faso and Togo forces will be on site between today and Tuesday. According to local press sources, Niger troops are currently deployed on the Mali border and are waiting for further instructions.

### Security situation

- **General situation**

- ✓ The security situation is still relatively calm.

### Trends of arrival

- **Statistics**

	Arrival on the 17 <sup>th</sup> of January	Cumulative figures to-date [since 11 January]
Mangaize	0	80 individuals (23 households)
Banibangou	1 individual	90 individuals (27 households)
Ayrou	21 individuals (5 households)	37 individuals (8 household)
Abala	0	0
Tilla	-	300 individuals
<b>Total</b>	<b>22 individuals</b>	<b>507 individuals</b>

### Response

In response to the current situation, the UNHCR office in Niger has taken the following actions:

- ✓ On 17 January 2013, the Prefet of Ayrou came to Tabareybarey camp to explain to refugees the increased security measures and patrols in the area which is currently under the alert state.
- ✓ A coordination meeting with UNHCR, the CNE, their implementing partners and various NGOs was held today in Niamey in order to operationalize the contingency plan. Sectorial meetings will be organized later on to improve the level of preparedness in order to better respond to a possible influx of refugees.