### Progress against targets

#### Key Achievements

- **# of in-depth counselling on Resettlement for identified cases:** 88 / 88
- **# of interview / assessment of potential cases (including RRF drafting and case review):** 64 / 70
- **# of arrangements (including counseling and case review) before departure to Resettlement:** 16 / 16
- **# of capacity building/training for UNHCR staff and partners on identification & fraud prevention:** 2 / 2
- **# of counselling and follow-up for cases scheduled for participation to Resettlement Countries Missions or departure to Resettlement Countries:** 51 / 51

### Outputs / Outcomes

- **# of Resettlement Registration Forms (RRFs) submitted:** 37 / 70
- **# of persons for whom UNHCR made interventions to facilitate their departures:** 16 / 200

*Note: RRFs completed for 23 cases (of 80 individuals) were pending submission to Resettlement countries at the Regional Office level due to lack of submission options. Departures were put on hold by Resettlement countries and selection missions cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

### Submissions by Priority

- **Survivor of Violence and/or Torture:** 32 cases / 134 individuals
- **Lack of Foreseeable Alternative Durable Solutions:** 5 cases / 21 individuals

### Submission by Month in 2020

- **16 (10%) individuals only departed.**

### Analyzes

#### Age / Gender breakdown (155 individuals submitted)

- **Femmes:** 80 (49%), 75 (51%)
- **Hommes:** 62 (40%), 93 (60%)

#### Countries of departures and submission

- **All 16 individuals departed to Canada**

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Population figures in Diffa as of 31st of January 2021:

- **74,621 households**
- **269,589 individuals**
- **55% Children**

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- **Nigerians refugees:** 127,233 (47%)
- **Internal displaced:** 104,588 (39%)
- **Returnees:** 35,659 (13%)
- **Asylum seekers:** 2,109 (1%)
Challenges were experienced in 2020 linked mainly with COVID-19 pandemic circumstances imposing restrictive measures brought about by changes on travels. 37 cases of 155 individuals were submitted to France and Canada. Resettlement activities slowed down considerably during the first half of the year preventing essential resettlement activities, including resettlement interviews.

Two French selection missions did not take place due to security and travel restrictions. Resettlement departures from Diffa timidly resumed in mid-September. However, only 2 cases (of 6 individuals) were scheduled to depart.

Sensitization to refugees was highlighted as a major activity to better understand the reasons behind postponed departures and cancellation of some Resettlement Countries Missions.

As of 31 December 2020, 37 cases were submitted under Normal priority based on two criteria: Survivor of Violence and/or Torture (32 cases / 134 individuals) and Lack of Foreseeable Alternative Durable Solutions (5 cases / 21 individuals). Submissions included 75 males (41 of whom aged 0 to 17 and 34 aged 18 to 59) and 80 females (52 of whom aged 0 to 17 and 28 aged 18 to 59). Also, UNHCR facilitated the departure of 16 individuals to Canada.

77.5% of the attributed quota of 200 individuals (to be submitted from Diffa) has been achieved. However, 23 cases of 80 individuals were finalized but still pending submission by the Regional Representation due to lack of submission options. A final submission of these cases to resettlement countries would have increased the number of submitted RRFs to 70 (100% of the target) and the overall submissions from Diffa to 235 individuals (117.5% of the quota allocated to Diffa region). Furthermore, 43 individuals were referred to Caritas and Refugee Forum-COSI) under humanitarian and Complementary Pathways programmes.

6 RRFs (6 cases of 20 individuals) could not be finalized, pending further protection follow up.

In 2021, UNHCR SO Diffa will continue to highlight Resettlement and explore legal complementary pathways as part of its protection and durable solutions strategy targeting the most vulnerable refugees.

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