

HIGHLIGHTS

May 2018

More than two and a half years after the signing of the 2015 Peace and Reconciliation Accord Mali is still struggling to implement its contents.

The volatile security environment in northern and central Mali as well as in the border areas continues to trigger forced displacements inside Mali and into neighboring countries. This situation is

impacting on the protection environment and limiting humanitarian access as well as access to basic services such as health, documentation, shelter, water, education and food.

KEY INDICATORS

- ✓ **54 Protection Incidents** related to extortion, injuries and deaths, were collected and documented.
- ✓ **119 Birth Certificates** were distributed to Mauritanian refugees in Kayes.
- ✓ The total number of **registered Burkinabe refugees** reached **7,374**.

PRIORITIES

- ✓ Support voluntary repatriation of refugees in protracted situations;
- ✓ Continue the process of naturalisation for Mauritanian refugees who have indicated their desire for local integration;
- ✓ Support and advocate for the functioning of the Appeals Board as well as expedite the granting of refugee status to eligible applicants;
- ✓ Strengthen protection to PoCs through socio-economic activities and access to basic rights;
- ✓ Strengthen advocacy for the domestication of the Kampala Convention for IDPs;
- ✓ Approach other UN Agencies to encourage them to intervene through projects to strengthen basic social structures ("delivering as one" context).

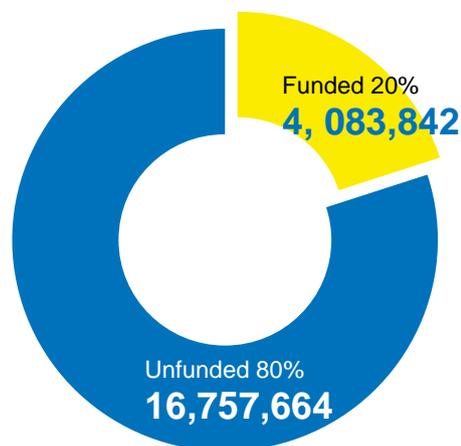


From left to right, HCR Burkina Faso's Representative, Mrs. Ioli Kimyaci, HCR in Mali's Representative, Mrs. Angèle Djohossou, the Minister of Solidarity and Humanitarian Action, Mr. Hamadou Konate, the Ambassador Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Burkina Faso, Mr. Seydou Sinka, and Ambassador of Burkina Faso to Mali, Mr. Kodio Lougue.
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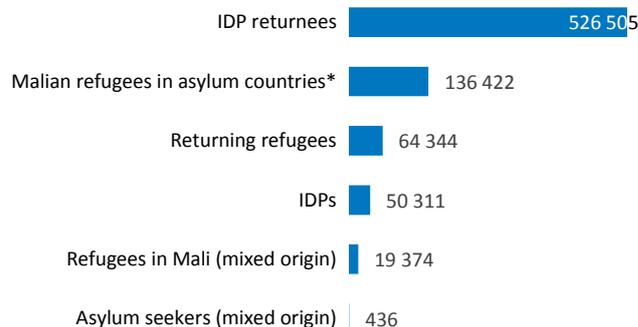
FUNDING (AS OF 24 MAY 2018)

USD 20,841,507

requested for Mali



POPULATION OF CONCERN



Figures as of 31 March 2018.

* Source: UNHCR. All other figures are sourced from the Government of Mali.

Update on Achievements

Operational Context

- The humanitarian and security situations in Mali are complex and are deteriorating. Insecurity and various violations of human rights and international humanitarian law expanded from the northern to the central regions, increasing the vulnerability of populations. The protracted nature of the crisis is worrying amidst less funding of protection and humanitarian assistance.
- The "executions of civilians" continued in the region of Menaka, where UNHCR closed its field unit in December 2017. Following the attacks in April, that caused the death of more than 43 people, the Tidinbawen site was attacked again on 1st May. The local media reported 17 deaths and several property damage. This brings the reported total number of dead civilians to more than 55, all executed between 25th April and 1st May. This situation have not directly impacted UNHCR's operations in Mali. However, the humanitarian access to provide the required assistance to the forcibly displaced populations is challenged due to the prevailing security situation in the region.
- On 29th May, the United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Antonio Guterres paid a visit to Mali on the occasion of the International Day of Peacekeepers and as a sign of solidarity with Mali. The SG's mission also aimed to support the implementation of the national Peace and Reconciliation Agreement in Mali stemming from the Algiers process signed in Bamako, the holding of transparent elections and the security in Mali.
- In Mopti and Sévaré, the SG praised the collaboration of the agencies and promised to make a plea to the member states so that the Mali's case is taken into account to avoid the conflagration of the Central region which can also lead to a catastrophe in all the regions.
- Upon an invitation from the Government of the Republic of Mali, and in accordance with the provisions of the Tripartite Agreement signed in Ouagadougou on 9th January 2015, the 7th meeting of the Mali-Burkina Faso-UNHCR Tripartite Commission on the voluntary return of Malian refugees in Burkina Faso, was held in Bamako on 8th and 9th May 2018.
- On May 15th, 2018, the mayors, heads of fractions and notables of the communes of Gossi, Rharous, Haribomo and Bambara Maoudé in the region of Timbuktu, resigned from GATIA and made a declaration of accession to the armed group "Haut Conseil pour l'unité de l'Azawad (HCUA)" affiliated with the "Coordination des mouvements de l'Azawad (CMA)".
- UNHCR and its governmental partner the National Commission for Refugees in Mali (CNCR) registered additional 5,001 Burkinabe refugees in N'Tilit commune, Gao region. This brings the total number of the registered Burkinabe refugees to 7,374 persons.
- The communal conflicts between Dogon and Fulani in Koro district, Mopti region, caused the displacement of 63 Fulani persons in Koulikoro region, in the outskirts of Bamako. The national authorities carried out an assessment of needs and provided food, health and shelter assistance. UNHCR deployed a mission to Kolikoro to monitor the situation and

assess the needs of the new arrivals. During this mission, UNHCR's delegation met with customary and administrative authorities that indicated that sensitizations are ongoing to mitigate against the spread of community tensions.

- Following the serious incidents in Menaka by end of April, between the MSA/GATIA coalition and the Islamic State extremist groups in the Great Sahara, which caused the death of civilians, internal and cross-border displacements to Niger were reported. An estimated number of 700 IDP households (6,000 individuals) were affected.
- Following a sensitization activity conducted on 27th April with a Syrian community's representative in Bamako, 220 Syrian asylum seekers (15 households) met with UNHCR's governmental partner, the National Commission in charge of Refugees in Mali (CNCR). Following this activity, applications for asylum have been submitted by this group. Accordingly, they have been registered and have received their certificates.
- On 13th May, UNHCR's partner Mercy Corps, was a victim of an armed attack by two unidentified armed persons in Douentza, Mopti region, following a bank transaction with the view of distributing the repatriation grant to the returnees of that locality. Fortunately the attackers took two bags in the vehicle, which contained two computers and a hard drive, believing that the bags contained the cash.
- As part of the 10th meeting of the Tripartite Commission Niger-Mali-UNHCR and the 4th meeting of the Mauritania-Mali-UNHCR Tripartite Commission recommendations, UNHCR Mali approached UNHCR in Niger and Mauritania to share the lists of refugees after biometric enrollment operations (BIMS) in these two countries. UNHCR Mauritania shared on May 31st, 2018 a list of 3,997 Malian refugees after the BIMS activity in M'bera refugee camp.

Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

Protection Cluster

- 57 allegations of human rights violations were consolidated by the protection cluster, including 14 attacks on the right to life, 13 attacks on individual freedom and security, 5 attacks on human rights and physical integrity and 25 infringements of the right to property. These violations were recorded in the regions of Gao, Mopti, Timbuktu and Menaka. These protection incidents were shared with relevant protection actors including MINUSMA and Civil-Military Coordination for appropriate assistance and to improve the protection environment in the localities at risk.

Achievements and Impact

Mixed Migration:

- A summary note on the evictions of persons on the move from Algeria was sent to UNHCR's Special Envoy for the Central Mediterranean Situation.
- Following the evictions from Algeria, 7 persons under UNHCR's mandate (asylum seekers and refugees) were identified and referred to UNHCR by IOM. The necessary actions were taken by UNHCR and its partners.
- A number of 829 persons on the move was recorded, including 32 unaccompanied children (Mopti 28 and Timbuktu 4, and 14 women in Timbuktu).
- 699 persons on the move (596 men and 103 women) were sensitized on "the consequences and dangers of illegal migration" and "the harmful consequences of sexual violence linked to migration".

Livelihoods:

- 2 associations of 61 members were assisted in Timbuktu.
- The Regional Directorate of Civil Protection of Gao (DRPC) received material / equipment from UNHCR as a support for the reception, centre for migrants. This will help improve the living conditions within the facilities of the DRPC.

Counselling and Orientation

- 22 refugees (13 men and 9 women) were received, listened to and oriented. The most urgent needs that were expressed are resettlement, documentation, medical and IGA assistance, food assistance and payment of rent. This represents a total number of 391 receptions (183 women and 208 men) since the beginning of 2018. These persons are from Ivorian, Congolese, Central African and other nationalities.

SGBV:

- Sensitization sessions on the theme "Reminder of the main types of GBV" were held in 35 sites and reached 212 people including 200 refugees (92 women and 108 men) and 12 persons from the host population (04 women and 08 men).

Protection Monitoring:

- 54 protection incidents were collected and documented in the regions of Mopti, Gao and Timbuktu. These incidents consist of 8 cases of murder, 24 cases of extortion, 6 cases of assault, 11 cases of abduction, 1 case of arson and 1 case of attack on public and private, movable property and real estate, 1 case of theft and 1 case of an attempted rape.
- 393 protection incidents have been collected and documented since the beginning of 2018.

Registration & Documentation:

- 119 birth certificates were distributed to the Mauritanian refugees in Kayes. This brings the number of the distributed birth certificates to 489 on an annual target of 812, representing an achievement rate of 60%.

- 12 sensitization sessions were held in eight sites on the theme "Birth declaration in civil status centers". 279 refugees (140 women and 139 men) and 04 persons from the host population (all men) benefitted from these sessions.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- Allowances for the second quarter of the 2017-2018 academic year were paid to 13 refugee student beneficiaries of the DAFI scholarship program provided by the Federal Republic of Germany.
- UNHCR and STOP SAHEL gave extra support classes to a refugee student who had a low average at school.



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

- In Bamako 3 health scheme memberships composed of 4 persons were recorded. This brings the total number of memberships to 80 (479 beneficiaries) since the beginning of the year.
- In Kayes, 34 health scheme memberships were recorded, bringing the total number to 80 memberships (479 beneficiaries) since the beginning of the year, for an annual target of 150 memberships (1000 beneficiaries).



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

- In Gao, 2 boreholes are being constructed for an annual objective of 2, with an implementation rate of 5%.
- In Mopti, 5 water points are being rehabilitated to reinforce the existing 21.
- In Timbuktu region, 2 water points are being rehabilitated in the communes of Soumpi and Ber, with an implementation rate of 66.7%.



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievements and Impact

- In Gao, 100 mud shelters are being rehabilitated, with an implementation rate of 23%.
- In Mopti region, 40 mud shelters are being rehabilitated and 40 traditional shelters are being constructed, with an implementation rate of 37%.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Achievements and Impact

Income-Generating Assistance:

- The 100 targeted social surveys planned for the first half of the year have been completed. A first working session will be organized with the refugee community leaders to prepare for the assistance panel.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

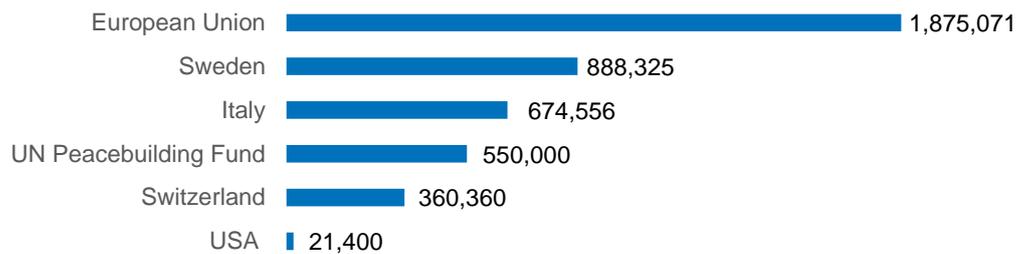
- 75% of applications for IGA funding remains to be met for refugees.
- 12% of school-age children in urban areas are not covered.
- 25% of the refugee population did not join the health scheme
- 200 refugee identity cards need be produced for urban refugees while 8,854 Mauritanian refugees are waiting for theirs.
- 51% of Malian returnees do not have civil status documents, mainly children.
- 00% Mauritanian refugees naturalized. The required funds represent the cost of the package accompanying the naturalization of 3,000 Mauritanian refugees). The Burkinabe situation in Gossi and N'tilit remains unfunded notably the lack of adequate shelters as a major challenge. Since their arrival, they have been living in improvised tents made of random materials. They are therefore exposed to unfavourable weather, notably the persons with special needs, including children, women, elderly and people with serious medical conditions.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to some **US\$ 4,083,842** million, including **US\$ 13,944,284** million for the Mali situation.

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