



March 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

171

Nigerian refugee students have enrolled to complete their secondary school final exams in Nigeria in April through the Distance Education Programme.

5,000

New households in Diffa region for the (out of camp intervention) have been selected and targeted in Mars for the upcoming distribution of gas in April.

232

Women in the ZAR of Intikan benefitted from sensitization on the prevention of mother to child HIV transmission

230

Spontaneous IDP returns were recorded in March, in the communes of Bosso, Toumour, Maine-Soara, and Chetimari.

Population of concern

A total of **303,133** people of concern

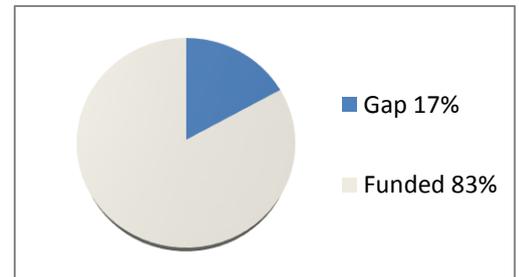
Country of Origin	Total PoC
Mali	60,154
Nigeria	121,585*
Niger	120,956**
Others	438
Total	

* This figure includes 106,162 Nigerian refugees and 15,423 returnees

** Internally Displaced Persons (IDP)

Funding

USD 72,476,232 requested



UNHCR Presence

Staff:

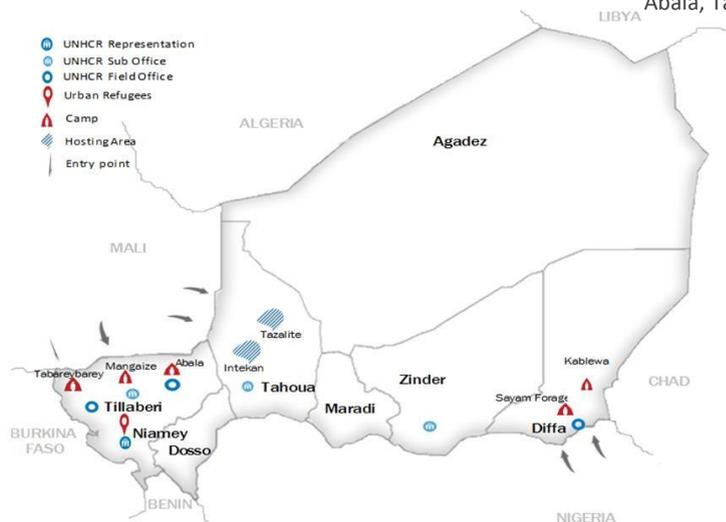
113 National staff

27 International staff

Offices:

07 offices located in:

Niamey, Tillabery, Ouallam, Abala, Tahoua, Zinder, Diffa



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

Mali Situation:

- APBE: Camp management (Tillabery Camps)
- APBE: Health and nutrition (ZARs)
- Adkoul: Multi-sectorial management (ZARs)
- Handicap International: Assistance to Urban refugees
- CARE: Cash Based Initiatives

Nigeria Situation:

- ACTED / REACH: Data management
- APBE: Health / Emergency shelter / Camp management
- IRC: Protection and boarder monitoring
- COOPI: Education / Transitional shelter
- SFCG: Communication
- CISP: Urbanization
- CARE: logistics/CBI
- OXFAM: WASH

ACHIEVEMENTS

Protection

- **Nigeria situation:** A training was carried out for the Protection Working Group in Diffa on 'Protection Mainstreaming', from the 22-23rd of March. The training was delivered by the UNHCR Protection Coordinator, while 33 persons participated. A key priority of the Protection Working Group is to ensure protection mainstreaming across the multisectoral response in the Diffa region.
- **Mali situation:** On the 3rd of March the Government of Niger declared a State of Emergency in the regions of Tillabery and Tahoua, following increasing numbers of attacks in the regions. UNHCR are working closely with the government and security forces to ensure the protection of the refugees in these regions, and to ensure that access to the camps and ZAR is maintained.

Urbanisation

- **Mali situation:** On the 18th of March, UNHCR held a workshop on urbanization for Malian refugees and host population in Ayorou. In 2016, the urbanization project provided 450 houses to refugees and vulnerable host families. The workshop focused on the upscaling of the urbanization project for the Malian refugees in Abala and Managize camps. The overall aim of the project is to transform the camps into sustainable settlements and provide adequate sustainable housing.

Livelihoods

- **Mali situation:** On the 24th of March, the Director of the Niger National Agency for Employment (ANPE) visited the 'One Stop Shop' for urban refugees in Niamey, to discuss with refugee students who have graduated, the President of the urban refugees and UNHCR staff. The ANPE intend to assist refugees to seek job opportunities and training programs in professional skills. A partnership between the ANPE and UNHCR is under discussion.
- **Mali situation:** During the month of March, the research institute IFROD visited all of the areas hosting Malian refugees to complete a participative socioeconomic study. This is the third study of its kind (the first in 2013, the second in 2015). The results will be used to compare with previous results and to monitor the evolution of the socioeconomic conditions of the Malian refugees, in order to feed into planning for the next 3 years.
- **Nigeria situation:** In the refugee camp of Sayam Forage; a community based women's project for the production of soap has been established in the camp. 600 blocks of soap have been produced. All will be bought by CARE International, and will be used for the next hygiene distributions. Increasing autonomy and self-reliance is an essential protection tool.

Education

- **Nigeria situation:** In the two camps, the level of school attendance has significantly improved, following successful advocacy for the provision of adequate numbers of teachers for the camps. In the Distance Education Programme, a total of 80 candidates (15 girls and 65 boys) have inscribed for the BECE/BEPC Junior Cycle end of year exams, while 91 candidates (11 girls and 70 boys) have inscribed for the SSCE/BAC Senior Cycle end of year exams. UNHCR will support them to travel to Nigeria to complete their exams.

Access to Energy

- **Nigeria situation:** 223 newly arrived families at Sayam Forage camp received gas bottles and kits in March. Regarding the out-of-camp intervention, 5,000 new households have been selected and targeted based on vulnerability and protection criteria, while the list has been validated. Distributions will go ahead in the next quarter.

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