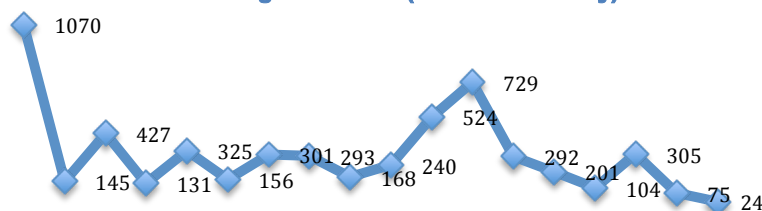




Operational Highlights

- The UN Refugee Agency has been providing **protection and coordinating multi-sectorial assistance** jointly with **CONAREF** (*Commission Nationale Pour les Réfugiés*) along with various operational and implementing partners to **47,205 Malian Refugees** which include around 6'000 newly arrived refugees following the military offensive of 11 January.
- **Consolidation of Camps:** UNHCR is consolidating **3 permanent and official camps** (Goudebou, Mentao and Sag-nioniogo) in order to provide adequate protection and access to services. In this sense, UNHCR is undertaking a **re-location operation** of Malian refugees and working towards the objective of closing the official camps of Damba (Gandafabou and Fererio has already been emptied) as they are too close to the Malian border. UNHCR together with CONAREF continue undertaking awareness-raising efforts in 3 spontaneously settled sites (Dibissi, Déou and Tin Hedja) located near the border in the Sahel Region.
- **New Arrivals:** Following the International Military Intervention on 11 January 2013, the influx of Malian refugees into Burkina Faso quickly increased from an average of 30 per day (during the last months of 2012) to 250 persons with a peak of 729 new arrivals on the 25 of January. For January, there have been a total of 5,510 newly arrived refugees, out of whom 4,278 had been individually registered (78%) (Registration Level II) at the end of the month.

Malian Refugee Arrivals (10 to 31 January)



Total Malian Refugee Population BKF

47,205
(12,687 Households)

Working With Partners

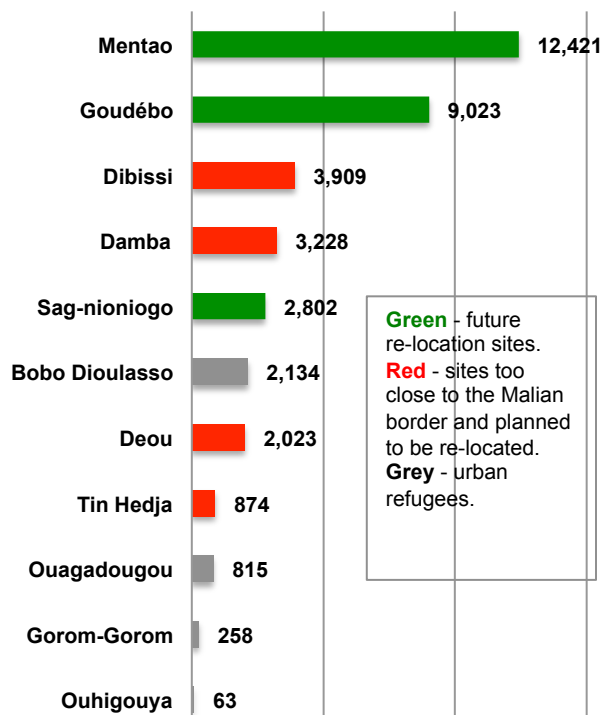
In order to ensure the international protection of refugees and **coordinate** their assistance, UNHCR works closely with **CONAREF** (*Commission Nationale Pour les Réfugiés*) and with operational and implementing partners.

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 Rouges du Burkina Faso:** WASH, shelter, distribution of food and non-food items (NFIs) | **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 (Goudebou) | **Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC):** shelter strategy | **OCADE 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.

UNHCR current Operational Partners: **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)** | **Spanish Red Cross** | **Ordre de Malte** | **Croix-Rouge de Monaco** | **Croix-Rouge du Luxembourg** | **Croix-Rouge Française** | **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

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* Earmarked Contributions (Burkina Faso)

Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), European Commission, Germany, Italy and Spain.

Mali Situation Donors

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

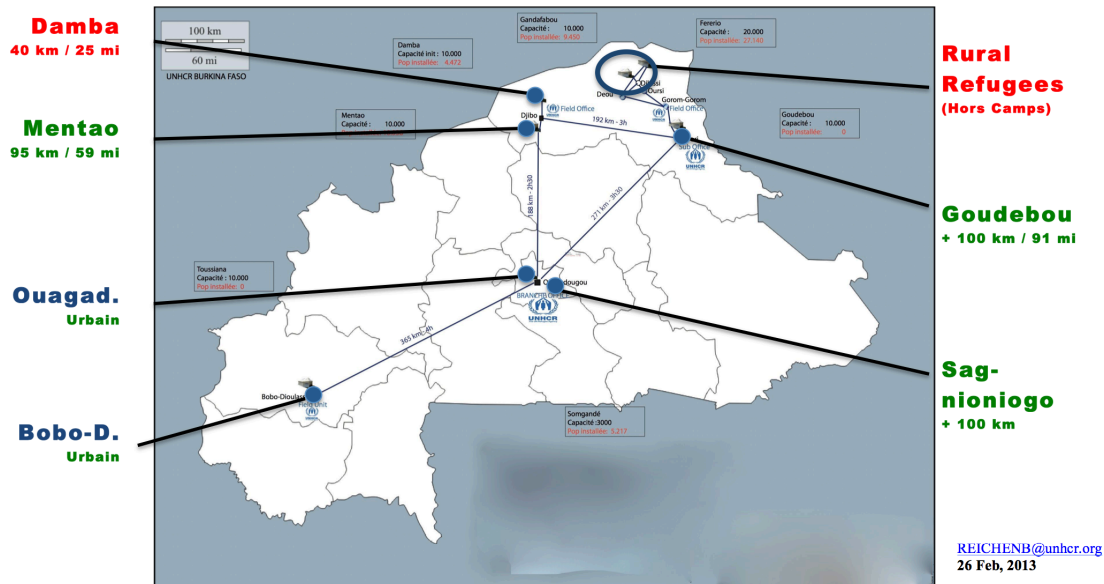
*2013 Donors will be communicated as soon as available.

- UNHCR is very grateful for the contributions of its donors -

Achievements

- Increased refugee influx between 11 and 31 January 2013:** For the increased influx of January 2013, the main Way Station into Burkina Faso has been the border town of Inabao, where UNHCR has fixed a water pump and has installed two large hangars to keep new arrivals in the shade. Additionally, Fererio and Gandafabou have acted as transit centers for the new arrivals. UNHCR in coordination with its partners has responded to the basic and essential needs of these new refugees by providing medical screenings and High Energy Biscuits. Newly arrived refugee arrivals in Inabao are then quickly transferred to Goudoubou camp. The transfer of the refugees is undertaken at the same time as the registration level II exercise. Before boarding the trucks, UNHCR and CONAREF provide the refugees with bracelet; to avoid that double registration occurs once they arrive in the camps.
- Monitoring cells at the border of the Burkina Government:** For border entry points, in close coordination with CONAREF, UNHCR has reinforced the capacity of the governmental monitoring cells in villages along the border of Burkina Faso with Mali. To that end, in January 2013, four vehicles were provided to CONAREF by UNHCR in order to reinforce the government monitoring capacity in the Sahel Region where almost 95% of the newly arriving refugees from Mali are received.
- Protection:** A protection and medical screening is undertaken as soon as the refugees arrive at the border (to ensure that sick refugees travel to the camp on ambulances). Secondly, upon arrival in Mentao or Goudoubou camp, a Protection team undertakes a thorough protection interview. Then, if need be (separated or unaccompanied children, child spouses, victims of human rights abuses etc...) the case is then referred to UNHCR partner for protection, Terre des Hommes, which then carries out a more detailed interview and ensures proper follow-up, in consultation with UNHCR.
- Re-location from Sahel to Goudoubou/Mentao:** It is important to note that at the same time that UNHCR has been transferring newly arrived refugees from Inabao to Goudoubou, re-locations from Damba to Mentao is ongoing. The former camps of Fererio and Gandafabou have been emptied on the 19 January and 5 February respectively. So far, since mid-October, the UNHCR has re-located around 7,000 refugees.
- Peaceful co-existence with host communities:** UNHCR has been ensuring that the refugees and the local communities can peacefully co-exist. For instance, when the local public school or local public health clinic is closer than 2km to the refugee camp, UNHCR improves them (as is the case for the school in Goudoubou camp and the clinic in Sag-nioniogo camp). Also, health clinics and water facilities established in camps can be accessed by host communities.
- Environment:** UNHCR is implementing an environment preservation strategy, which includes: distribution of firewood (145.55 t) to avoid cutting protected forested areas; distribution of energy efficient stoves (260 metallic stoves and 1,322 eco-stoves) and the planting of trees in and around camps (around 8'100 trees planted so far). The provision of solar energy in camps (main passageways and households) is also envisioned for 2013.

Burkina Faso Operation Plan



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