HIGHLIGHTS

- 373 Documented protection incidents
- 1,762 Persons on the move identified in mixed flows
- 5,111 Households provided with NFI kits in 2021
- 246 Refugees (91 women & 155 men) were vaccinated against COVID-19

POPULATION OF CONCERN AS OF 30 NOVEMBRE 2021

A total of 1,300,015 persons of concern

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FUNDING AS OF 29 DECEMBER 2021

- USD 57,596,810 requested for Mali
- Funded 55% - 31,533,076
- Unfunded 45% - 26,063,434

UNHCR Presence

Staff, as of 31 December 2021:
- 75 National staff
- 33 International staff
- 13 Affiliate workforces

Offices, as of 31 December 2021:
- Five (5) offices located in:
  - Bamako (Country Office)
  - Gao (Sub-Office)
  - Menaka (Field Unit)
  - Mopti (Field Office)
  - Timbuktu (Field Office)
WORKING WITH PARTNERS

MAIN ACTIVITIES

PROTECTION CLUSTER

- The protection situation analysis for December indicated that 373 protection incidents were recorded by the monitoring system, compared to 531 in November. This indicates a significant drop in human rights’ violations recorded at the end of the year in general, with the exception of violations of the right to life, where the greatest number was recorded in the last quarter, with 61 incidents in December, compared to 31 in October and 23 in November. From January to December 2021, 6,412 violations were recorded, of which 1,152 were against women, 376 against girls, 4,537 against men and 339 against boys. Men remain the most affected by the reported violations. The region that recorded the highest number of these violations remains Mopti with 50%, followed by Timbuktu 17% and Gao 16%.

- From 6 to 9 December, the Cluster’s coordination, the UNHCR’s Protection and the CCCM Coordinator provided training on the various aspects of protection, to 17 staff (including seven women) from the National Directorate of Social Development (DNDS) in charge of managing IDP sites. The topics covered during the training included: community-based protection, community mobilization, transversal protection, accountability to affected populations, protection against sexual exploitation and abuse, basic principles of child protection, UNHCR’s mandate, the role of the Protection Cluster in the humanitarian architecture, etc.

At the end of the training, it was recommended to consider continuous training of agents at national and local level to facilitate a better understanding of the principles and the implementation of appropriate responses. The training was also an opportunity to encourage staff to use the tools developed by the Cluster, such as the 5W, in order to better coordinate with operational actors in the different regions and to strengthen cooperation with regional clusters and the National Cluster.

- On 16 and 17 December 2021, the national coordination of the Protection Cluster held a mini retreat with the cluster coordination teams at both the national and regional levels to review the 2021 achievements, challenges and solutions, and also priorities for 2022. At the end of the meeting, five main priorities were identified for the Protection Cluster in 2022 as follows:
  - Strengthen work on community-based protection by coordination structures
- Improve the use of data collection within the Cluster (3W and 5W)
- Strengthen work on intersectorality (to improve the centrality of Protection)
- Strengthen the commitment of Protection actors to accountability
- Localization/Capacity building of local actors

In December, the Protection Cluster made a presentation on Vulnerable Persons’ Considerations: Refugees and IDPs at the 3rd OHCHR-San Remo Institute course in HR-IDH. The audience was mainly composed of officers from the G5 Sahel countries. During the discussions, several questions revolved around refugees’ situation in the region, but also about mixed movements and common issues such as human trafficking.

**PROTECTION**

- UNHCR received and processed two new conventional travel document applications.
- As regards monitoring of detention centers, UNHCR held a working session with the National Human Rights Commission on the prison visit form to consider questions regarding potential persons of concern in detention.
- UNHCR worked on the development of a script for the future hotline on the VIAMO platform, in several local languages.
- During the period under review, UNHCR reviewed the chapter on refugees in the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP).

**Mixed Movements:**
- In December, 1,762 persons (1,239 men, 283 women, 79 girls, 161 boys) of various nationalities were identified in mixed movements in Mali, representing a 29% increase compared to November.
- 38 information sessions were conducted for the benefit of 1,033 persons, including 283 women, on dangers linked to irregular movements, the importance of civil registration, as well as COVID-19 protection measures.

**Durable solutions:**
- UNHCR organized the voluntary repatriation of 164 Ivorian refugees to their country of origin, Côte d’Ivoire. They travelled by road and were met at the border by the Ivorians authorities. All of these returning refugees took the COVID-19 PCR test before their departure and received cash assistance to meet their basic needs.
- UNHCR organized a “Go and See” mission to Côte d’Ivoire from 12 to 19 December with Ivorians refugees in many cities of the country including Abidjan, Korhogo, Man, Duekoue, Daloa, Gagnoa, Divo and Bouake. The aim of the mission was to allow them to understand the socio-economic, political, administrative and security situation in their country so that they can return to Mali to inform other refugees and encourage massive voluntary returns.

As a reminder, in September 2021, a cessation clause concerning Ivorians refugees has been signed in Abidjan and will come into force on 1st July 2022.

**Gender-based Violence (GBV):**
- UNHCR Mali provided financial support to the Ministry for the Promotion of Women, Children, and the Family, within the framework of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign.
- In Gao, UNHCR organized awareness-raising sessions on domestic violence, early marriage, access to justice for survivors and child protection; reaching 263 women and 52 men.
- In Ansongo, the Gao region, UNHCR held awareness-raising sessions on GBV for its persons of concern and their host communities. 174 IDP women and 58 women from the host community took part in these sessions.
- During the period under review, UNHCR provided cash assistance to 51 GBV survivors (including 2 refugees, 30 IDPs and 19 from the host community).
- UNHCR’s partners’ psychosocial assistants visited eight GBV survivors, including two in Gao and six in Ansongo, for individual interviews. It was noted that their health and mental state have significantly improved thanks to the assistance provided by the community-based protection teams.
- In Mopti, Douentza and Koro, UNHCR supported radios that broadcasted programs on the fight against all forms of GBV.
- UNHCR organized awareness-raising sessions on GBV, in the IDP sites of Médina Coura, Socoura and Sarema, the Mopti region. These sessions reached 259 persons, including 73 men and 186 women.
- In Douentza, UNHCR organized a caravan march on violence against women and girls, as part of the 16 Days of Activism, with the participation of more than 200 persons.
In Koro, UNHCR organized a cultural ceremony in a school to raise students’ awareness on the respect of human rights, especially women’s rights. The activity reached over 600 girls and boys.

In Gao, Ansongo, Rharous and Menaka, UNHCR organized five awareness-raising sessions on GBV, also part of the 16 Days of Activism, reaching a total of 97 persons, including 83 women and 14 men.

Reception and Orientation:

During December, UNHCR provided advice and assistance to three persons of concern were received by telephone.

Statelessness:

On 23 December, UNHCR celebrated 7th anniversary of the #Ibelong Campaign to eradicate statelessness at the Bamako University of Public Law, with the participation of members of the inter-ministerial committee for the fight against statelessness, teachers-researchers, students, and the media. During the ceremony, awareness-raising messages were delivered on the fight against statelessness. More than 200 people took part in this event.

As regards hearing of refugees to be naturalised, UNHCR conducted a joint field mission with its partner, the NGO Stop Sahel and the Kayes region’s Gendarmerie, for a morality investigation. This hearing concerned Mauritanian refugees whose naturalization files are being processed by the Ministry of Justice. Out of a planned 39 to be interviewed, 29 refugees answered the questions, including 12 women and 17 men. In addition, naturalization files of 164 minors were transmitted to the Ministry of Justice through the Legal Office.

On 21 December, UNHCR organized a training of 12 agents from its technical services and partners on the concept of statelessness in the region of Kayes. The aspects addressed were the definition of concepts, civil status, nationality (modes of acquisition and its implications), the link between civil status, nationality, and statelessness. It should be noted that the same training also took place in the Menaka region on 15 December, with 20 participants.

EDUCATION

21 DAFI scholarship students in Bamako, including 11 girls and 10 boys, participated in a training workshop on community mobilisation. This training provided the scholarship holders new knowledge to better conduct their various community engagement activities.

UNHCR provided cash to 292 learners from the SSA/P centers in Gao to cover their social needs.

UNHCR assessed eight refugee children of the Faragouaran site and transferred them to the public school in the village of Faragouaran.

UNHCR provided 11 DAFI scholarship students in Bamako with their first cash scholarships for the 2021-2022 academic year.

UNHCR enrolled 24 DAFI scholarship students in Bamako, including 14 girls and 10 boys, in the documentation centres. This approach aims to improve the academic performance of these students to facilitate their access to quality educational resources.

UNHCR finalized the construction of six classrooms in the cercles of Koro and Segou, as well as the construction of an office for the Koro School’s management.

LIVELIHOODS

In December, UNHCR supported 16 groups of refugee women, internally displaced persons, and the host population wish cash in the region of Kidal, Menaka, Gao, Timbuktu, and Bamako, to build their resilience and restart their activities. This support is part of the G5 Sahel Member Countries project to fight the Coronavirus pandemic, funded by the African Development Bank.
HEALTH

- UNHCR finalized the second round of voluntary vaccination of its persons of concern against COVID-19 in eight sites in the Kayes region. This campaign reached 246 refugees, including 155 men and 91 women.
- As part of the voluntary repatriation of refugees, UNHCR provided medical consultations and vaccinations to Ivorian refugees (70 men and 90 women), prior to their departure.
- In December, UNHCR Mali provided medical care to 10 refugees, including six women and four men.

SHELTER & NON-FOOD-ITEMS (NFIs)

- UNHCR constructed 115 RHU shelters in the communes of Goundam and Lere, in the region of Timbuktu.
- UNHCR rehabilitated 12 durable mud shelters in the commune of Goundam, and constructed 12 durable hydraform brick houses in the commune of Goundam, region of Timbuktu.
- UNHCR provided Housing Information Services (LTP), Land and Property for 25 households in Goundam.
- UNHCR distributed NFI kits among 1,386 households in the cercles of Mopti, Bankass and Niono.
- UNHCR provided legal assistance on the theme (Housing, Land and Property) to 25 forcibly displaced households in Goundam.
- UNHCR distributed 13 food kits to 13 internally displaced households in the Senou site for displaced persons in Bamako.

WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH)

- UNHCR constructed 2 blocks of three latrines in the commune of Segou.
- In Bamako, the construction of two blocks of two latrines each on the Faladie site was completed. The provisional reception took place on 29 December in this site.
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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 programs with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to some US$ 31,533,076 million.

EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR MALI | USD

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OTHER SOFTLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

Germany 40.1 million | United States of America 33 million | Private donors Australia 11.1 million | Private donors Germany 5.9 million | Canada 5.6 million | France 3.7 million | Finland 3.4 million | Japan 2.9 million | Private donors Republic of Korea 2.5 million | Norway 2.3 million | Spain 2.3 million

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Norway 80 million | Private donors Spain 75.9 million | Sweden 75.4 million | United Kingdom 40.4 million | Private donors Republic of Korea 38.8 million | Netherlands 36.1 million | Denmark 34.6 million | Private donors Japan 30.9 million | Germany 26 million | Japan 23.4 million | France 20.2 million | Private donors Italy 19.6 million | Private donors Sweden 16.9 million | Switzerland 16.4 million | Ireland 12.5 million | Belgium 11.9 million | Italy 10.7 million | Private donors USA 10.6 million

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