

Burkina Faso

1 September to 31 October 2020

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UNHCR continues to support displaced and host community children's access to education. UNHCR built **seven classrooms, two administrative blocks and several latrines** in Dori amounting to **USD 213,000**.

UNHCR started the construction of a **new blood bank in the Sahel region** as part of its efforts to strengthen national health infrastructures and services.

KEY INDICATORS

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New blood bank to support the regional health authorities of the Sahel

4,636

Shelter provided to IDPs composed of **emergency shelter** and **Refugee Housing Unit (RHU)**

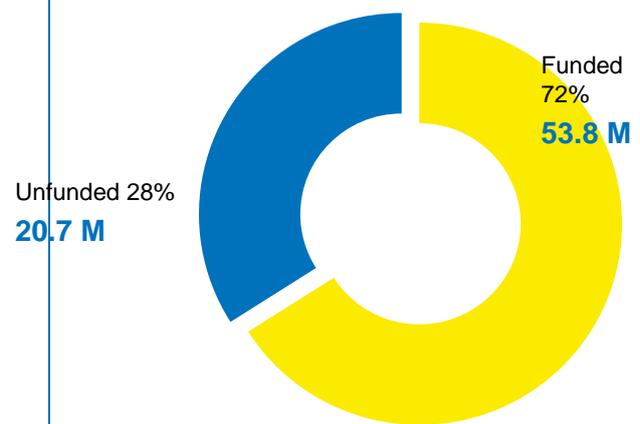
USD 213,000

Support to authorities' efforts to build **7 classrooms, 2 administrative blocks** and **several latrines** to facilitate displaced and host community children's access to education

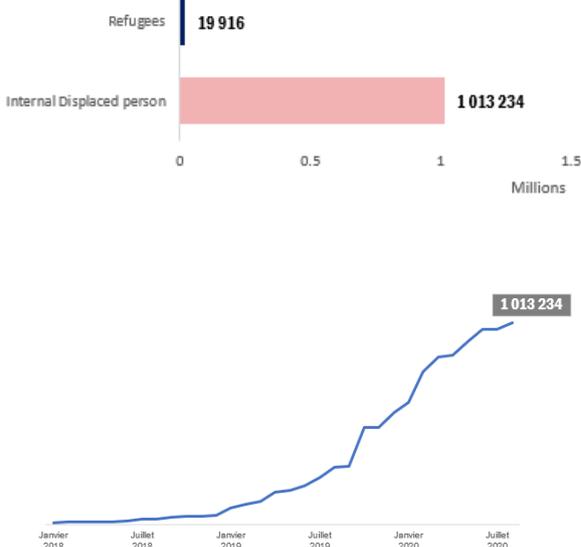
FUNDING (AS OF 31 OCTOBER)

USD 74.7 M

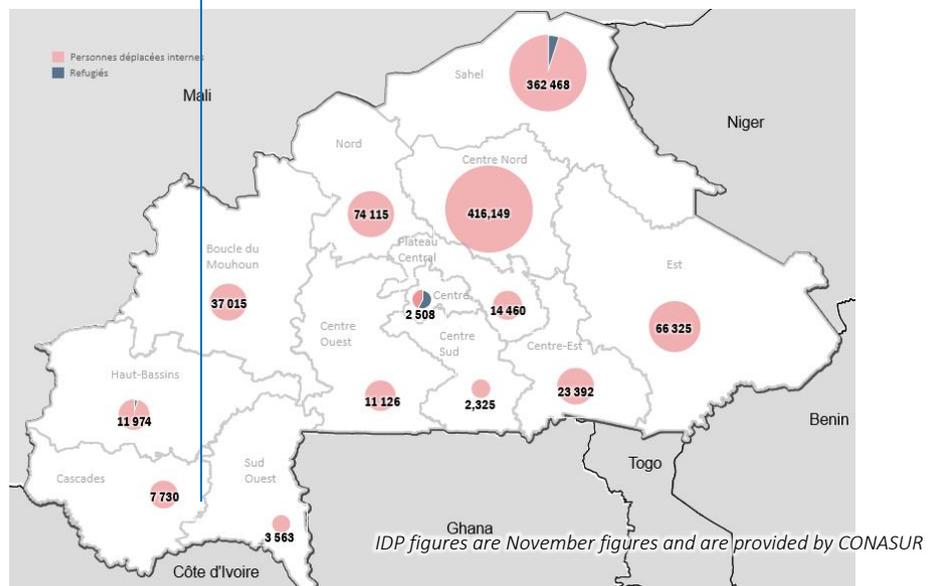
requested for the Burkina Faso Operation



IDP vs Refugees in Burkina Faso



Refugees and IDP per Region in Burkina Faso



Operational Context

The security situation remains volatile, with continued attacks targeting the Defense and Security Forces (DFS) and civilians, particularly those suspected of collaborating with the DFS. Criminality is also on the rise. Humanitarian access remains a challenge in several areas of the country. In early October in the Centre North, armed assailants killed 25 men in front of their families in an ambush on their convoy as they returned home hoping for improved security. With growing insecurity and rising numbers of forced movements in the eastern region, UNHCR has established a field presence through two staff members, in Fada N’Gourma.

Climate events and the COVID-19 pandemic are worsening the living conditions of more than 1 million persons displaced due to violence. The rainy season in Burkina Faso, which runs from May to September has brought particularly heavy rainfalls and strong winds this year. The floods affected all 13 regions, causing the death of 41 people, injuring 112, and leaving 12,378 families without shelter. UNHCR has been calling on authorities to identify land where IDPs currently living in flood prone areas could be relocated. The COVID-19 pandemic, which started in March, is adding to an already extremely complex humanitarian situation. Burkina Faso faces second wave of COVID-19, as of 31 October, there were 2,508 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 67 deaths and 2,273 recoveries.

In the context of the election in Cote d’Ivoire, UNHCR and sensitized all partners in the neighboring region of the Cascades on the situation and the importance of alerting UNHCR of any cross-border movements. UNHCR has developed a contingency plan but, so far, it has not been activated as no arrivals of Ivorian nationals have been reported.

Main achievements



PROTECTION

- Launched by UNHCR in partnership with the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Project 21 is a harmonized regional wide protection monitoring system in the three pilot countries, Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger. In Burkina Faso, the pilot phase concluded in October 2020. This regional project aims to collect and analyse data on the protection environment, risks and needs of those displaced, in order to support joint advocacy, inform programming and facilitate a coordinated response between partners.
- UNHCR and partners continue their efforts to strengthen protection monitoring in order to identify and respond to the needs of the displaced populations, including women at risk, children, people living with disability and the elderly. Those most vulnerable were provided with cash and were referred to pertinent institutions and organizations for follow up.
- Mobile health clinics have expanded their reach and intensified activities and during the reporting period. In the Sahel and Centre-North regions, UNHCR’s partners, the Cooperation and Support Initiatives for Humanitarian and Development Actions (ICAHD) mobile teams, provided SGBV services in IDP sites and in locations that are difficult to access. 148 SGBV cases were identified and received appropriate care and support material assistance was provided to 53 survivors and women at risk to strengthen self-reliance and to meet their essential needs (including food, health, education, etc.).



COVID-19 RESPONSE

- UNHCR and its partners continue to support the Government in addressing the sanitary crisis and focusing its efforts on sensitization, prevention and response to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on persons of concern in nine regions of the country.
- UNHCR donated medication and masks and started the construction of a new blood bank to be donated to the regional health authorities of the Sahel as part of its contribution to the strengthening of national health infrastructures and services. The



Laying of the first stone of the blood bank by UNHCR representative, Ioli Kimyaci, in the presence of the Governor of the Sahel region. ©UNHCR-BF

The blood bank will enable a faster and more efficient response to blood transfusion needs for refugee, IDPs and host populations referred to health centers in Dori. It will significantly reduce the mortality rate due to blood shortage in the town of Dori. It will play a key role in the Government's COVID-19 response and in the national health system in the Sahel Region. The construction work is to be completed in the next three months.

- The UNHCR Office has had to deal with four confirmed cases of COVID-19 among its staff in Ouagadougou and Bobo Dioulasso who all received medical attention. Of the four cases, three tested negative following treatment and one still positive is in isolation and being monitored by the medical service. In addition, in the region of Hauts-Bassins, two COVID-19 cases were identified amongst IDPs in the spontaneous site of Poya. Both IDP women and the 12 contact cases remained in isolation and were monitored and following these measures, they have been tested negative and discharged consequently



SHELTER AND CRIS

- In September and early October, heavy rains and flooding have caused damage to makeshift shelters, highlighting the need for decent housing for IDP communities and their hosts. UNHCR supported families who have been affected by the heavy rains through the construction of emergency shelters and distributions of shelter kits. During the reporting period, 4,636 Shelter were built including 87 Refugee Housing Unit (RHU) in Centre-North, North and Sahel.
- UNHCR also obtained from the regional authorities of the Centre North the allocation of a five-hectares land to contribute to the reduction of overcrowding in IDP sites in the city of Kaya which will help reduce the risk of COVID-19 infection.
- Preparation for the relocation of refugees to Goudoubo continues, through the refurbishment and reconstruction of infrastructures in the camp. The safety of the camp, its surroundings, and its residents was considered paramount and a pre-condition to the relocation by all stakeholders, including refugees. The sensitisation for the return to the camp has started and, according to the National Commission for Refugees (CONAREF), some 3,660 refugees in Dori and over 1,380 refugees from Djibo have expressed their wish to take part in this relocation.



EDUCATION

- In Burkina Faso, the school year 2020-2021 began on 1 October, after most schools being closed since March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. UNHCR continues to support authorities' efforts to facilitate displaced and host community children's access to education. On 16 October, the UNHCR Representative, together with the Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Innovation, the Governor of the Sahel Region and the Mayor of Dori attended an official ceremony in Dori. It consisted in handing over to the Government seven classrooms, two administrative blocks and several latrines built by UNHCR at four highschools, amounting to 213,000 USD.

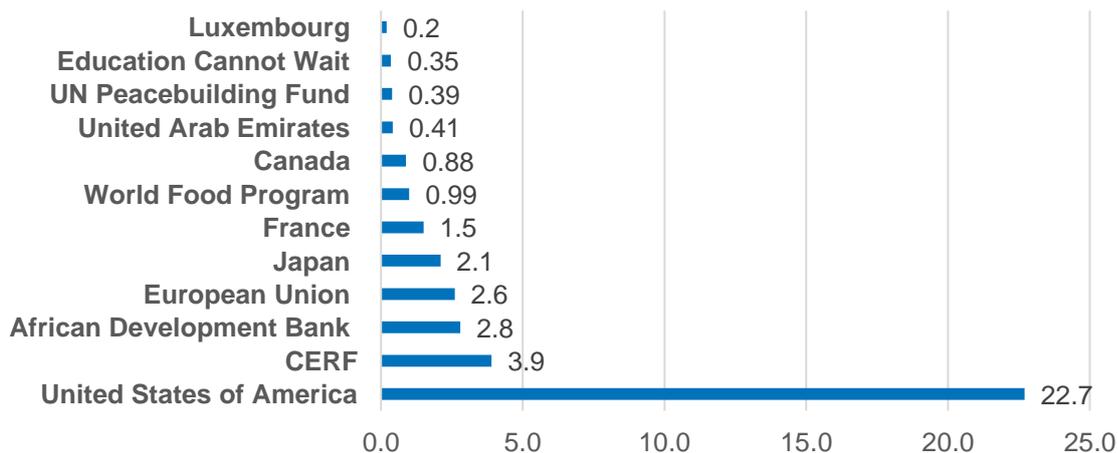
Working in partnership

- In Burkina Faso, the Refugee Agency works with a network of 16 partners, including the Government of Burkina Faso, UN sister agencies, International and National Non-Governmental Organizations, and development actors.
- As part of the Cluster System, UNHCR led Protection and Shelter Clusters as well as Camp Management and Camp Coordination (CCCM) Working Group submitted their contributions to OCHA for the 2021 Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO), which will form the basis for development of the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) for 2021.

Financial Information

So far in 2020, total recorded contributions for the operation amount to USD **53,8 M**. UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with unearmarked or broadly earmarked funds.

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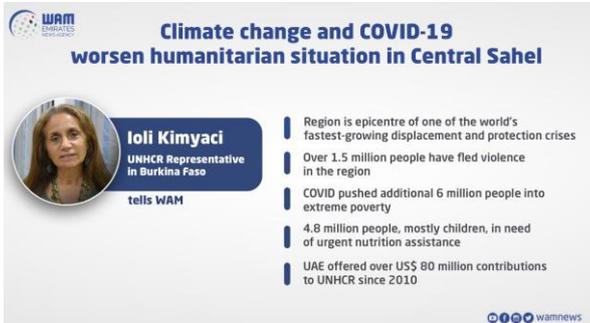
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Climate change and COVID-19 worsen humanitarian situation in Central Sahel

Ioli Kimyaci
UNHCR Representative in Burkina Faso
tells WAM

- Region is epicentre of one of the world's fastest-growing displacement and protection crises
- Over 1.5 million people have fled violence in the region
- COVID pushed additional 6 million people into extreme poverty
- 4.8 million people, mostly children, in need of urgent nutrition assistance
- UAE offered over US\$ 80 million contributions to UNHCR since 2010

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