



NIGER FACTSHEET

April 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

2,777

Malian refugee children living in the refugee hosting area of Intikane were vaccinated against Polio from 22-25th April, for National Polio Vaccination Day

43

Youth Malian refugees in Mangaize received financial assistance to boost their income generating activities, following completion of a training programme from 2015-2016

13,188

Refugees were biometrically registered in the camp of Abala after the (BIMS – Biometric Identity Management System) operation in April 2017

72

Nigerian refugee junior cycle secondary school students travelled to Nigeria to complete their end of year BECE exams as part of the Distance Education Programme

Population of concern

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

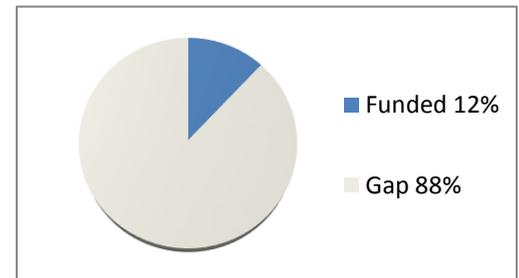
Country of Origin	Total PoC
Mali	60,154
Nigeria	121,585*
Niger	120,956**
Others	438
Total	

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

** Internally Displaced Persons (IDP)

Funding

USD 72,476,232 requested



UNHCR Presence

Staff:

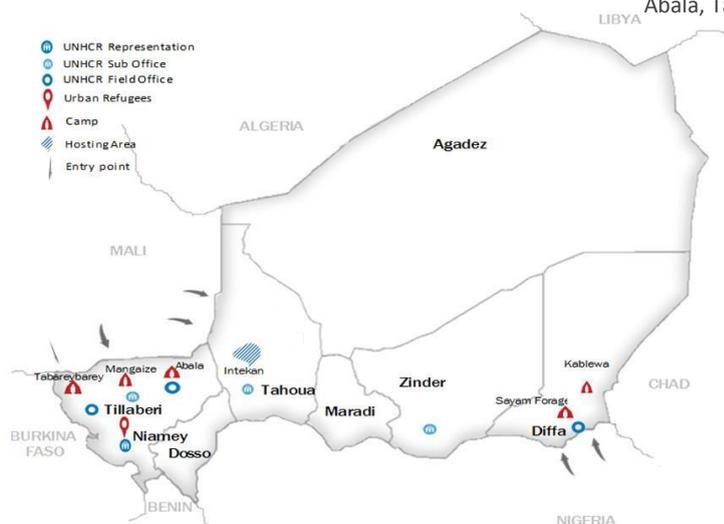
113 National staff

27 International staff

Offices:

07 offices located in:

Niamey, Tillabery, Ouallam, Abala, Tahoua, Diffa



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

Mali Situation:

- APBE: Camp management (Tillabery Camps)
- APBE: Health and nutrition (ZARs)
- Adkou: 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:** On the 20th April UNHCR and the Ministry of Interior held a validation workshop for the RADH / “Recensement Administratif de Developpement a Vocation Humanitaire” project in Diffa. The aim is to biometrically register the entire population of the Diffa region, including both displaced and host population. The project will be a joint endeavour between the Government of Niger, UNHCR and with the support of the Pakistani NADRA organisation.
- **Mali situation:** A biometric verification process (BIMS – Biometric Identity Management System) for all refugees in Abala began on the 14th April. A total of 2,794 households of 13,188 persons were identified and provided with documentation at the end of the process.
- Following the declaration of a State of Emergency in the regions of Tillabery and Tahoua in March, UNHCR undertook a widespread sensitization campaign to inform the refugees about the new measures and restrictions in place.

Health

- **Nigeria situation:** On the 14th of April, the Minister of Health declared a Hepatitis E epidemic in the region of Diffa. The humanitarian community, under the leadership of the Regional Directorate for Public Health, set up three sub-committees in the region: WASH, Health and Communication, to respond to the epidemic. The three sub-groups are currently finalizing a joint multi-sectoral contingency plan. UNHCR are rapidly responding within the camps, however, support is needed from the WASH WG, particularly for the camp of Kablewa.

Livelihoods

- **Mali situation:** From 17 to 21st April 2017 a cross border mission from Niger to Burkina Faso was undertaken, including UNHCR staff and a group of 9 Malian artisan refugees living in the camps and ZARs. The aim of the mission was to share experiences and to increase knowledge on production and sale of artisanal products. Malian refugees exchanged knowledge with their fellow refugees in Burkina Faso. UNHCR are using the lessons learned as a basis to plan for livelihood support activities in Niger.

Education

- **Nigeria situation:** As part of the Distance Education Project for Nigerian secondary school students in Diffa, 72 junior cycle students (BECE) travelled in Kano in Nigeria in April to complete their end of year exams. This trip was facilitated by UNHCR, and will enable them to achieve the nationally recognized Nigerian certificate. In May, 91 senior cycle (SSCE) students will also travel to Nigeria to complete their final exams. The construction of an examination centre in the Diffa region is planned for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

Shelter & NFI

- **Nigeria situation:** As part of the Urbanization project, the communal authorities in the Diffa region created the “Committee for the Management of Urban Space” (CAUEC) in April. The urbanization project concept has been shared with all communes in the region of Diffa, while works are ongoing in 7 communes. Additional land is being divided into parcels in the communes of Diffa (110 hectares) and Toumour (50 hectares).

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