

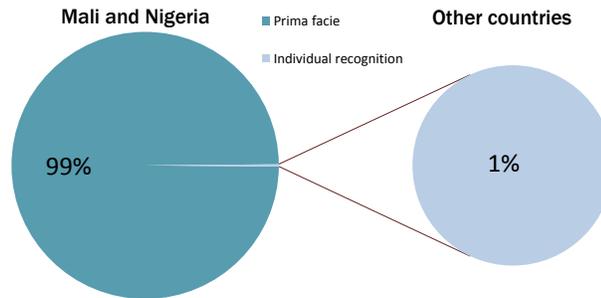
21 COUNTRIES

of origin of recognized refugees and pending asylum seekers in Niger

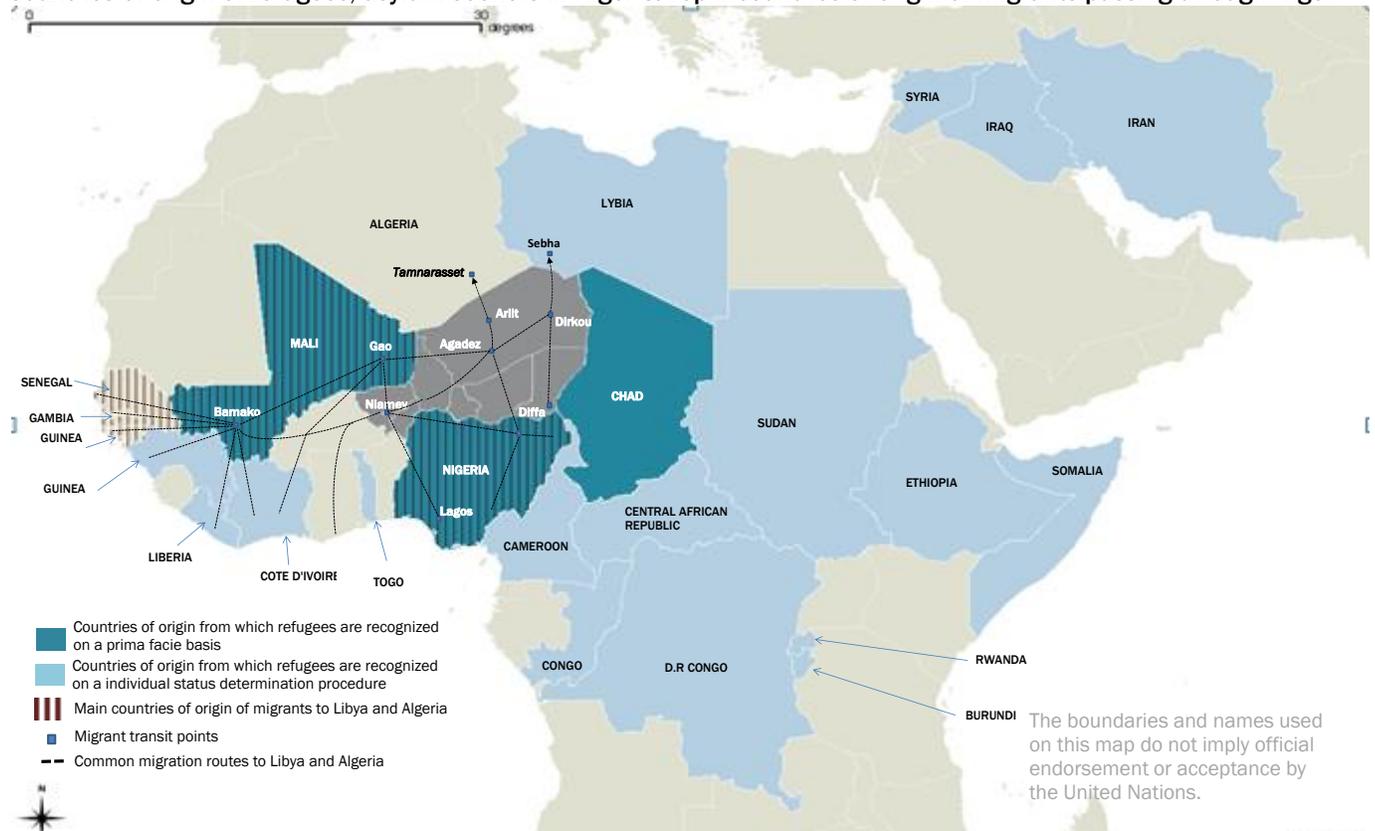


2 COUNTRIES

Mali and Nigeria, the countries of origin for 99% of refugees in Niger



Countries of origin of refugees, asylum seekers in Niger & Top 5 countries of origin of migrants passing through Niger



Migration flows

Niger is a major transit country for West and Central African migrants towards Libya and Algeria. IOM estimates that up to 100,000 migrants will pass through Niger in 2015. In addition, thousands of Nigerien citizens are migrating to North Africa each year, making Niger also an important country of origin of migrants.

Assistance to migrants

IOM runs 4 transit centers in Niger through which information and assistance is provided to stranded, returning or particular vulnerable migrants. IOM provides, in cooperation with the French and the Nigerien Red Cross temporary accommodation in the centers, food, medical and psycho-social support as well as voluntary return to and reintegration assistance in the country of origin.

Mixed Flows : Refugees and Migrants

Among the migrants transiting through Niger is a limited number of persons falling under UNHCR's international protection mandate. To identify such persons UNHCR and IOM have set-up a referral system. Yet, referrals in 2014 were very low as these migrants have as only option to apply for asylum in Niger. In case they succeed, they will have the right to stay in Niger. So far no resettlement to third countries has taken place. It has also been observed that in recent years a majority of asylum seekers in Niger does not wait for a decision but abandons the asylum procedures and decide to move on to other countries.



Background information

Niger is a signatory of the international refugee conventions (1951 Convention & 1967 Protocol, the 1969 OAU Convention) and has adopted a national refugee legislation. Niger has become a major country of asylum:

KEY EVENTS

Dec 1990

With the regime change in Chad, thousands of people fled to Niger and were recognized on a prima facie basis. Today about 150 persons of this caseload remain in Niger.

January 2012

When fighting broke out in Northern Mali, thousands of people fled the country, Niger recognizes Malian refugees on a prima facie basis currently hosts nearly 50,000 Malian

May 2013

Following the crisis in northeastern Nigeria thousands of people have been forced to seek refuge in neighbouring countries including Niger. An estimated 100,000 displaced persons (Nigerian refugees and Undocumented Niger nationals) are currently hosted in Diffa region.

Individual asylum requests and refugee status determination

Asylum seekers from all other nationalities need to individually request asylum with the National Commission of Eligibility for Refugee Status, responsible for refugee status determination. 206 individually recognized refugees currently live in Niger and 106 asylum seekers await the decision on their cases.

Average time of processing individual request

19 MONTHS

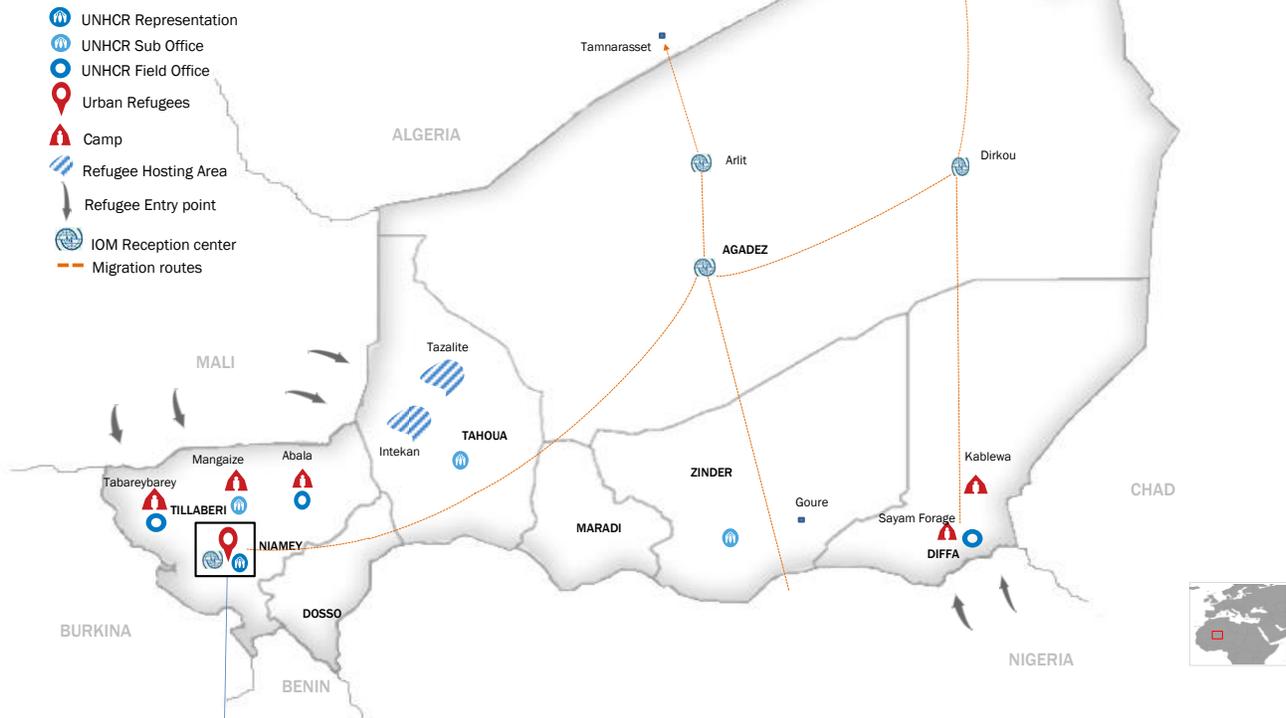
from the introduction of asylum request to the notification of the first instance decision

Average time of processing appeal request

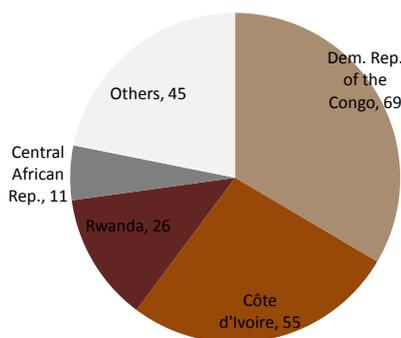
14 MONTHS

from the appeal to the notification of the final decision

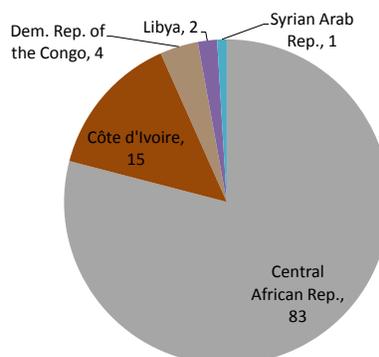
Localization of refugee camps and migrant reception centers



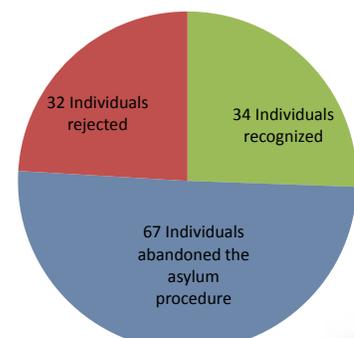
of recognized refugees by country of origin on the basis of an individual request (Total=206)



of pending individual requests by country of origin (Total=106)



Asylum decisions in 2013 and 2014



As of 31 December 2014

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