



UNHCR MALI

October 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

363 Documented Protection incidents in September. **928** Persons on the move identified in mixed flows in October. **2,166** Households provided with Non-food items (NFIs) since January. **3,152** Households provided with Shelter assistance, since January.

POPULATION OF CONCERN – 31 OCTOBER 2020

A total of 987,136 persons of concern

Population group

Malian refugees in asylum countries*	143,301
Malian refugees' returnees	84,474
IDPs	311,193
IDPs returnees**	581,550
Refugees and asylum seekers in Mali (mixed origin)**	47,991

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

** as of 30 September

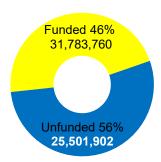
UNHCR Presence

Staff, as of 31 October:

- 55 national staff
- 28 international staff
- 21 affiliate workforce

USD 47,501,614 requested

FUNDING AS OF 3 NOVEMBER 2020

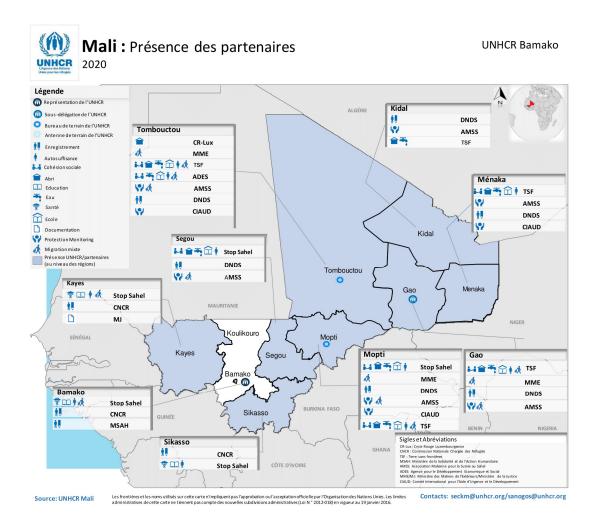


Offices, as of 31 October:

Four (4) offices located in:

- Bamako (Country Office)
- Gao (sub-delegation Office)
- Timbuktu (Field Office)
- Mopti (Field Office)

WORKING WITH PARTNERS



MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection Cluster

• On 6 October, the Protection Cluster and the Sub-Clusters started a training cycle divided into six sessions intended to refresh the knowledge of protection and humanitarian actors on protection concepts, methods and available tools.

On 14 October, the Protection Cluster held its monthly meeting during which it was indicated that 363 Human Rights violations recorded by the Protection monitoring system in September, against 402 in August with an increase of attacks against medical facilities, including attacks on villages. These attacks resulted in a high number of forced population movements. Attacks on liberty and security of the person have also increased. These are mainly kidnappings, the majority of which have been documented in the Niono circle, Ségou region.

In October, the review process for the regional protection monitoring project, Project 21, was launched in Mali following the pilot phase, which took place from July to September. During the period under review, consultations were held with partners and potential partners to present the first results, discuss existing challenges and opportunities.

Protection

Mixed Movements:

In October, 928 persons on the move were identified in mixed flows, including 161 in Gao, Menaka, and Kidal, 580 in Segou and Mopti, and 187 in Timbuktu. Among them, two persons were evicted from Algeria, while two others voluntarily returned from Algeria to Mali. No unaccompanied or separated children or persons of concern to UNHCR were identified during the period in question.

 UNHCR conducted 25 sensitization sessions on various themes related to mixed movements, reaching a total of 846 persons on the move, including 487 men and 359 women.

• UNHCR attended a multi-day workshop on Mali's National Migration Policy to help ensure that its 2020-2024 Action Plan responds to displacement challenges and considers the particular protection needs of persons of concern PoCs.

 On 12 October, the Bamako Process was launched, following the 2019 Protection Dialogue. This was the opportunity to assess the progress made by the five concerned countries over the year on the Dialogues' 46 recommendations.

Statelessness

In October, the partnership agreement with the Ministry of Justice to facilitate the access to Malian nationality was reviewed with the aim to allow promptness in treating naturalization files for 530 persons. This will enable Mauritanian refugees, in protracted situation at Kayes and at risk of statelessness in Mali to access a durable solution.

The Study on Statelessness in Mali is to be printed and will be distributed in order to sensitize key actors on this thematic. The study also serves as a support for advocacy.

Registration and documentation:

• As of 31 October, UNHCR received and processed 13 CTD requests. Seven refugees obtained their CTDs, which allowed them to travel in the sub-region as part of their professional activities, or for other matters, such as health or studies.

 UNHCR followed up on a CTD with the National Commission in charge of Refugees (CNCR), its governmental partner, for the benefit of a refugee.

From 5 to 9 October, 65 persons, including UNHCR staff and partners, participated in a training session on "Primes", a tool for recording and managing data on PoCs. This new tool would allow to reinforce the implementation of such activities, in conformity with standards and increase registration capacities and data availability.

Legal protection

On 1 October, UNHCR conducted a training for its partner CIAUD-CANADA to which eight persons have participated.
This allowed them to improve their knowledge on International protection and the role they play.

As of October 31, a total of 18 staff members from two partners (Stop Sahel and CIAUD-CANADA) participated to a training, conducted by UNHCR, on international protection. This has enabled them to improve their knowledge of international protection in a global way and specifically on their role.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

As part of the program for empowerment and response to COVID-19 in urban areas, UNHCR launched a project to strengthen the productive capacities of refugees and host communities in masks' confection and soaps' production. 35 women including 20 refugees and 15 from the communities are participating in this project.

In the same context, UNHCR followed up on the activities of 11 Income Generating Activity (IGA) groups, including 192 women refugees and from the host communities, in Kayes region, western Mali, evolving in soap production activities.

СССМ

 UNHCR conducted a Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) workshop, on 8 and 9 October, in Bamako and Gao, as part of the project funded by Japan Emergency Grant.

Education

In Gao, UNHCR distributed 1,500 school kits and 1,500 solar radios in five primary and secondary schools, in Gao commune. In addition, 800 school kits and 800 solar radios were distributed in three schools in N'tillit commune. These distributions reached 2,500 students, including 1,186 girls and 1,314 boys.

Health

 Five refugees, including four women and one man, received medical care and their cases were taken in charge by UNHCR.

22 households, composed of 84 persons, adhered to the health insurance scheme. This brings the total number of new adherents to 133 households composed of 487 beneficiaries in total.

Shelter and NFIs

Between January and October 2020, UNHCR provided shelter assistance to 3,151 households and Non-Food Item kits to 2,166 households, as follows: 1,831 households of IDPs and hosting families received emergency shelter (family tents); 470 households were settled in transitional shelters (plant huts) and 850 returnees' households and vulnerable families in permanent shelters (rehabilitated or newly constructed mud-made and shacks adapted for wet environment).

 Additionally, 246 households received cash for construction materials and 1,200 people received cash assistance for rehabilitation or rental accommodation.

In October 2020, 799 households were provided with shelter assistance in Timbuktu, Goundam, Gourma-Rharous, Niafunke, Douentza and Bandiagara circles. This assistance includes 78 mud-made permanent shelters, 180 shacks adapted for wet environment, 170 plant huts and 371 family tents. This allowed 225 men and 208 women to settle down in permanent mud-made shelters in Gourma-Rharous and Goundam, while 1,075 persons were dwelled in an environmental wet shack.

Durable Solutions

- UNHCR developed and printed 10,000 flyers intended to raise awareness among Malian refugees in neighbouring asylum countries (Burkina Faso, Mauritania, and Niger), and on the 28 registration points, civil status, conditions and procedures to acquire civil status acts, and the importance of birth certificates. Out of the 10,000 flyers, 7,500 were dispatched to the three asylum countries (Burkina Faso- Niger and Mauritania), 2,500 each. The remaining 2,500 flyers will be distributed in the 28 registration checkpoints in Timbuktu, Gao, and Mopti regions.
- On 23 and 24 October, 22 protection and civil status agents participated in a training in Segou, central-southern region of the country, which allowed them to master registration tool for returning refugees, procedures applicable for the referencing of returning refugees, some clear notions about International Protection and Voluntary repatriation.
- 14 households, including 42 refugees, were registered for voluntary repatriation.

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