



# NIGER

## FACTSHEET

September 2016

### HIGHLIGHTS

**302,387**

Displaced persons in the Diffa region: estimates published in September by the Niger authorities with the support of UNHCR

**4,648**

Malian refugee households received mosquito nets in Mangaize camp in September to minimize the risk of malaria

**12,325**

Vulnerable displaced and host families received gas bottles for domestic energy in the Diffa region in 2016

**5,449**

Newly arrived Malian refugees between January and the start of September 2016

### Population of concern

A total of **363,746** people of concern

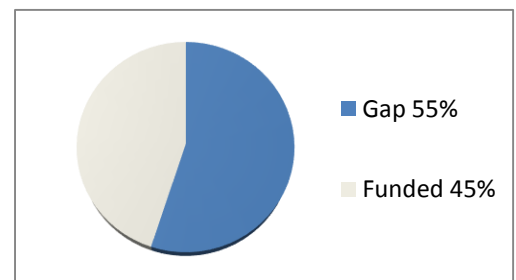
Country of Origin	Total PoC
Mali	60,865
Nigeria	117,983*
Niger	184,404**
Others	494
<b>Total</b>	

\* This figure includes 88,668 Nigerian refugees and 29,315 returnees

\*\* Internally Displaced Persons (IDP)

### Funding

**USD 51,188,166** requested



### UNHCR Presence

#### Staff:

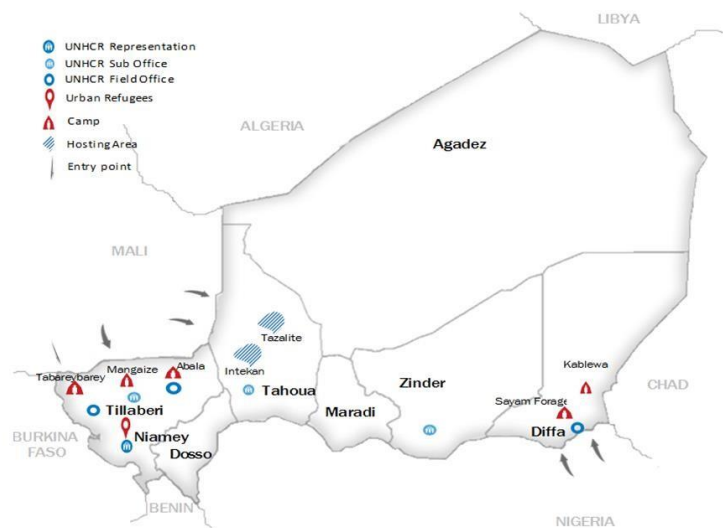
105 national staff

35 international staff

#### Offices:

07 offices located in:

Niamey, Tillabéri, Ouallam, Abala, Tahoua, Zinder, Diffa



## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

### Mali Situation:

- APBE: Camp management (Tillabery Camps)
- APBE: Health and nutrition (ZARs)
- Adkoul: Multi-sectorial management (ZARs)
- DICKO: Protection and boarder monitoring
- Qatari Red Crescent and DRSP: Health (Tillabery Camps)
- Handicap International: Assistance to Urban refugees
- Plan Niger: Livelihood
- 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:** From the 31<sup>st</sup> of August to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September, the Deputy Representative of UNHCR, the Deputy Representative of UNICEF and the Country Director of IRC carried out a joint mission to Diffa. The mission was to discuss synergizing the efforts of the three organizations as regards to the provision of a coordinated protection response. UNHCR have recruited additional Protection experts to strengthen the community based protection mechanism in the Diffa region.
- **Mali situation:** From 16 to 17<sup>th</sup> September the Burkina Faso National Commission for refugees visited the Malian refugee camps of Tillabery region to exchange and learn about the innovative actions of the Niger Commission for Civil Status and Refugees, supported by UNHCR. This is part of the overall UNHCR Regional Response to the Mali Situation.

### Education

- **Mali situation:** UNHCR awarded the annual prestigious DAFI scholarships to refugees in the region during the month of September. Of 11 refugee students selected in the region, 4 were selected from Niger. This includes 3 Malian refugees living in Tabarybarey and Abala camps and Niamey, and 1 Nigerian refugee living in Diffa. All of the students will be supported to undertake third level studies in the University of Tahoua, with whom UNHCR Niger recently signed a MoU with the aim of supporting tertiary education for refugees in Niger.
- **Nigeria situation:** Of 69 Nigerian students (40 BECE – junior cycle, 29 SSCE – senior cycle) who travelled to Kano in Nigeria in April and May to complete their end of year exams, as part of the UNHCR supported Distance Education Programme, 87% passed their exams on the first attempt. The remaining students will travel again to Nigeria in October and November to repeat the exams.

### Health

- **Nigeria situation:** 20,000 mosquito are being distributed inside and outside of the camps in the Diffa region in an effort to minimize cases of malaria. The fourth polio vaccination campaign this year is currently underway in the Diffa region. At the beginning of September, the cumulative vaccination coverage rate for the Diffa region was 108%.

### Coordination

- **Nigeria situation:** On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September a regional workshop was held in Diffa in the Framework of the preparation of the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) and Nigeria Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRRP) processes by UNHCR and OCHA. Representatives of the national authorities from the various Regional Directorates, as well as UN agencies, INGO and NGOs participated. The workshop was facilitated by OCHA and UNHCR. The results will feed into the national validation workshop which will be held in October in Niamey.

### Livelihoods and Self-Reliance

- **Mali situation:** In preparation for the roll out of Targeted Cash Assistance in 2 of the 5 Malian refugee camps / hosting areas in January, WFP and UNHCR have completed surveys and enumeration of 2,958 households, in addition to carrying out 17 focus group discussions with refugee representatives and numerous sensitization and community outreach sessions. A complaints mechanism has been established, while final steps in terms of the identification of a mobile money provider is under way. A Cash and Learning Partnership (CaLP) study carried out in Mangaize camp earlier in the year revealed that cash assistance was having a positive impact on the local economy, whilst refugees expressed overwhelming preference for cash rather than in-kind assistance.

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