

HIGHLIGHTS

March 2018

More than two and a half years after its signing, the 2015 Peace Accord and Reconciliation in Mali still lacks necessary support and its implementation has been minimal.

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

- ✓ **2,373** Burkinabe refugees of which **364 households (1,304 women and 1,069 men)**, have been registered.
- ✓ **77 Protection Incidents** related to extortion, rape, injuries and deaths, were collected and documented.
- ✓ **67 Returnee households (of which 266 persons)** have received cash assistance **since the beginning of the year.**

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).

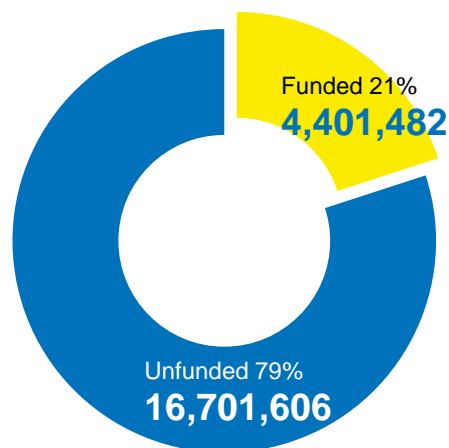


UNHCR team in Mali poses in a group photo with their Representative Ms. Angele Djohossou as well as Ms. Mbaranga Gasarabwe, Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary General, Humanitarian Coordinator and Resident Coordinator of the UN System in Mali, who came to support UNHCR during the all staff retreat in March 2018. ©UNHCR Mali/Kallon

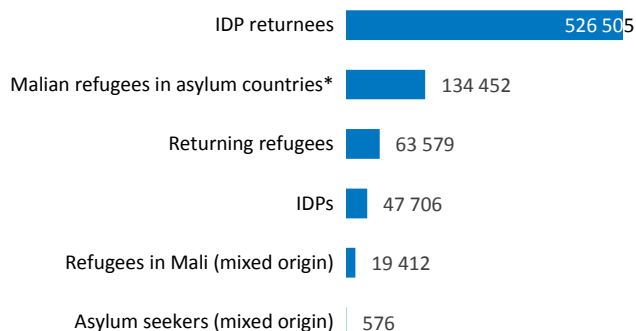
FUNDING (AS OF 19 MARCH 2018)

USD 21,103,089

requested for Mali



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Figures as of 28 February 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 implementation of humanitarian activities are challenging due to the security situation notably in the center and northern regions of the Mali. Aid workers are at the risk of facing security issues when planning or attempting to reach local populations to provide the required assistance.
- New measures to better protect the people and properties came into effect on March 1st, 2018, prohibiting the movement of vehicles and motorcycles of all types from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. in all towns and agglomerations in Timbuktu region and a travel ban on all kinds of vehicles, motorcycles and pinnacles from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- A small group of Malians who claimed to have been inhumanely treated and then repulsed from Algeria demonstrated in front the Embassy of Algeria in Bamako, on 12th March.
- UNHCR Mali attended the Cross Border Meeting in Algiers on 27th and 28th February. Discussions hinged on the situation of mixed migration in the Sahel and the mechanisms towards a strengthened response by UNHCR.
- UNHCR held its All Staff Retreat on the 20th and 21st followed by the Country Operation's Plan (COP) for 2019 workshop on the 22nd and 23rd of March with the Ministry of Solidarity and Humanitarian Action, the Ministry of Territorial Administration, donors, persons of concern to UNHCR and partners.
- The 4th meeting of the Tripartite Commission Mali-Mauritania-UNHCR on the voluntary repatriation of Malian refugees living in Mauritania held in Nouakchott on 23rd March showed the commitment of the involved countries and UNHCR to the protection of Malian refugees. It assessed the progress of the activities foreseen in the work plan and came up with key recommendations.

Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- Discussion with the Minister of Justice focused on facilitating the access to the Malian nationality for the Mauritanian refugees who have stayed in Mali for many years and on the revival of activities under the partnership and those of the Inter-ministerial Committee on Statelessness. The Minister reiterated the commitment of the Ministry to the humanitarian cause and that no stateless person or at risk of statelessness is left behind.

He also reassured UNHCR about their presence in the tripartite meetings in the context of the voluntary return of Malian refugees living in neighboring asylum countries.

Protection Cluster

Bamako:

- A Training-of-Trainers (ToT) workshop facilitated by the Global Protection Cluster Task Team was organized in Bamako from 20th to 22nd March and focused on the centrality and transversality of protection (mainstreaming protection), building the capacity of humanitarian cluster coordinators and protection clusters to gain an overview of cross-cutting protection issues and an understanding of the tools.
- 141 protection incidents were recorded between February and March in 2018, for a monthly average of 71 incidents, compared to 108 incidents for the month of January alone. The incidents were followed up with the stakeholders in order to provide responses.

Shelter Cluster

- 570 dignity kits were distributed to the Burkinabe female refugees in Gossi.

Achievements and Impact

Mixed Migration:

- Discussions with the Minister of Malians Abroad and African Integration hinged on the Government of Mali's position on the expulsions of Malian migrants from Algeria and the framework for collaboration between UNHCR and the Ministry in the context of mixed migration. The Minister informed UNHCR that they had met with the Embassy of Algeria in Bamako and expressed their dissatisfaction of the expulsion and they will work together on the issue. As such a UNHCR/Ministry of Malians Abroad proposal on joint sensitization, awareness raising and capacity building activities aiming at preventing migration is being discussed.
- More than 1,300 people on the move were identified and more than 640 of them forcibly returned from Algeria.
- Livelihoods activities targeting persons under UNHCR's mandate who are involved in irregular displacements and for local communities continues in Mopti, Timbuktu, Gao and Kayes are being implemented. 06 associations have been also identified and supported in Timbuktu and Gao.

Social Cohesion:

- 05 focus groups were held in 05 sites on the topic "Birth registration in the Civil Status Centers", (which targeted 37 women refugee and 71 men). In total, 12 focus groups targeted 238 people, including 230 refugees (82 women and 148 men) and 8 persons from the host population (3 women and 5 men). They were sensitized on their rights, the legal instruments, the existence of registration services for new and old returnees who have never registered, as well as on the importance of documentation of children

and people of all ages. They are gradually being aware of conflict prevention and management and do participate in radio debates on social cohesion themes.

SGBV:

- In Kayes, group discussions on the risks of excisions were held in 14 sites which included 371 beneficiaries of which 320 refugees (103 women and 119 men) and 51 persons from the host population (23 women and 28 men).
- In Mopti, 191 people in transit were sensitized on the importance of the identity documents, the risks of irregular movements, the inevitable dangers, risks and the harmful consequences of sexual violence during irregular movements.

Protection Monitoring:

- 77 protection incidents were collected and documented in Gao, Kidal, Mopti and Timbuktu. Most of the reported incidents relate to extortion, rape, injuries, and deaths. 253 protection incidents have been documented since January.

Cash-Based Interventions:

- 24 returnee households of which 113 people (53 adults, 60 children) benefitted from cash assistance. In total 67 households (226 persons) received cash since the beginning of the year.

Registration:

- 2,373 Burkinabe refugees (364 households) were registered and assisted most of whom are of Fulani and Tuareg ethnic origins.

**EDUCATION****Achievements and Impact**

- One refugee beneficiary of the DAFI programme, enrolled in undergraduate studies in Mining-Geology and Oil sector at the Institute of Applied Technologies (ITA), was ranked as the 1st among 13 students of the same class. She got an average of 17.40 out of 20 marks.
- 3 refugees in Bamako were financially supported in vocational training programs.

**HEALTH****Achievements and Impact**

- 1,521 persons (refugees: 1,070, IDPs 220 and host population: 231) benefited from medical consultations and treatments through a UNHCR supported roving medical team.
- In Kayes, 89 new beneficiaries in 11 households joined the health mutual scheme. This makes a total of 127 beneficiaries, out of a target of 1,000 beneficiaries for 2018.

**WATER AND SANITATION****Achievements and Impact**

- In Gao, 2 boreholes are being constructed for an annual objective of 2.
- In Mopti, 5 water points are being rehabilitated to reinforce the existing 21.
- In Timbuktu region, 21 water points exist and are currently operational. 5 water points are being rehabilitated on an annual objective of 5.

**SHELTER AND NFIS****Achievements and Impact**

- In Gao, 100 mud shelters are being rehabilitated.
- In Mopti region, 40 mud shelters are being rehabilitated and 40 traditional shelters are being constructed.
- In Timbuktu region, 40 traditional shelters are being constructed while another 40 mud shelters are being rehabilitated on an annual objective of 80.

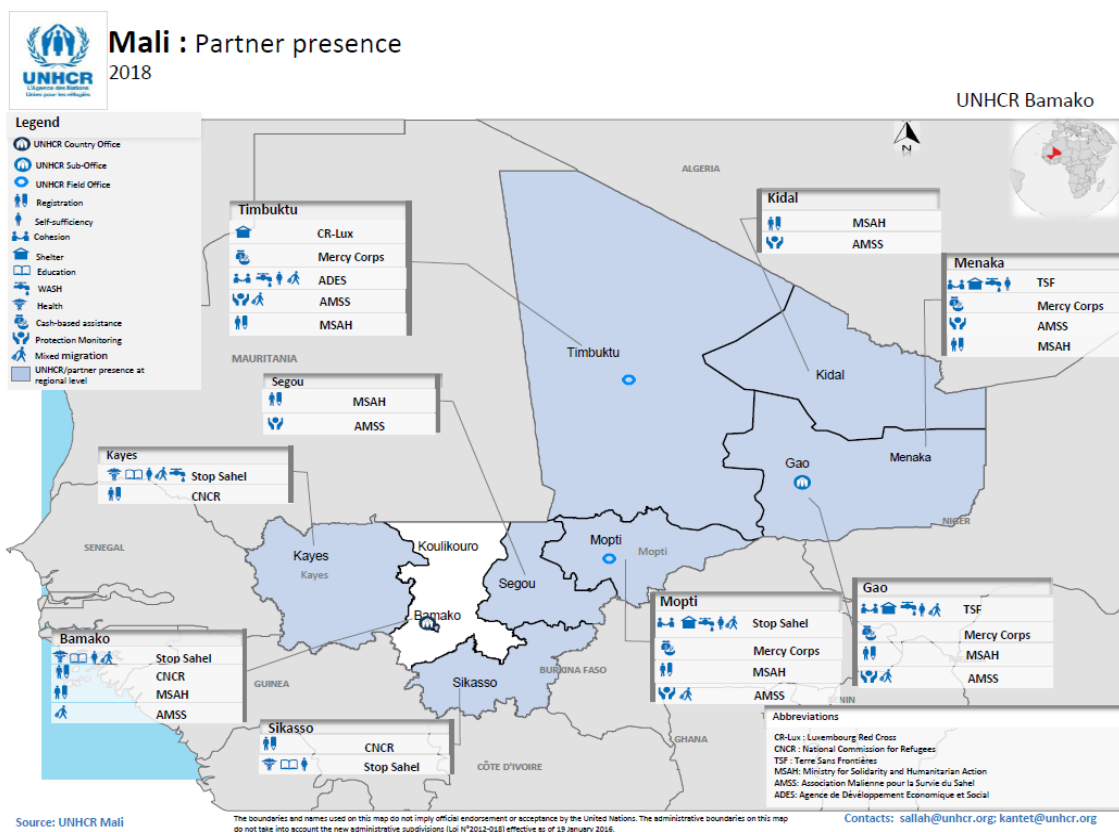
**COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE****Achievements and Impact****Income-Generating Assistance:**

- A social survey was conducted for 11 IGA applicants which will determine their socio-economic conditions and experiences. The outcome of the survey will be submitted to the Panel for guidance and decision-making.
- A refugee is currently benefiting from an internship at the Computer and Electronics Maintenance Centre (CMIE) and will also benefit from other similar structures as part of a professional integration. In total 18 persons of concern have been trained in various trades such as computer maintenance, pastry/bakery, catering, cutting and sewing, cooling and air conditioning.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- 75% of applications for IGA funding remains to be met for refugees (USD 400,000)
- 12% of school-age children in urban areas are not covered (USD 150,000)
- 25% of the refugee population did not join the health scheme (USD 300,000) 200 refugee identity cards need be produced for urban refugees while 8,854 Mauritanian refugees are waiting for theirs (USD 240,000)
- 51% of Malian returnees do not have civil status documents, mainly children (USD 376,276)
- 00% Mauritanian refugees naturalized (Gap USD 4,500,000) this amount represents the cost of the package accompanying the naturalization of 3,000 Mauritanian refugees)

Working in partnership

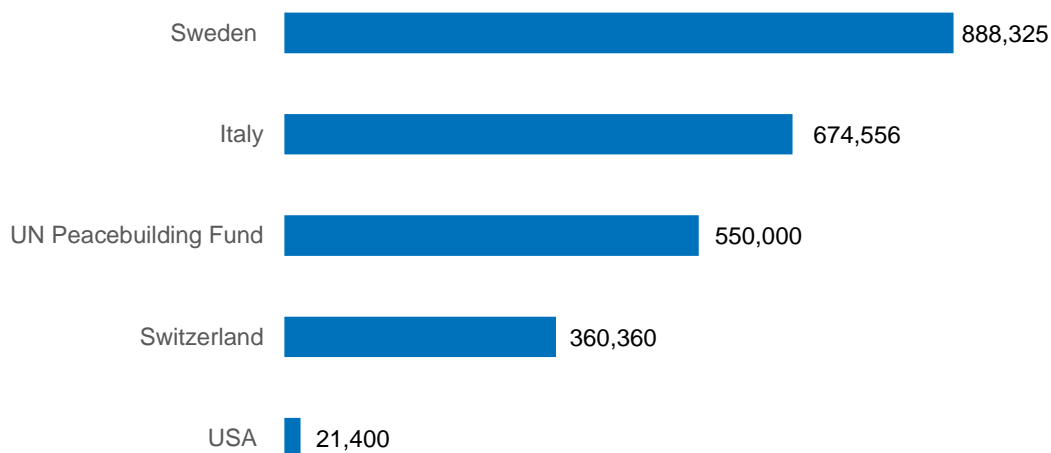


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