The total population of concern (PoC) to UNHCR in West and Central Africa (WCA) relates to the people UNHCR is mandated to protect and assist. It includes those who have been forcibly displaced; those who have returned home within recent years; those who are stateless or at risk of statelessness; and other groups to whom UNHCR has extended its protection or assisted on a humanitarian basis.

### MILLION REFUGEES & ASYLUM-SEEKERS

13.3 MILLION

### MILLION INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

1.6 MILLION

### MILLION STATELESS & AT RISK OF STATELESSNESS

7.7 MILLION

### MILLION RETURNED INTERNALLY DISPLACED

1.6 MILLION

### MILLION OTHERS RETURNED

0.4 MILLION

### MILLION OTHERS OF CONCERN

0.1 MILLION

The total of 1.6 million refugees represent a 68% increase from July 2021. Chad hosts the largest number of refugees with 67% from Sudan. Cameroon hosts the second largest number of refugees mainly from the Central African Republic (72%) and Nigeria (27%).

The number of internally displaced persons rose to an estimated 7.7 million. Nigeria hosts 41% of the IDP population in the region. Burkina Faso has the second largest number of IDP (25%) with an increase of over 52% in one year.

The Lake Chad Basin hosts 36% of forcibly displaced population in West and Central Africa. Central Sahel hosts the second largest number (31%) with the major being Internally Displaced Persons in Burkina Faso (64%).

The total of 1.6 million refugees have an estimated number of 476,731 in CAR, 397,787 in Sudan, and 359,114 in Nigeria.

**POPULATION TRENDS**

- **JUL** 2022: 13,309,934
- **AUG** 2022: 13,309,934
- **SEP** 2022: 13,330,034
- **OCT** 2022: 13,318,036
- **NOV** 2022: 13,317,034
- **DEC** 2022: 13,290,034
- **JAN** 2023: 13,290,034
- **FEB** 2023: 13,290,034
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**MAIN COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN**

- CAR: 466,731
- Sudan: 397,787
- Nigeria: 359,114
- Cameroon: 123,662
- Mali: 91,991
- Burkina Faso: 47,346
- Mauritania: 24,492

**MAIN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM**

- Chad: 584,828
- Cameroon: 493,998
- Nigeria: 293,256
- Mali: 85,688
- Burkina Faso: 27,616
- Senegal: 12,111

**INTERNATIONAL DISPLACEMENTS**

- Nigeria: 3,167,581
- Burkina Faso: 1,902,150
- Cameroon: 955,540
- CAR: 601,265
- Chad: 381,289
- Niger: 370,548
- Nigeria: 347,648

**PERSONS OF CONCERN BY COUNTRY**

- **Refugees & Asylum-Seekers**: 1.771
- **Refugees Returned**: 1.175
- **IDP**: 1.902,150
- **Returned IDP**: 2.946
- **Stateless**: 1.1M
- **Others**: 1.2M

**POPULATION OF CONCERN**

- **Children**: 54%
- **Women & Children**: 80%

**Refugees with Specific Needs**

- **Child at Risk**: 120,175
- **Legal & Physical Needs**: 209,281
- **Woman at Risk**: 67,891
- **Single Parent**: 52,969
- **Older Person at Risk**: 4,395
- **Persons with Disability**: 40,220
- **Serious Med. Condition**: 18,623

**Refugees in Camps**

- **Asylum Seekers in Camps**: 47%

**Refugees in Urban Area**

- **Asylum Seekers in Urban Area**: 9%

**SITUATIONS**

- **CAR Situation**: 734,919
- **Far North Cameroon**: 42,543
- **Sahel Situation**: 1,139,296

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**Internally Displaced Persons in CAR**: 1,1M

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**Asylum Seekers**

- **Central African Republic**: 1.3M
- **Nigeria**: 1.5M
- **Democratic Republic of Congo**: 1.3M

**Refugees**

- **Cameroon**: 4.7M
- **Democratic Republic of Congo**: 3.1M
- **Sudan**: 1.9M

**Stateless Persons**

- **Cameroon**: 91,091
- **Central African Republic**: 9,588
- **Nigeria**: 3,257,149

**Persons of Concern**

- **Province of Territorial Administration of CAR**: 679
- **Other Provinces**: 543

**Special Needs**

- **Children Under 5**: 3
- **Women Over 40**: 2
- **Males Over 40**: 2

**Gender Distribution**

- **Female**: 54%
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