500 more refugees relocated in Maradi region

January 2021

Non-state armed groups killings, looting and kidnappings in Nigeria's North-Western States have forced **70,000 people** to take refuge in Maradi region, Niger over the past two years.

In September 2019, **UNHCR opened a sub-office in Maradi** to coordinate, assistance provision, including registration, protection, health, housing, access to WASH services and education.

A key feature of the response is the relocation of refugees in villages of opportunity, away from the border, to ensure their safety. For now, **11,001 refugees have been relocated**.

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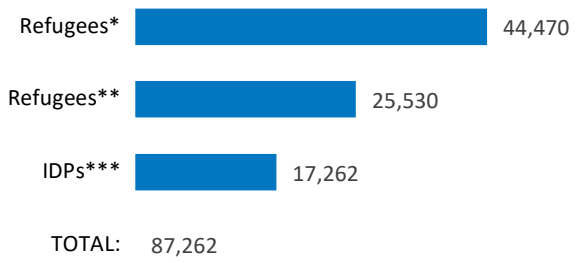

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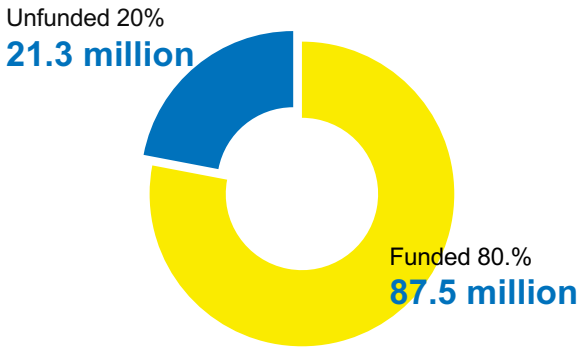

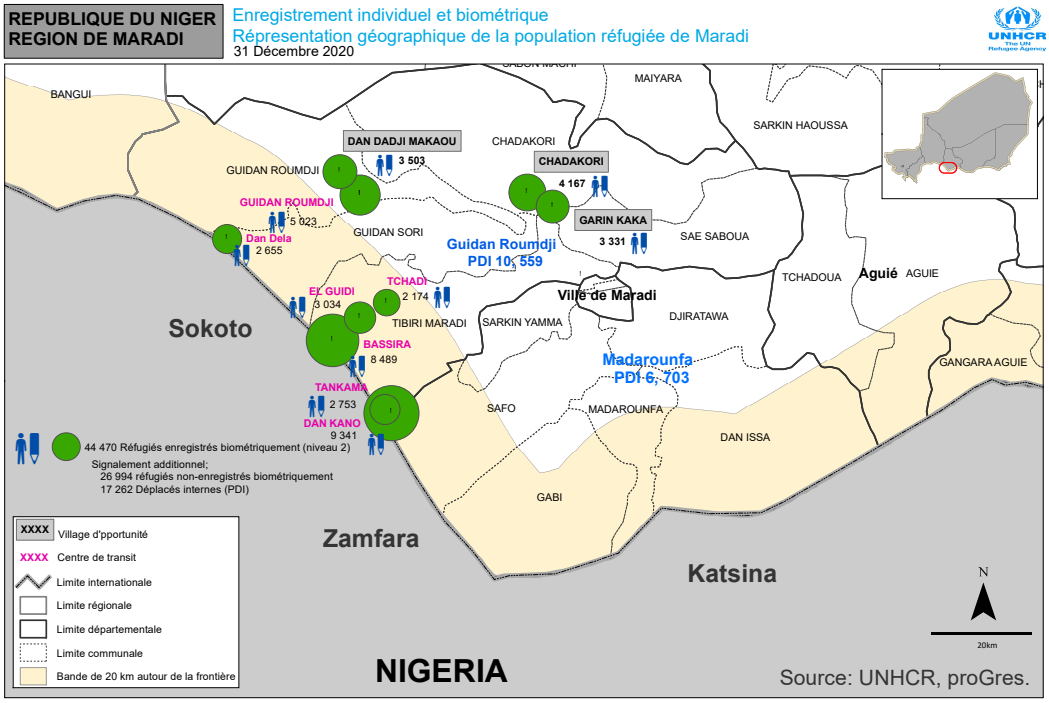

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Operational context

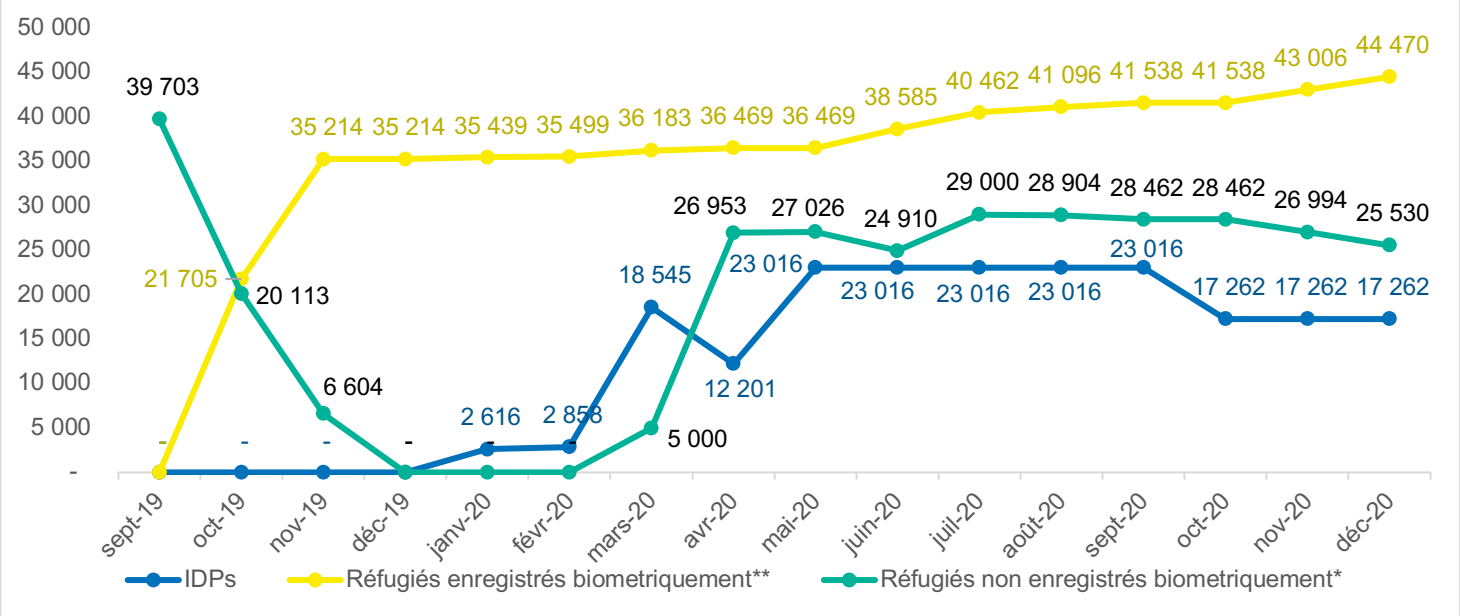
Since September 2018, non-state armed groups (NSAG) activities have forced 70,000 Nigerians to flee to Maradi region, Niger. In addition, their repeated incursions on Nigerien soil have triggered the internal displacement of over 17,262 people.

Operational strategy

UNHCR response in Maradi focuses on the relocation of refugees away from the border to ensure their safety and ease the pressure on host communities in the border strip. Refugee sites have been built nearby rural villages. Services such as water adduction, health and education are provided to both refugees and host communities. As of 10 January, three "villages of opportunity" host a total of 11,001 refugees.

Population statistics

Persons of concern in Maradi region since September 2019



** Biometrically registered refugees

* Non-biometrically registered refugees

As of 1st January, UNHCR and the government (National Eligibility Commission, CNE) carried out the biometric registration of 44,470 Nigerian refugees (11,705 households), 68% of whom are minors, 23% women and 9% men. **In addition, an estimated 25,500 non-biometrically registered refugee live in the area**. The number of Internally displaced people (IDPs) has surge since late March 2020. The enlistment campaign conducted by the Nigerien authorities gives a figure of 17 262 IDPs.

Main activities

Protection

Nigerian Refugees leaving Dan Gado for Chadakori on December 2020

- A new relocation campaign has begun on 28 October 2020. **By mid-January, more than 3,500 refugees have been relocated** to the village of opportunity of Chadakori. In total the three villages of opportunity host 11,001 refugees: 4,187 in Chadakori, 3,503 in Dan Dadji Makaou and 3,331 in Gari Kaka.
- UNHCR partners CIAUD, ANTD and APBE organized **sensitization campaigns on a wide range of topics including** COVID-19 and malaria prevention, child protection and sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), reaching 17,357 persons of concern and members of host communities.
- A total of **604 persons with specific needs**, including disabilities, single parents, lone elders have been identified and referenced to partners for care and support.

Health

- The first new cases of COVID-19 since June 2020 have been registered in the region which was largely spared up until now with only 11 cases and four deaths. Between 10 December and 10 January, 48 news cases and three deaths occurred. The UNHCR provided 15 Refugees Housing Units (RHUs) to the local authorities to help isolate and treat patients.

15 RHUs have been installed in Maradi stadium to help cope with a new wave of COVID-19

- In the villages of opportunity, the partner APBE carried out 2,370 consultations (52% refugees and 48% host community members), diagnosed and treated 452 malaria cases, assisted 33 women to give birth and transferred 12 patients to secondary medical centers.

Shelters

- A total of 307 emergency shelter have been built to host the refugees relocated in Chadakori
- The construction of three medical centers in durable materials has started in the three villages of opportunity.

WASH

- Seven washing and drying areas have been built: three in Chadakori, two in Dan Dadji Makaou and two in Garin Kaka.
- Sixty hand-washing devices have been installed in Chadakori.
- Twenty-three solar panel have been built to provide light to latrines, showers and washing areas.

Main challenges

- **The security situation remains volatile.** Attacks by criminal groups are still frequent in spite of the deployment of security forces on both sides of the border. Relentless incursions by Nigerian armed groups into Niger pose a serious threat to humanitarian activity. The regional authorities require the presence of security forces escorts to enter the intervention zone.

- **Financial resources remain insufficient.** In 2020, UNHCR and the other actors responding to the Nigerian refugee situation in Niger require 68 million USD to cover both DIffa and Maradi regions. Concurrent needs in other Nigerien regions strain humanitarian actors' financial resources and hence their capacity to respond.

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	Domaine	Partenaires
	Abris & Infrastructures	NRC, APBE
	Moyens de subsistance	APBE
	Coexistence pacifique	DRC
	Eau, assainissement et hygiène	World Vision, Croix-Rouge espagnole
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