



Operational Highlights

- The UN Refugee Agency has been providing **protection and coordinating multi-sectorial assistance** jointly with **CONAREF** (*Commission Nationale Pour les Réfugiés*) along with various partners to **48,939 Malian Refugees** which include 9,046 newly arrived refugees following the military offensive of 11 January.
- Coordination:** the UNHCR has sub-agreements with 17 NGOs and has operational partnerships with a variety of distinguished NGOs, providing quality services in sectors ranging from protection, health, education, shelter, communal infrastructures, animal health and husbandry, environment preservation, food security, nutrition and WASH, to partnerships that exist exclusively for the benefit of host communities.
- Consolidation of Camps:** UNHCR is consolidating **3 permanent official camps** (Goudébo, Mentao and Sag-nioniogo) in order to improve UNHCR's ability to deliver assistance as well as relocating the refugees at a safer distance from the border. After six months of re-locating more than 11,300 refugees from three official camps and two spontaneous sites located near the border, the operation will continue in order to relocate the three remaining spontaneous sites.
- Nutritional Intervention:** UNHCR is currently responding to the high rates of anemia (average 66.6 in all camps) and acute malnutrition in Goudébo camp (24.5 % GAM) through a variety of activities and interventions including door-to-door screenings and emergency referrals of MAM, MAS and anemia cases; vaccination campaigns of Vitamin A as well as providing nutrition education and training community focal points for longer term prevention.
- Intention of Returns and new arrivals:** Preliminary results of an intention to return survey undertaken in Sag-nioniogo camp (5% of total population) and ongoing in other camps show that the Malian Refugees are not favorable to an immediate return as they still fear discrimination and would prefer to see a long-term solution to the crisis in their home country before going back.

Total Malian Refugee Population BKF

48,939

(13,214 Households)

Working With Partners

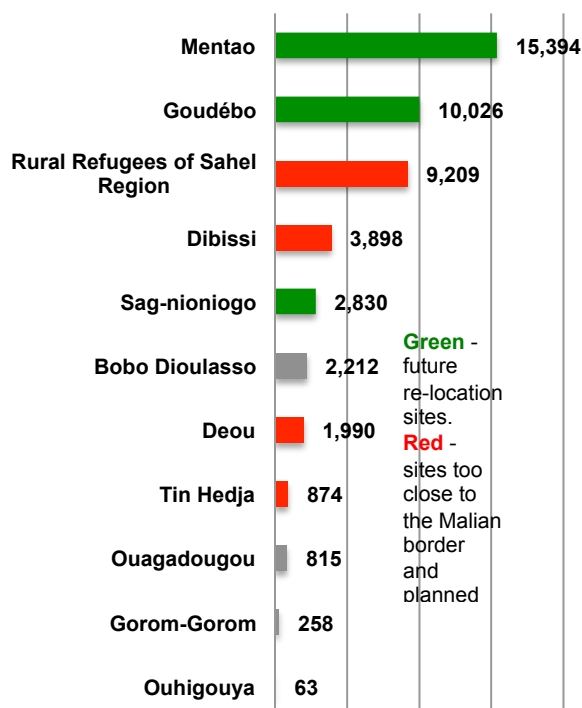
In order to ensure the international protection of refugees and **coordinate** their assistance, UNHCR works closely with **CONAREF** (*Commission Nationale Pour les Réfugiés*) and with partners.

Partnership with other UN agencies: FAO for Animal Health and Animal Husbandry | UNFPA for SGBV and Family Planning | UNICEF for Child Protection, Nutrition and Education | WFP for supply of food commodities | WHO for Health.

UNHCR current implementing Partners: AIRD: warehouse management and logistics | Christian Relief and Dev. Org (CREDO): urban refugees | CONAREF: camp admin., protection, registration and civil/humanitarian character of refugees camps | **Croix Rouge du Burkina Faso:** WASH, shelter, distribution of food and non-food items (NFIs) | **Croix-Rouge Française:** health-care in Sag-nioniogo | **Danish Refugee Council (DRC):** border monitoring and sensitization of host communities for peaceful co-existence with host population | **HELP-Germany:** co-existence projects for refugees and host population | **Int. Emergency and Dev. Aid (IEDA):** Camp management and community services generally | **Medecins du Monde (MDM)-France:** Health and nutrition (Soum) | **Medecins du Monde (MDM)-Spain:** Health and nutrition (Goudébo) | **Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC):** shelter strategy | **OCADES Caritas Burkina:** Firewood distribution and collection among, environment preservation | **Oxfam:** Water and Sanitation in Sahel Camps | **Plan Burkina:** education | **Vétérinaires Sans Frontières (VSF):** animal health and animal husbandry | **Terre des Hommes (TDH):** protection and awareness-raising | **CSSI:** Health care in Bobo-dioulasso.

UNHCR current Operational Partners: Catholic Relief Services (CRS) | Spanish Red Cross | Ordre de Malte | Croix-Rouge de Monaco | Croix-Rouge du Luxembourg | Tin-Hinane | MSF-France | International Organization for Migration (OIM)

Refugee Site Populations



Other Refugees in Burkina Faso

Top 5 Refugee Countries of Origins in BKF

1) Chad	184
2) Congo Brazza	96
3) Rwanda	79
4) Burundi	62
5) Dem. Rep. Congo	46
OTHERS	79
TOTAL	546

Top 5 Asylum-Seekers' Countries of Origins in BKF

1) Cote d'Ivoire	223
2) Chad	81
3) Congo Brazza	78
4) Togo	72
5) Dem. Rep. Congo	48
OTHERS	163
TOTAL	665

UNHCR Operation in Burkina Faso (USD) in 2013

Country	Total Budget in USD
Burkina Faso Budget	29 Million USD*

* The total Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) for Burkina Faso.

UNHCR Burkina Faso Major Donors in 2012*

Austria, Canada, Denmark, European Commission, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, United States of America, CERF, ECHO

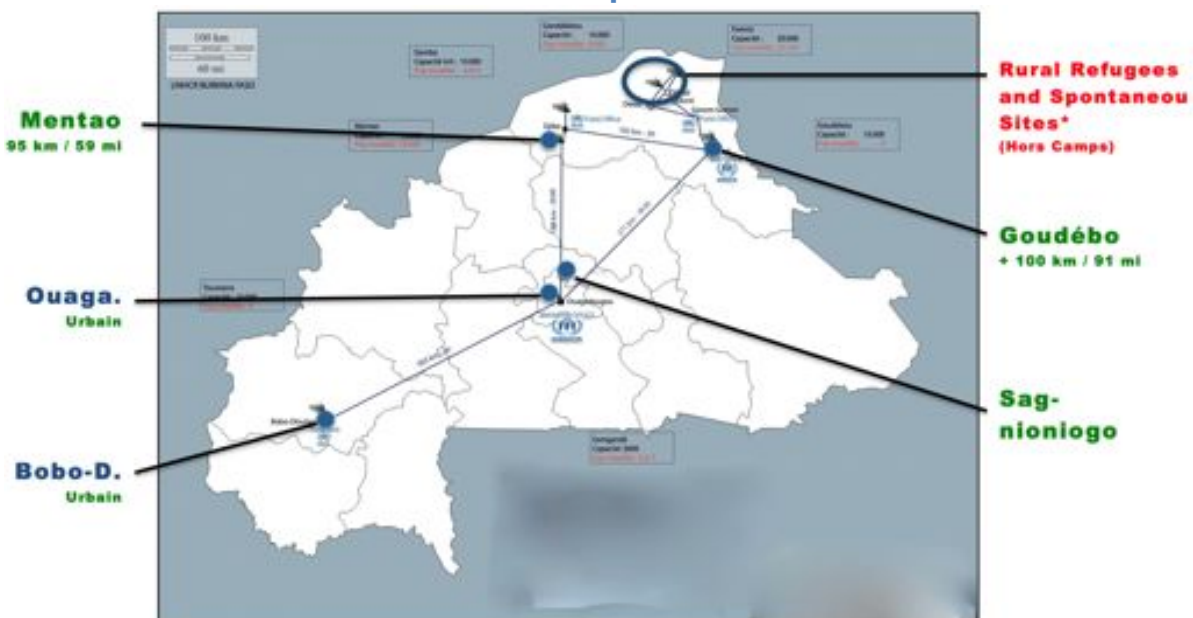
*2013 Donors will be communicated as soon as available.

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ACHIEVEMENTS

- Healthcare:** Access to health care is provided in all camps by a variety of partners. MDM-France has two health centers in Mentao camp; MDM-Spain one health center in Goudebo camp and the French Red Cross has improved the capacity of the local health center at Sag-nioniogo village (next to camp). MSF-France is also involved in providing health services for the rural refugees located in spontaneous sites in Oudalan Province. The dominant conditions are acute respiratory infections (41.60%), malaria (10.53%) and diarrhea (8.48%) in the all camps. For the urban refugees of Bobo-Dioulasso, the most common condition is malaria (49, 5%) followed by respiratory infections (15.09%). The dusty sand winds of the Sahel is the major cause of the high prevalence of respiratory infections and the insufficient application of hygiene measures and non-use of mosquito nets the major causes of malaria. Additionally, since January 2013, there have been 51 cases of measles. Therefore, measles immunizations and routine check-up, especially of newcomers continue in all camps.
- UNHCR Nutritional Response:** as a response to the high prevalence of anemia in all camps and the high levels of Global Acute Malnutrition rate (GAM), at 24.5% (WHO standards - 15% or more is a critical situation) in Goudebo, the UNHCR and its health partners (MDM-Spain and Burkina Faso Government's Department for Nutrition) are: 1) conducting "door-to-door" screening in Goudebo camp of children (6-23 Months) in order to identify SAM and MAM cases and refer them to local hospitals for treatment and to receive therapeutic foods from UNICEF; 2) UNHCR and WFP, together with distribution and nutrition partners, are currently preparing for blanket feeding of all children aged 6 to 23 months; and 3) the WFP has doubled its CSB ration. In terms of long-term prevention, a robust community-based early detection and prevention programme will be developed to allow for a rapid identification of cases. In this sense, refugee outreach officers will be trained to monitor malnutrition cases as well as provide nutritional education to their community. Other solutions under discussions are mixing in milk powder with CSB as well as setting up milk kitchens.
- Child Protection:** There have been a total of 371 children at risk identified (non-accompanied, separated and handicapped): 167 in Goudebo Camp, 178 in Mentao Camp and 26 in Sag-nioniogo Camp. Specialized assistance is provided to them, through psycho-social treatment and psycho-social activities in the camp with children outside of their schooling time by Keogo in Sag-nioniogo camp and by Terre des Hommes in Goudebo and Mentao Camp. In terms of **Child Friendly Spaces**, there are currently 1,400 children of all ages benefiting from psychosocial support through recreational activities in nine child friendly spaces (three in Goudebo, three in Mentao, three in Damba, one in Sag-nioniogo and two in Bobo-Dioulasso-city).
- Education:** In terms of schooling, there are 1'675 children attending primary school and 1'200 children and adults attending literacy courses in Goudebo. Scholarships are provided for some children to attend secondary schools in urban centers. In response to the challenge of constant influx of new refugee children (relocation and new arrivals), Terre des Hommes (TDH) have started "catch-up courses" in Goudebo by recruiting ten refugees volunteer teachers and constructing 10 hangars, which are now provided 667 refugee children.
- Livelihoods:** So far, the partner *Vétérinaires Sans Frontières (VSF)* vaccinated 40,217 animals belonging to refugees (out of a total of 54,448 identified). The vaccination operation is currently ongoing in Goudebo camp in order to vaccinate all the animals.
- COP 2014-2015:** A workshop was organized in Ouagadougou, from the 11 and 12 March, 2013 with the participation of UNHCR colleagues from Dakar and Geneva, NGO partners and donors, during which the Country Operation Plan for the next two years (2014-2015) was defined and established.

Burkina Faso Operation Plan



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