Regional Bureau for West and Central Africa
Education Dashboard: 2020-2021 School Year

July 2021

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT
Total number of refugees and IDPs

REFUGEE EDUCATION OVERVIEW
Gross Enrolment Rate (GER) – Primary + Secondary

KEY FIGURES
Age and Gender (Refugees)

+11.5%
People displaced between June 2020 and June 2021

4.8M
Estimated displaced children in the region

55%
Children among the refugees

61%
Children among the IDPs*

Selected countries: BFA: Burkina Faso; CAF: Central African Republic; CIV: Ivory Coast; CMR: Cameroon; GHA: Ghana; MLI: Mali; NER: Niger; NGA: Nigeria; TCD: Chad

GER
67% - 100%
50% - 65%
24% - 37%
No data available

41%
Average GER in the region

26%
Average NER in the region

1.4M
People displaced between June 2020 and June 2021

7M
Estimated displaced children in the region

* Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger

Source: Displaced population data: UNHCR RBWCA Statistics of refugees as of June 2021; OIM/DTM: Education data: RBWCA data consolidation as of July 2021; Coming Together For Refugee Education report 2020 (for global refugee enrolment rates); Assistance data: UNHCR and partners data consolidation. Data consolidation is based on data availability from the different operations. Data may sometimes be partial and do not always take into account the whole refugee population. Data reflects the best knowledge of UNHCR and its partners. The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on these maps do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

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REFUGEE EDUCATION OVERVIEW

Out of school children

- Estimated proportion of refugee children out of school: 60%

Comparison of refugee enrolment rates by school level for West & Central Africa vs globally

- Primary: 59% (West & Central Africa), 77% (Global)
- Secondary: 31% (West & Central Africa), 15% (Global)
- Tertiary*: 1.20% (West & Central Africa), 3% (Global)

UNHCR’S EDUCATION RESPONSE AND ASSISTANCE

Children/youth reached by level

- Pre-Primary: 10k (10%)
- Primary: 72k (71%)
- Secondary: 18k (18%), 19k (18%)
- Tertiary: 1k (1%)

Children/youth reached by status

- Refugees: 201k (72%)
- IDPs: 21k (7%)
- Host communities: 1,129 (21%)

Key achievements

- Classrooms built or rehabilitated: 138
- Schools supported with WASH interventions: 644
- Children assisted with school kits: 20,000
- Teachers trained: 2,510
- Children assisted with cash-based intervention (CBI): 10,500

* Estimated proportion of 18-24 youth enrolled in higher education or technical and vocational education and training (TVET)