

Biometric registration and physical verification – Minawao camp

Biometric registration officially began in Minawao camp on 31 January 2018. At that date, the camp hosted 62,508 registered refugees. The actual exercise took place until 28 February, followed by a catch-up period for absentees and data consolidation. The purpose of the operation was:

- To update basic identity data
- To ensure biometric enrollment of people over 4 years of age
- To carry-out in-depth identification of people with specific needs
- To collect data and information on return intentions
- To renew all documents (ration cards and refugee attestations).

A total 42,149 individuals were physically verified in Minawao camp during the mass exercise that ended on 28 February 2018. Through the continuous registration process, the number of verified refugees amounted to 48,265 individuals, as of 28 April 2018, of which 25,793 (53%) are women/girls. 62% of the population are minors and 21% have specific needs.

Age	F	M	Total
0-4	4 837	4 967	9 804
5-11	6 399	6 490	12 889
12-17	3 487	3 627	7 114
18-59	9 726	6 287	16 013
60+	1 344	1 101	2 445
Grand Total	25 793	22 472	48 265

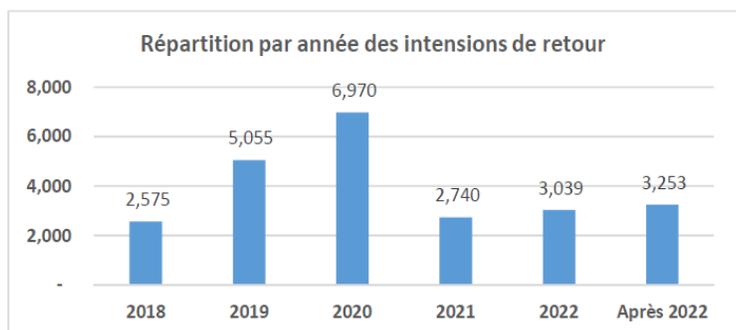
During the exercise, all cases reported as deaths and physical absences by household members present during the family composition check, were deactivated. New arrivals and births were progressively taken into account during the exercise.

Persons who were absent during the exercise and who later present themselves to the registration center are taken into account by the continuous registration process. As a result, the camp's population will evolve according to the absences that present themselves and that are verified over time. To date, 6,206 individuals, in such circumstances, have been registered.

Biometric registration will also be carried out later for refugees living outside the camp, in collaboration with the administrative authorities of the departments of Logone and Chari, Mayo Tsanaga and Mayo Sava.

Return intentions

During the biometric operation, questions about the intentions of return were asked to refugees; of the total population verified, 23,632 persons mentioned their wish to return home (about 51% of the total). However, according to the information collected, this desire to return remains spread over time, to the extent that around 2,500 have expressed a wish to return in 2018, 5,000 in 2019 etc. About 40% remain undecided about their intention to return and 9% do not want to repatriate. The main area of return is Borno State.



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