**KEY FIGURES**

12.4 MILLION PERSONS OF CONCERN

1.6 MILLION REFUGEES & ASYLUM-SEEKERS

7.5 MILLION INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

1.7 MILLION STATELESS PERSONS

1.3 MILLION RETURNED IDPs

0.2 MILLION RETURNED REFUGEES

0.1 MILLION OTHERS OF CONCERN

The total of 1.5 million refugees represent a 14% increase from January 2021. Chad hosts the largest number of refugees and 67% from Sudan. Cameroon hosts the largest number of refugees mainly from the Central African Republic (73%) and Nigeria (28%).

The number of internally displaced persons reported by 7 UNHCR operations rose to an estimated 7.5 million, up from 6.4 million at the end of January 2021 (17%). Nigeria hosts 42% of the IDP population in the region.

Central Sahel countries host 28% of PoC in the West & Central Africa with most of the forced displacements (87%) taking place within individual countries, rather than across national borders.

**MAIN COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN**

- **CAR**: 476,887
- **SUDAN**: 383,472
- **NIGERIA**: 329,330
- **CAMEROON**: 118,600
- **MALI**: 87,180
- **MAURITANIA**: 33,450
- **BURKINA FASO**: 30,023

**MAIN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM**

- **CHAD**: 561,735
- **CAMEROON**: 475,674
- **NIGER**: 280,583
- **NIGERIA**: 79,365
- **MALI**: 52,701
- **BURKINA FASO**: 25,220
- **SENEGAL**: 20,824

**THE LAKE CHAD BASIN**

- **CAR**: 1.75M
- **BURKINA FASO**: 2.15M
- **NIGER**: 1.65M
- **MALI**: 1.8M

**PERSONS OF CONCERN BY COUNTRY**

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**POPULATION PROFILE**

- **% OF REFUGEE CHILDREN**: 52%
- **% OF IDP CHILDREN**: 61%

**SITUATIONS**

- **CAR SITUATION**
  - **1,386,137** DISPLACED PERSONS
  - **734,101** REFUGEES
  - **652,036** IDPs

- **LAKE CHAD BASIN**
  - **3,376,293** DISPLACED PERSONS
  - **328,005** REFUGEES
  - **3,048,288** IDPs

- **CENTRAL SAHEL**
  - **2,715,526** DISPLACED PERSONS
  - **359,504** REFUGEES
  - **2,356,022** IDPs

**REGIONAL BUREAU FOR WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA**

**PERSONS OF CONCERN**
as of 31 January 2022

**POPULATION TRENDS**

- **11,817,704**
- **11,728,598**
- **11,601,008**
- **11,574,793**
- **11,555,707**
- **11,544,754**
- **11,530,797**
- **11,516,840**
- **11,503,934**
- **11,491,060**
- **11,477,497**

**Age & Gender (Refugees)**

- **Female**: 53%
- **Male**: 47%

**Refugees in Camps**

- **78%**
- **45%**

**Women & Children**

- **78%**
- **45%**

**Refugees with Specific Needs**

- **Child at Risk**: 104,501
- **Legal & Physical Needs**: 59,235
- **Woman at Risk**: 17,000
- **Single Parent**: 20,000
- **Older Person at Risk**: 15,000
- **Persons with Disability**: 10,000
- **Serious Med. Condition**: 5,000
- **Others**: 1,000

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**Source**: Geographic data: UNCS. Population statistics: UNHCR Monthly Statistical Reports or latest available. IDP statistics from OCHA, IOM. Statistics should be considered provisional and subject to change. For more information, please contact UNHCR RBWC DIMA <rbwadima@unhcr.org>