

ADVOCACY & FUNDING

\$ CERF ALLOCATES US\$55 MILLION TO THE REGION

On 30 January, the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) released US\$49 million to assist over 3 million people in Nigeria (\$22 million), Cameroon (\$10 million), Niger (\$10 million) and Mali (\$7 million), as part of the 2017 first underfunded emergencies round. In the Central African Republic, US\$ 6 million were released to support the humanitarian response to new food-related emergencies in the country. This will enable WFP to assist 36,800 people facing food insecurity in the Kaga Bandoro, Bambari and Bria areas following the successive crises that hit the region in recent months.

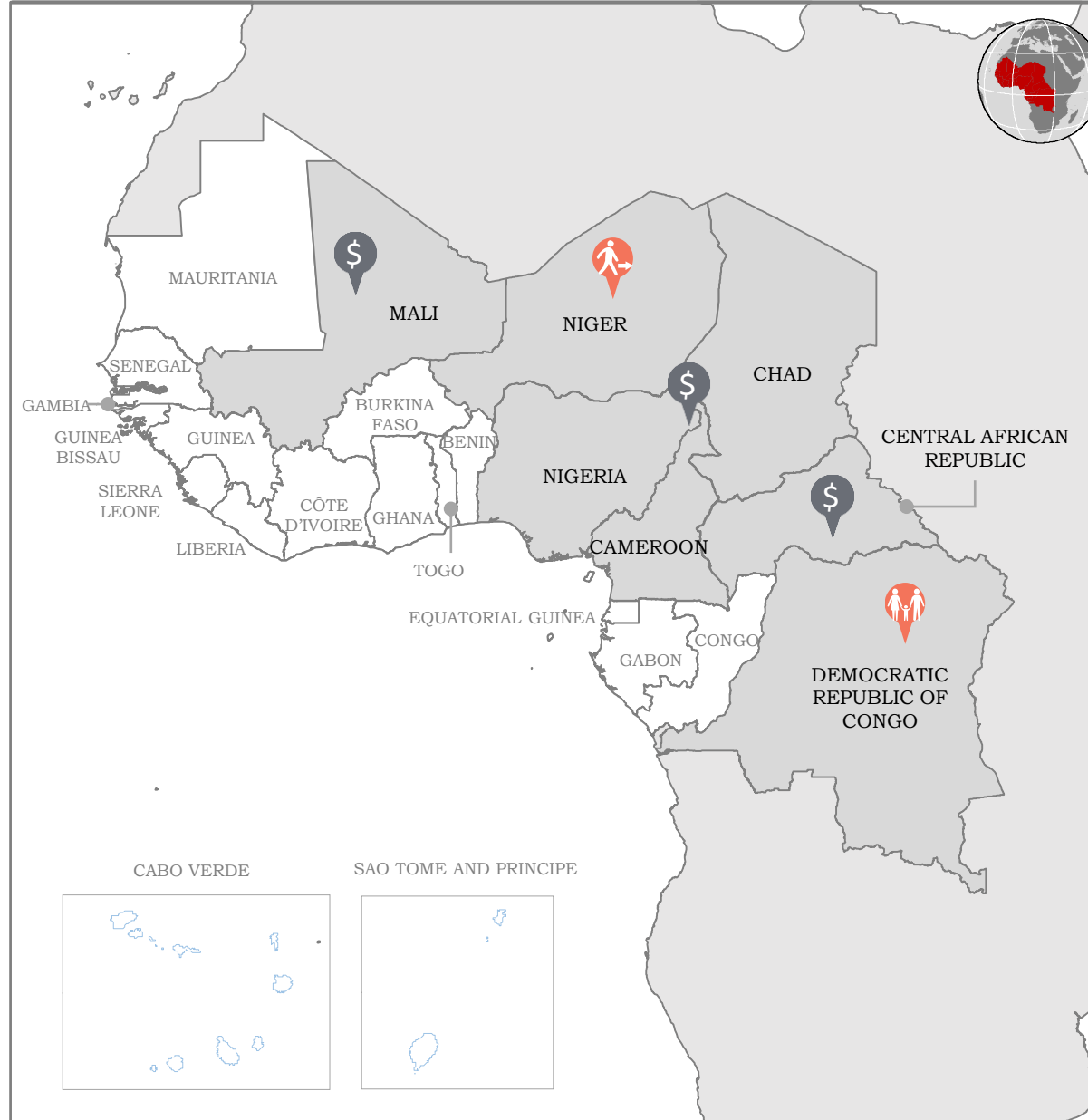
HUMANITARIAN CONFERENCE ON NIGERIA AND THE LAKE CHAD REGION

On 24 February in Oslo, the Government of Norway will host a humanitarian conference on Nigeria and the Lake Chad Region, in partnership with the Governments of Germany and Nigeria. The conference aims to raise political and material support for the humanitarian response in the Lake Chad Basin region. Three thematic segments will focus on education, food security and protection/access. The conference will be preceded by a civil society forum on 23 February.

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53,000 DISPLACED FOUND WITH ACUTE NEEDS

An assessment led by humanitarian partners on 23-28 January in Moba territory in the country's south-eastern Tanganyika region identified over 53,000 displaced persons, some requiring urgent food and WASH assistance. An assessment will take place in the province next week to identify ways to expand the response and prevent the rapid deterioration of the humanitarian situation following a worsening of the inter-communal conflict that has been affecting the region over the past months.



NIGER

OVER 1,000 REFUGEES RELOCATED FROM TAZALIT

On 31 January, UNHCR completed a ten-day operation to relocate 1,025 out of 3,600 targeted refugees from the Tazalit IDP camp, in the country's western Tahoua region, to the Intikane hosting area further south. The location had been attacked by armed assailants in October 2016, resulting in the deaths of 22 Nigerien military officers. In November, the Government announced the closing of the site, giving the refugees the option to move to Intikane, where over 18,000 refugees are already hosted.

58 CASES OF MENINGITIS

According to local health authorities, 58 suspected cases of meningitis, resulting in two deaths, were registered in Niger in January in the regions of Diffa and Agadez. With a lethality rate estimated at 3.4 per cent, the alert or epidemic thresholds have not yet been reached. During the same reporting period last year, some 155 cases and 15 deaths had been reported.