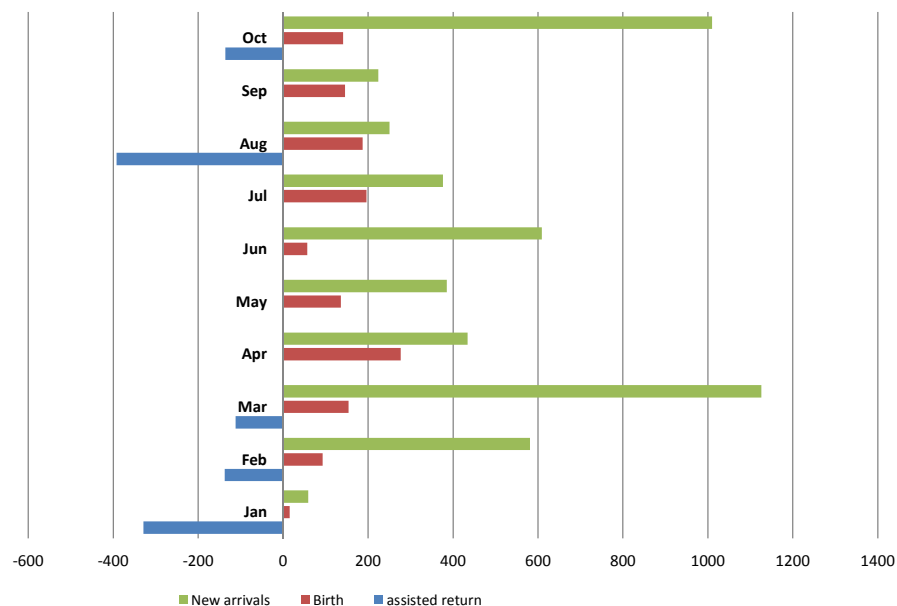
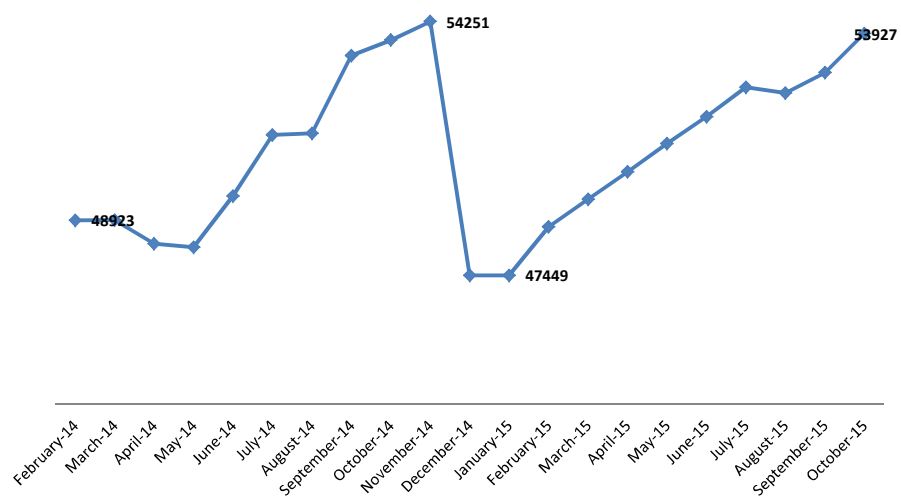


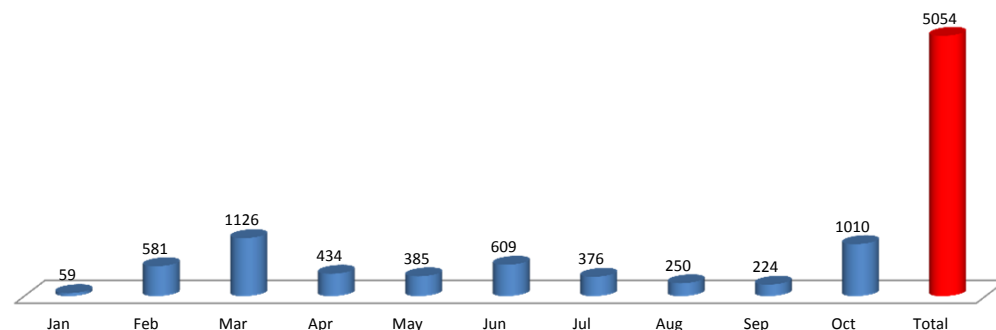
Assisted returns vs Arrivals & births in 2015



Malian refugees in the last 20 months in Niger



Malian refugees arrivals in Niger between Jan - Oct 2015



**Monthly variation considers all new arrivals in Niger that have completed the registration process in proGres (photos, finger prints...)

** 2000 to 3000 new arrivals in Inates will be verified and registered in proGres

Why no body mentioned it?

From 1 January to 31 October 2015, UNHCR Niger facilitated the voluntary repatriation of 1107 refugees.

Despite these returns the number of new arrivals as well as the natural growth of the population has increased the overall refugee population by more than 10%.

The overall figure in proGres now stands at 53,927 while around 3,000 persons are still awaiting verification and registration. This means that the number of Malian refugees in Niger has reached the highest ever.

At the same time UNHCR Niger has seen a steady reduction of its operational budget which will continue in 2016. The departure of self-financing NGOs, the phasing-out by Unicef, and the decision by WFP to discontinue the EMOP for the Mali situation, is severely straining the capacity by Niger to absorb this additional population. The 2016 COP, based on the assumption of stable beneficiary figures and geared towards self-reliance, risks to be overtaken by events.

It is recalled that the internal emergency status for the Mali situation has been de-activated recently. Almost four years after the mass influx, and while the operation tends towards a protracted situation, the steady influx of Malians meets a UNHCR stretched to the limits.

