

# Burkina Faso

1 May – 30 June 2021

The **Camp Coordination and Camp Management Cluster** (CCCM) which is referred to locally as the “Management of Temporary Hosting Sites (GSAT)”, co-led by UNHCR and CONASUR **has been activated on June 2021**.

The reporting period saw the deadliest attack since 2015 – with **138 men, women and children killed** in the village of Solhan in the Sahel region and forced **over 10,000 persons** to flee their villages.

On 20 June, UNHCR marked **World Refugee Day** in Goudoubo Camp under the lead of the **Minister of the Foreign Affairs** and **UNHCR Special Envoy** (SE), Ms Angelina Jolie.

## KEY INDICATORS

**1,216**

**Refugees students** enrolled in the Primary school in Goudoubo refugee camp

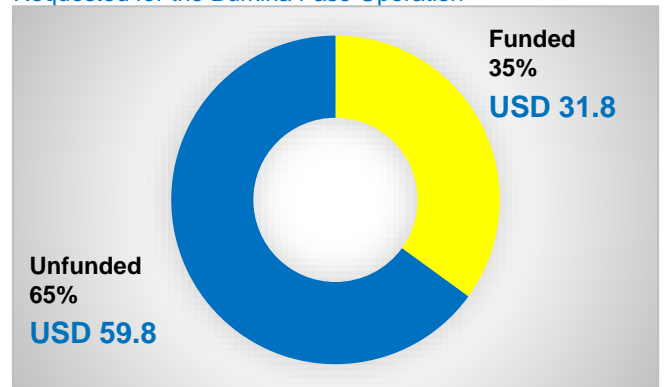
**1,041**

**Shelters** provided to IDPs/Refugees and vulnerable families of the host community.

## FUNDING (AS OF 22 JUNE 2021)

**USD 91.6M**

Requested for the Burkina Faso Operation



The Special Envoy of the High Commissioner for Refugees, Ms. Angelina Jolie speaks to refugee women at the Goudoubo refugee camp on World Refugee Day

## OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, is deeply concerned by the humanitarian consequences of recent violence in Burkina Faso. The intensification of hostilities between non-state armed groups and the Defense and Security Forces and their auxiliaries, as well as targeted attacks, continue to seriously affect the protection of the civilian population. During the reporting period, the security situation in the Center-North, East, North and Sahel, North regions, deteriorated at an alarming rate, with direct impacts on civilians. In fact, the reporting period saw the deadliest attack since 2015 – with 138 men, women and children killed in the village of Solhan in the Sahel region. Recently, humanitarians also have been affected by the violence. On the road between the town of Dori and Goudoubo refugee camp, a convoy by UNHCR’s health partner International Health Support Center (CSSI) and a UNHCR vehicle were attacked in two separate incidents. Luckily, both UNHCR and its partner staffs involved did not sustain any injuries. Insecurity is also growing in the East region. During the reporting period, an attack on the village of Kodyel in the East region, resulted in almost 6,000 people fleeing towards neighboring towns. Violence in the East region has led to rising displacements, including people fleeing across the border to Benin.

### CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD REFUGEE DAY

UNHCR along with partners, refugees and the host community gathered in Goudoubo Camp under the leadership of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation, African Integration and Burkinabe Abroad, M. Alpha Barry. UNHCR’s Special Envoy (SE), M. Angelina Jolie travelled to Burkina Faso for the celebration of World Refugee Day on 20 June. In her speech, she showed her solidarity with the Burkinabe people, who continue to welcome refugees and IDPs despite terrible attacks and challenges, shared her concern over rising trends of displacement and emphasized responsibility sharing amongst countries regarding the situation.



## MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

### PROTECTION

- The results of the protection monitoring for the months of April and May indicate an overall escalation of violence against civilians in the regions of the North, Center-North, East, and Sahel regions. The most common violations include those related to the right to liberty and security of the person (almost 1,500), to property (1,180), to psychological integrity (414), to life (246) and GBV (120). Almost 3,200 violations were committed by armed groups. Food, medical care, housing, drinkable water, documentation, and psychosocial support are amongst the main needs of displaced populations. Land disputes, evictions and the increase in housing prices in towns which saw the arrival of IDPs are the largest issues in all regions. The response provided in the framework of protection monitoring includes psychosocial support (36%), cash assistance (17%) and referral (47%) to appropriate care and services.
- From 7 to 9 June, in the Cascades and Hauts-Bassins regions, UNHCR trained 13 monitors (assistant and project managers) from the International Committee for Emergency Aid and Development (CIAUD Canada), on international protection in the context of mixed movements and on migration data collection techniques through the Kobo platform – a tool used for data collection on the field using mobile devices such as mobile phones or tablets. Following the training, the monitors were deployed, and identified 133

people in mixed movements. These people were profiled and referred to the appropriate care structures, particularly the Humanitarian Action services.

- As part of its efforts to reduce the risk of statelessness in the country as well as to strengthen resilience and unlock solutions for IDPs by facilitating their access to rights and to services, UNHCR and its Government counterpart Directorate-General for the Modernization of Civil Status (DGMEC) launched a new pilot tool which will allow for the instantaneous provision of birth certificates for IDPs and host communities. In addition, in the region of Boucle du Mouhoun, UNHCR and DGMEC providing some 800 birth certificates to IDPs and host communities.
- UNHCR significantly expanded its prioritization on Community-based Protection (CBP), Digital Engagement and Community-led Connectivity Solutions through two new projects. UNHCR will on the one hand facilitate the establishment of a Community Hotspot, which will allow communities to access a dedicated connectivity infrastructure and be organized around its management and planning and on the other hand, allow, through its partner VIAMO, the creation and dissemination of messages on CPB, Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP), Protection from Sexual Misconduct and peaceful coexistence through the use of the Interactive Voice Response technology.

### ***Refugee situation in the Sahel region***

Growing insecurity in Mali has resulted in new arrivals from the villages of Boni and Hombori (Mopti), N'tillit, Tessit (Gao), Gossi, N'daki (Tombouctou) to Goudoubo camp. As of 30 June, there were 4,371 households of 20,006 individual refugees in the Sahel region with the following breakdown: 2,258 households of 11,314 individuals living in the Goudoubo camp and 2,113 households of 8,658 individuals in the out-of-camp (Oudalan, Seno, Soum). The camp has reached its total capacity. In coordination with the National Commission for Refugees (CONAREF), UNHCR is monitoring the situation and assistance is provided. UNHCR has activated recently, the Refugee Coordination Model and subsequently, a Refugee Coordination Forum has been established in Dori in collaboration with regional and local authorities and other stakeholders. This forum will strengthen the coordination model for the refugee response.



### **GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)**

- As an active member of the GBV Area of Responsibility (AoR), UNHCR significantly contributed to the elaboration of the 2021 Work Plan of the GBV AoR in Burkina Faso, which will guide the coordinated activities of GBV humanitarian actors. The Plan included activities and indicators highlighting the scope of GBV mainstreaming, community-based approach in GBV prevention, mitigation, and response, as well as the strengthening of coordination with a particular focus on communication and advocacy. Emphasis was also placed on engaging men and boys in discussions against GBV.
- In the framework on the UNHCR operation's ongoing internal strengthening of AAP and Protection from Sexual Misconduct, UNHCR strengthened the capacities of 117 UNHCR staff and 108 Government entities, NGOs, and other partners, in Dori, Bobo-Dioulasso, Fada N'gourma and Kaya. In addition,



*Training of UNHCR staff in Kaya on AAP and Protection from Sexual Misconduct. ©UNHCR-BKF*

during the Protection Cluster's training on Protection Mainstreaming in humanitarian action, UNHCR facilitated two sessions on "Protection from Sexual Misconduct" and "Community Engagement and Accountability" for 43 participants in Ouahigouya.



### HEALTH AND COVID-19 RESPONSE

- As of 30 June, Burkina Faso has recorded 13,479 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 10 active cases, 168 deaths and 13,301 recoveries.
- UNHCR and its partners continue to support the Government in addressing the crisis and focusing their efforts on sensitization, prevention, and response to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on persons of concern in nine regions of the country. During the reporting period, soap was distributed to more than 10,000 refugees in the Sahel.
- Following the Government's decision to authorize the import of 1.38 million doses of the Astra Zeneca vaccine through the COVAX initiative for the first phase of COVID-19 vaccination, the first 115,000 doses arrived on 30 May. The Minister of Health launched the vaccination campaign and, as of 26 June, 26,210 people have been vaccinated, including almost 10,839 health agents. The Ministry of Health is holding sensitization sessions with community leaders. All persons living on the territory, included refugees and displaced populations, are included in the vaccination plan.



### SHELTER AND CRI

- UNHCR continues to strengthen the shelter response and the distribution of Core Relief Items (CRIs) throughout the country to improve the living conditions, the physical safety and the dignity of IDPs. With the start of the rainy season, some heavy rains have impacted the regions of the North and Center-North, while the Sahel has seen strong winds. UNHCR provided 1,041 emergency Shelter, 401 CRIs to IDPs, refugees and vulnerable households.
- The Shelter Cluster continues to coordinate the shelter and CRIs response. Over 9,473 shelters have been built by Cluster partners at mid-year against a target of 74,497 planned shelters and the needs in shelter are growing and additional resources are urgently needed. In 2021, due to resource constraints, needs are covered at 12% - with UNHCR covering 97% of these interventions.



*Emergency shelter built on IDPs hosting site.*  
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### EDUCATION

- The impact of violence on children, who make up approx. 65% of the displaced, is undeniable. Ensuring access to education remains critical in order to mitigate protection risks, such as exploitation, abuse, or forced recruitment amongst others. Overall, more than 2,200 schools have been closed out more than 20,600, thus impacting over 303,300 children and 11,000 teachers. UNICEF has spearheaded the development of a joint UN support programme for the Sahel (2021-2022). Education has been chosen

as the overarching theme of the project which is at facilitating children's access to education and multi-sectoral assistance and has a budget over USD 14.4 million. UNHCR committed to contribute a total of USD 495,061.

- The primary school in Goudoubo refugee camp is functional with 29 classrooms. Enrollment of students increased from 921 students including 437 girls before the relocation to an enrolment of 1,216 students, including 584 girls, as of 31 May.
- During the reporting period, 39 students living in Goudoubo took the exam called Primary Study Certificate (CEP), while five students took the examination for the diploma of first cycle of the second degree (BEPC). Of the 39 students enrolled for the CEP, 25 succeeded after being allowed to continue lessons in Dori for a period of two weeks due to growing insecurity in the area.



### ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

- During the reported period, UNHCR supported efforts to facilitate access to water, energy and environmental management. In the Sahel, in order to limit the effects of deforestation and facilitate food cooking, 502 bottles of gas and 190 full gas kits were distributed to refugee families living in Goudoubo camp. In the Center-North, in order to promote the use of clean energy, foster peaceful coexistence and reduce the risks of GBV that women face when collecting firewood, 11 cooperatives made up of women from the IDP and host communities were trained to produce improved cookstoves and, during the reported period, some 2,520 stoves were sold. From now on, these stoves will be included in the CRI kits distributed as part of the shelter/CRI assistance in the Center-North.
- In addition, through its partner, UNHCR distributed 270 solar lamps in the region of Boucle du Mouhoun and 325 solar lamps in the North region.
- As part of the strengthening of access to water, two boreholes equipped with human-motor pumps have been rehabilitated on the Goudoubo camp. However, water shortages in the camp continue with each refugee benefitting from an average of 11 liters of water per person per day in May and 13 liters in June, below the sphere standard of 20 liters a day.



*Improved cookstoves produced by IDPs and host community women in the Center-North.*  
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### WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

- In Burkina Faso, UNHCR works with a network of 11 partners, including the Government of Burkina Faso, UN sister agencies, International and National Non-Governmental Organizations, and development actors.
- UNHCR continues to fully play its leading and coordination role of the protection and shelter / CRI Clusters along with the recently activated CCCM Cluster, otherwise known locally as GSAT. The CCCM cluster conducted 11 capacity building workshops on displacement management and minimum standards in temporary reception sites in Burkina Faso, benefiting 359 people, of which 18% are women

national, including regional and local authorities, along with humanitarian actors. In the context of growing violence against civilian populations, the Protection Cluster issued an advocacy note explaining the rapid deterioration of the security situation and growing human rights violations. The advocacy note shows that women and children remain the most affected by this insecurity. The regions most affected by Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) are the Sahel, East, and North regions, which together account for nearly 78% of IEDs incidents. Analysis of protection alerts indicates that for the month of May 2021 alone, 20 alerts<sup>1</sup> were received in the Sahel, 13 in the East, six in the North, and three in the Center-North regions. Through this note, the Protection Cluster has appealed to the Humanitarian Country Team and all humanitarian actors, the government of Burkina Faso, to strengthen the assistance and protection of civilian populations in areas affected by the crisis. The Protection Cluster and its partner anticipates growing displacement and humanitarian needs, while highlighting its financial constraints (i.e. funded only at 14.5%). As part of the activities of the Shelter/CRI cluster, an exercise to revise the typologies of shelters is ongoing with the constitution of three groups on emergency solutions, transitional solutions, durable solutions. The analysis of the rapid response is underway in consultation with Rapid Response Operational Coordination Group (GCCOR) and identification of gaps and intervention priorities. In addition, in order to provide an adequate response to the rainy season, the cluster has started sharing meteorological data and sensitizing partners on preparation options and mitigation solutions with monitoring of damages by region.

- CONASUR organized from 14 to 16 June, a workshop on the norms and standards for electronic registration of IDPs and a data sharing protocol, in which UNHCR and other humanitarian actors participated. UNHCR has a partnership with CONASUR, which has so far, through institutional and technical support, enabled it to cover nine regions with electronic registration, create a dynamic database on IDPs and ensure the regular publication of statistical data.
- In the framework of the ongoing support to the Resident coordinator (RC)/Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) on interagency AAP/PSEA coordination, UNHCR worked with the Inter Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG), the CCCM Cluster and the Community Engagement and Accountability Working Group (CEAWG) to foster collaboration on interagency community-based feedback and complaint mechanisms, including for SEA complaints.



*From left, UNHCR Representative, the Minister of Women, National Solidarity, Family and Humanitarian Action and the Permanent Secretary of CONASUR, during the workshop on norms and standards for electronic registration of IDPs. ©UNHCR-BKF*

<sup>1</sup> Forced displacement, abductions, killings, attacks on schools and IDP sites, IED-related accidents, fires, and looting of property by weapon bearers



## PUBLIC INFORMATION

### Regional portal - UNHCR operation page

- [Series of attacks force thousands to flee in Burkina Faso](#) (Briefing note, 7 May 2021)
- [UNHCR condemns deadliest attack in Burkina Faso in years](#) (Briefing note, 8 June 2021)
- [Remarks by UNHCR Special Envoy, on World Refugee Day](#) (Press Release, 20 June 2021)
- [World Refugee Day 2021 Live Blog](#)

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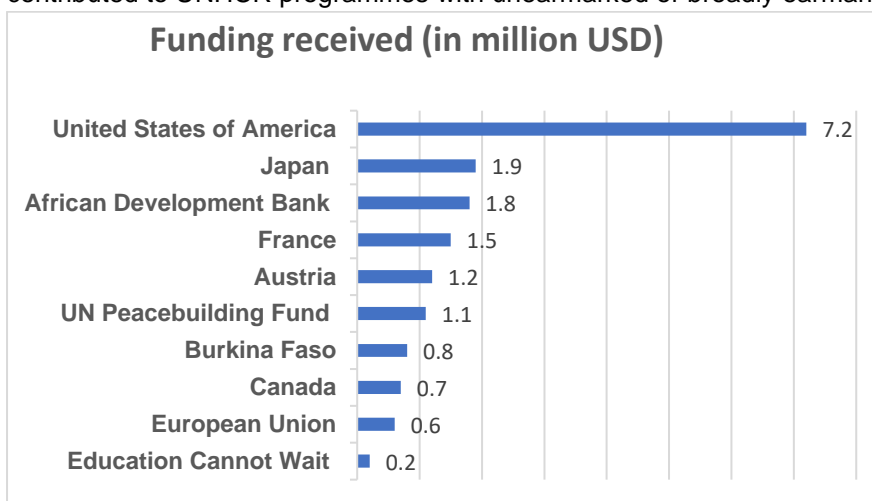
Angelina Jolie, Envoyée spéciale du HCR, est au BF en ce [#WorldRefugeeDay](#), pour attirer l'attention sur une crise qui a forcé 1,2million de personnes à quitter leur foyer. C'est l'urgence humanitaire qui connaît la croissance la plus rapide au monde.  
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## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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