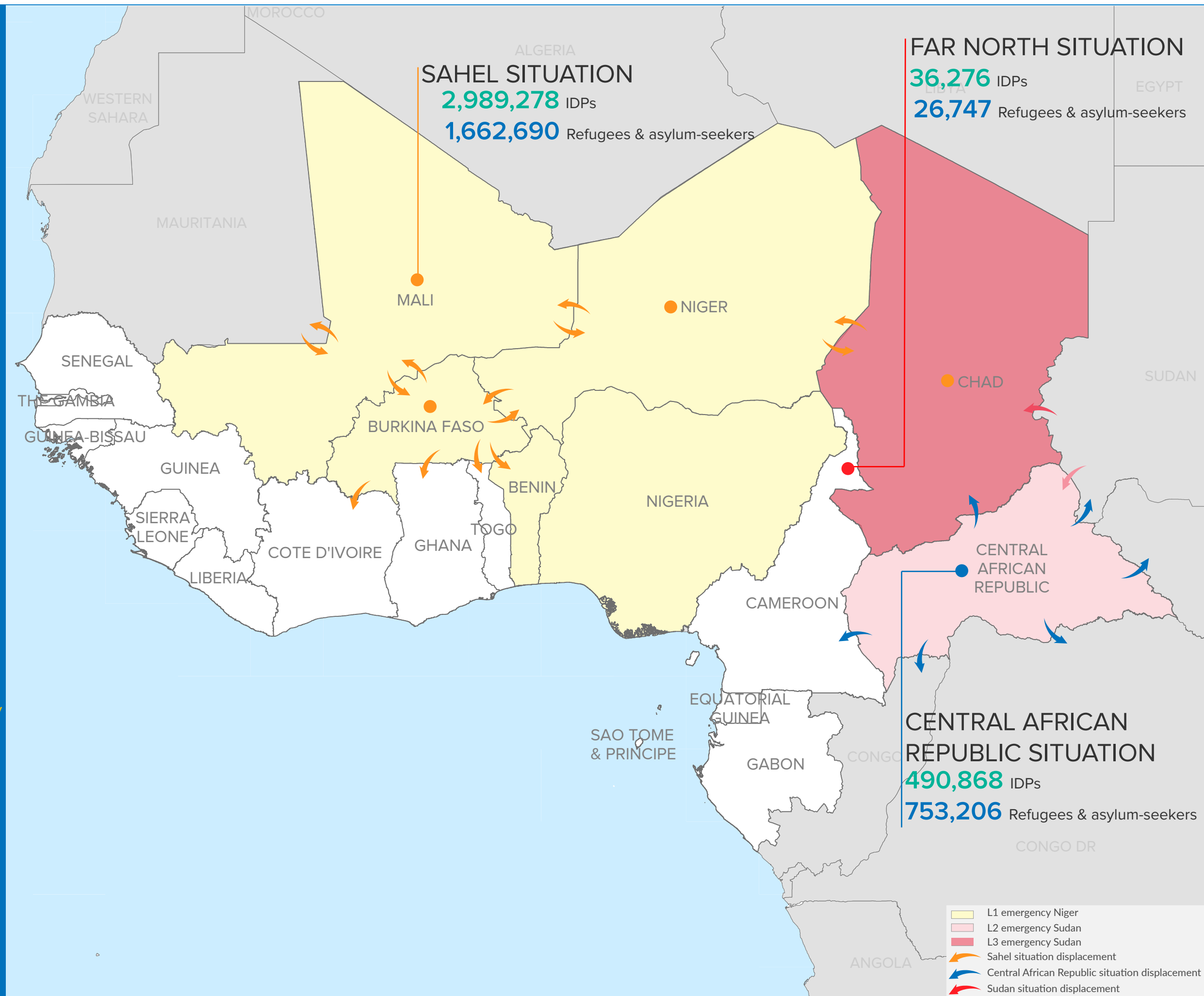
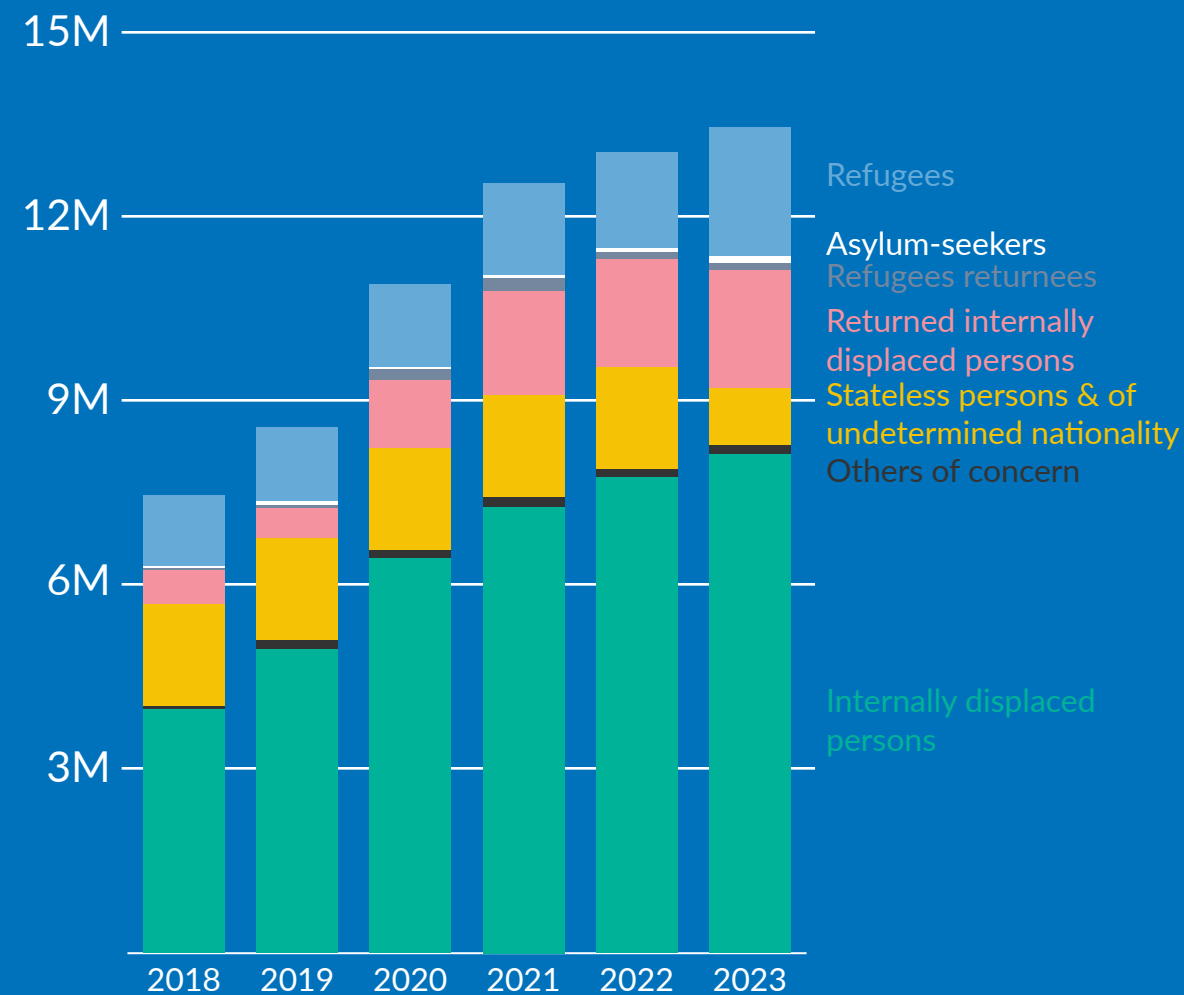


13.4 MILLION

FORCIBLY DISPLACED AND STATELESS PERSONS



Populations trends 2018 - 2023



13.4 MILLION
FORCIBLY DISPLACED &
STATELESS PERSONS

UNHCR protects and assists forcibly displaced and stateless persons across the West and Central African region. UNHCR works with and for refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced persons (IDPs), refugee and IDP returnees, stateless and of undetermined nationality persons. Protection and assistance is extended to additional groups, based on humanitarian and other special grounds.

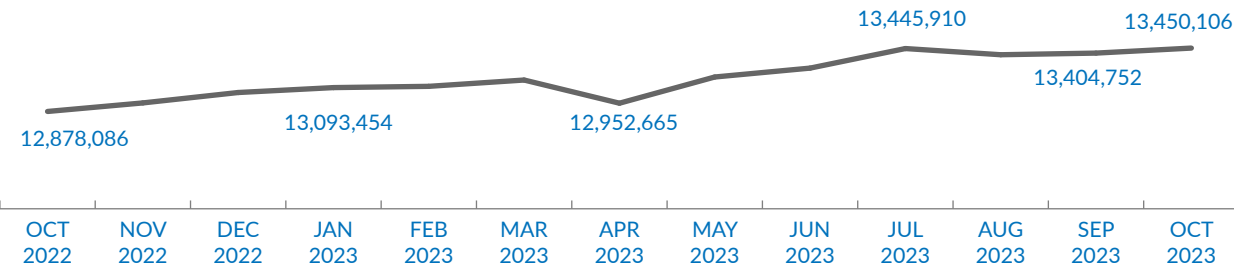
2.2 MILLION REFUGEES & ASYLUM-SEEKERS
8.1 MILLION INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS
0.9 MILLION STATELESS & OF UNDETERMINED NATIONALITY
1.9 MILLION RETURNED INTERNALLY DISPLACED
0.1 MILLION REFUGEES RETURNEEES
0.1 MILLION OTHERS OF CONCERN

Internally displaced persons represent the vast majority of the forcibly displaced population in the West and Central Africa region. With Nigeria, Burkina Faso and Cameroon respectively hosting 44%, 25% and 13% of the total IDP population.

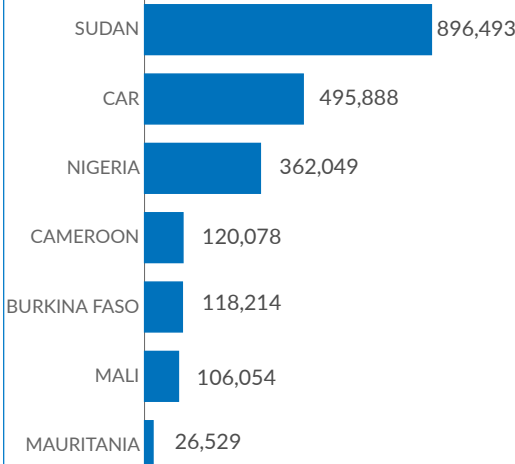
The current number of 2.2 million refugees and asylum seekers marks a substantial 36% increase from the number reported in October 2022, mainly as a result of the ongoing crisis in Sudan and the deteriorating security situation in the Central Sahel. The largest hosting refugee country in the region is Chad with 48% of the total population, followed by Cameroon with 22%. Sudan, the Central African Republic (CAR), and Nigeria are the main countries of origin, collectively representing 80% of the region's refugee population.

West Africa hosts over 931,000 stateless persons and people of undetermined nationality, reported mainly in Côte d'Ivoire and Cabo Verde. Millions of people are reported to be at risk of statelessness across the region.

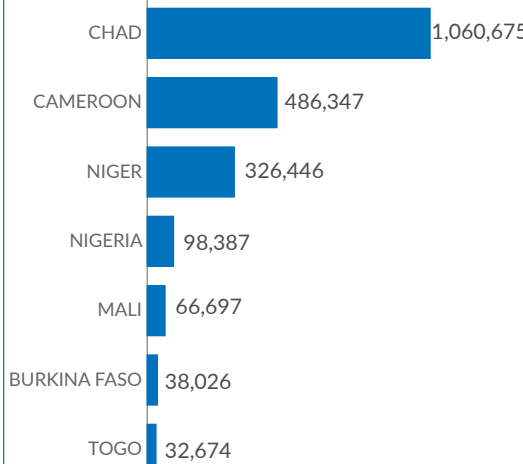
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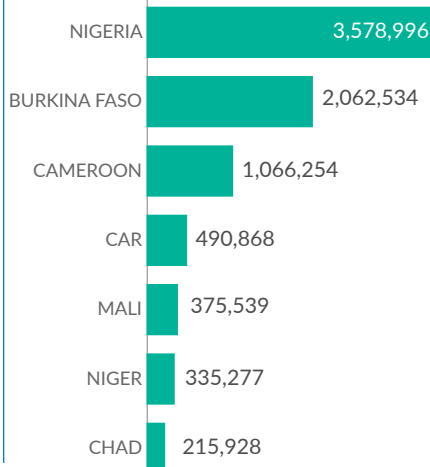
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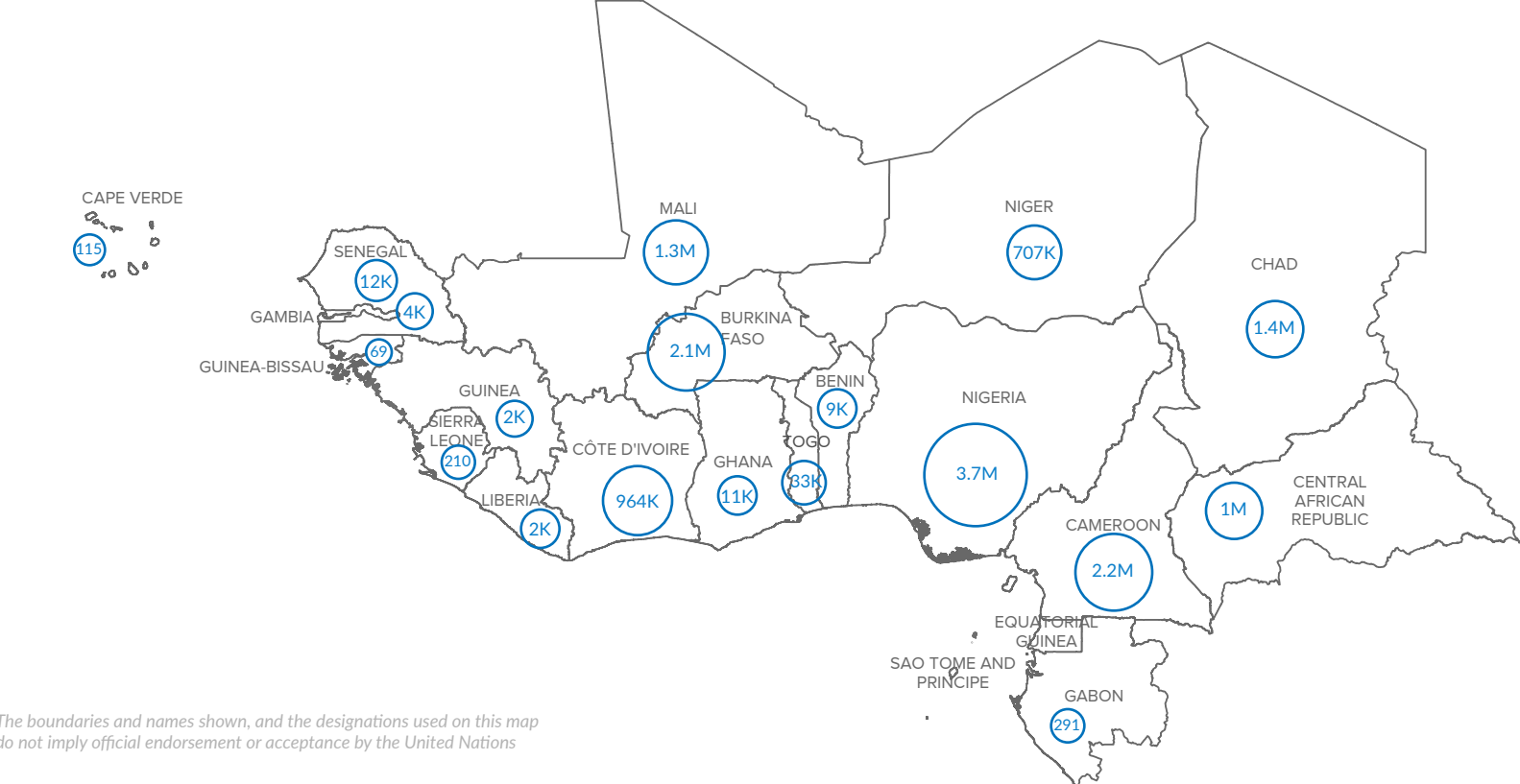
MAIN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM



INTERNAL DISPLACEMENTS



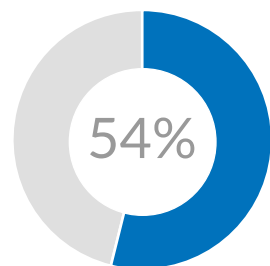
PERSONS OF CONCERN BY COUNTRY



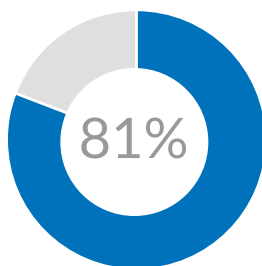
	REFUGEES	ASYLUM SEEKERS	REF. RETURNEES	IDPs	RETURNED IDP	STATELESS	OTHERS	TOTAL
BENIN	2,656	5,942						8,598
BURKINA FASO	37,459	567		2,062,534				2,100,560
CAMEROON	477,277	9,070		1,066,254	645,746			2,198,347
CAPE VERDE						115		115
CAR	23,120	1,788	31,662	490,868	499,430			1,046,868
CHAD	1,055,122	5,553		215,928			100,543	1,377,146
COTE D'IVOIRE	2,282	30,229				931,076	94	963,681
GABON	211	80						291
GAMBIA	3,772	447						4,219
GHANA	7,014	4,261						11,275
GUINEA	2,204	57						2,261
GUINEA BISSAU	32	37						69
LIBERIA	1,167	617						1,784
MALI	66,422	275	85,146	375,539	776,315			1,303,697
NIGER	290,969	35,477		335,277			45,272	707,133
NIGERIA	90,402	7,985	1,319	3,578,996				3,678,702
SENEGAL	11,853	623						12,476
SIERRA LEONE							210	210
TOGO	28,261	4,413						32,674
GRAND TOTAL	2,100,223	107,421	118,127	8,125,396	1,921,491	931,191	146,257	13,450,106

REFUGEE & ASYLUM-SEEKERS POPULATION PROFILE

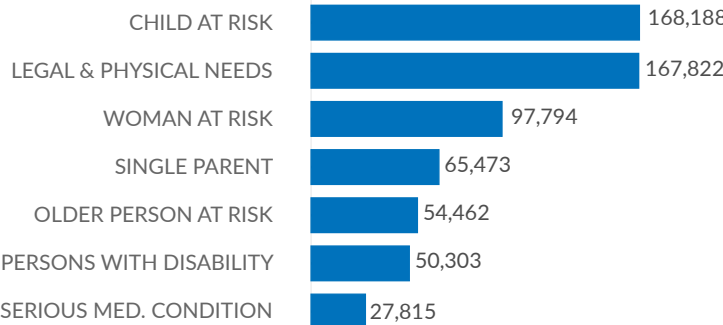
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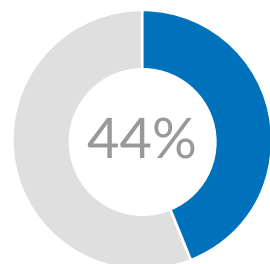
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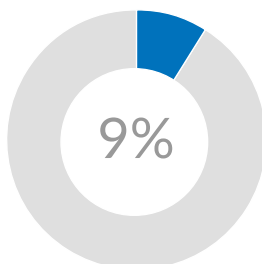
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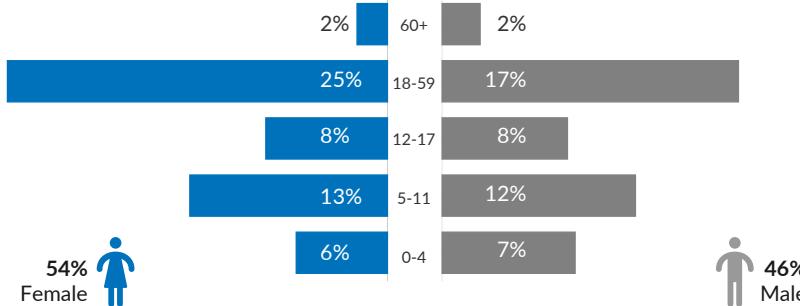
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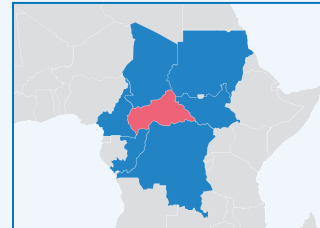


DEMOGRAPHICS



SITUATION

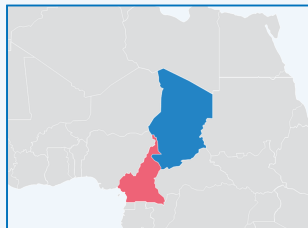
CAR SITUATION



753,206
REFUGEES AND
ASYLUM-SEEKERS
490,868
INTERNALLY
DISPLACED PERSONS

These figures represent refugees from Central African Republic in neighboring countries (Cameroon, Chad, Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, South Sudan) and IDP in Central African Republic

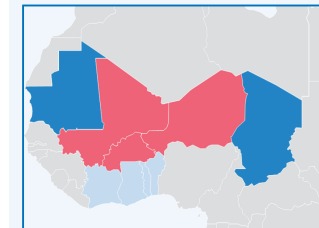
FAR NORTH CAMEROON



26,747
REFUGEES AND
ASYLUM-SEEKERS
36,276
INTERNALLY
DISPLACED PERSONS

These figures represent Cameroonian refugees in Chad and forcibly displaced people following the outbreak of violence in the Far North region of Cameroon in December 2021.

SAHEL SITUATION



1,662,275
REFUGEES AND
ASYLUM-SEEKERS
2,989,278
INTERNALLY
DISPLACED PERSONS

These figures represent all refugees and IDPs in Central Sahel (Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger), Chad and Mauritania. Refugees from Central Sahel in neighboring coastal countries (Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo) are also included.