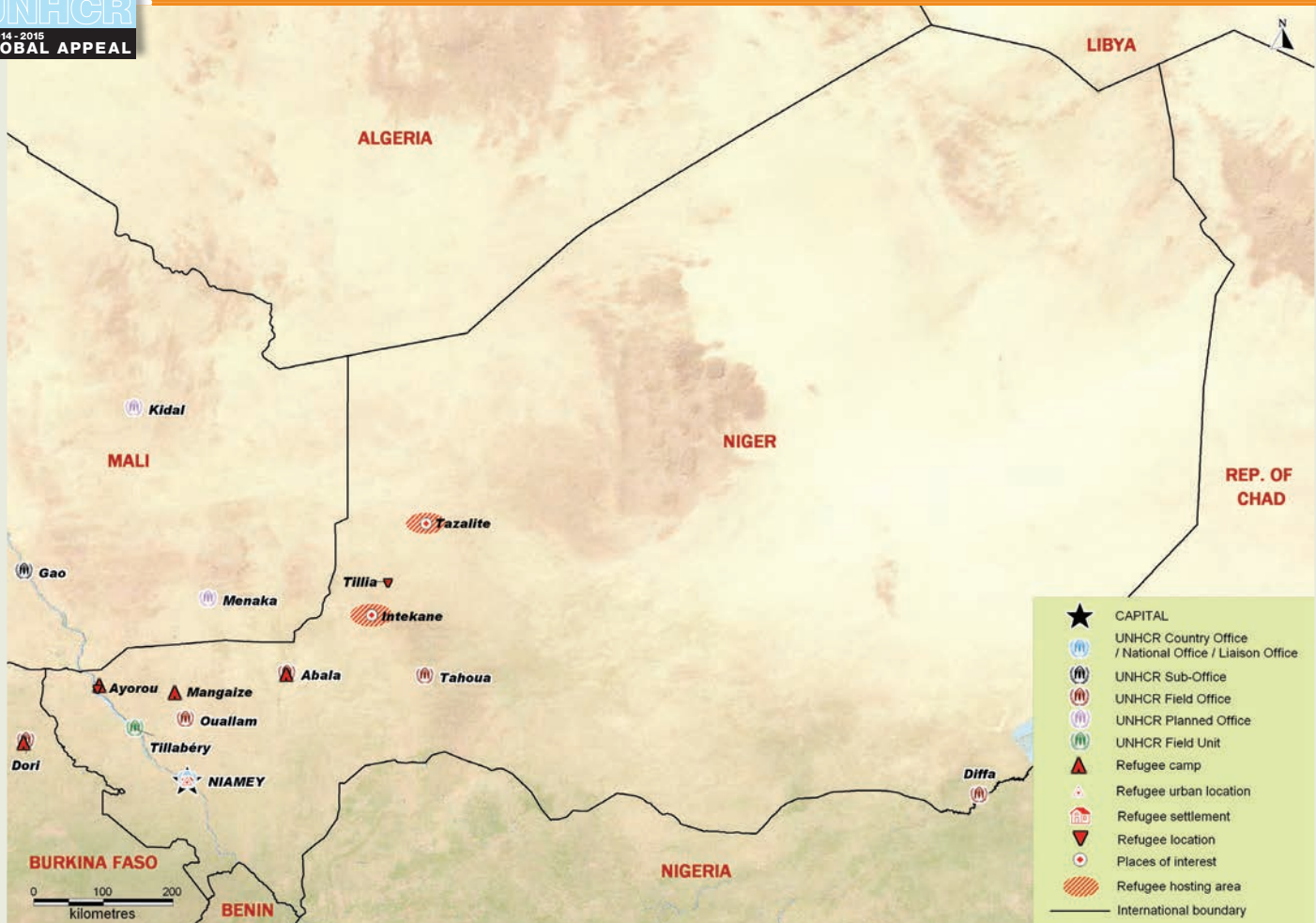




UNHCR
2014 - 2015
GLOBAL APPEAL

NIGER



UNHCR's planned presence | 2014

Number of offices	5
Total personnel	102
International staff	19
National staff	75
UN Volunteers	5
Others	3

Overview

Working environment

- Since 2012, Malian refugees have enjoyed a protective asylum environment in Niger with *prima facie* refugee status and unhampered access to the asylum territory and to basic social services such as health and education. The Government of Niger also facilitates refugees' access to water, firewood and other natural resources.
- The declaration of a state of emergency in northern Nigeria in May 2013, and the military offensive launched against an insurgent group, have caused a new refugee crisis in the south-east of Niger. The potential for further massive influxes of Nigerians through multiple crossing points represents a major operational challenge that could further strain existing resources.

- In Niger, UNHCR and its humanitarian partners are operating in a challenging environment with poor infrastructure, chronic drought, seasonal flooding, extreme heat and violent winds and rains, as well as outbreaks of epidemics. Niger is ranked last in UNDP's 2013 human development index.

- The volatile security situation in Niger remains worrisome. With terrorist attacks being reported in 2013 in Arlit, Agadez and Niamey, the security context limits movements and requires expensive mitigation measures, such as armed escorts for international humanitarian workers almost everywhere outside the capital.

People of concern

UNHCR's main populations of concern in 2014 will be: Malian refugees living in camps, nomadic pasture areas or urban settings; and Nigerian refugees, most of whom are staying with host families in the Diffa region.

Planning figures

Type of population	Origin	Dec 2013		Dec 2014		Dec 2015	
		Total in country	Of whom assisted by UNHCR	Total in country	Of whom assisted by UNHCR	Total in country	Of whom assisted by UNHCR
Refugees	Chad	120	120	120	120	120	120
	Mali	47,000	47,000	40,000	40,000	25,000	25,000
	Nigeria	4,000	4,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
	Various	160	160	150	150	140	140
Others of concern	Niger	9,000	9,000	10,000	10,000	1,000	1,000
Total		60,280	60,280	62,270	62,270	38,260	38,260

| Response |

Needs and strategies

UNHCR's strategy will focus on providing protection and assistance as well as on durable solutions.

In terms of protection and assistance, the Office will encourage the self-reliance of refugees and help support the resilience of the host population. A main feature of the 2014 protection strategy will be the introduction of biometric registration to better monitor population movements and the delivery of assistance. In Niger, UNHCR will work in four different settings: in camps, nomadic hosting areas, urban areas, and with host communities. In order to adapt to the specific context and needs of each group,

UNHCR will scale up innovative responses and initiatives that were successfully piloted last year. These include a socio-economic profiling with the aim of better understanding the needs of refugees, especially Tuaregs; a refugee protection and assistance centre for urban refugees in Niamey; a programme to provide domestic energy for refugee households; and a cash voucher programme, that presently only covers food, but could include non-food items and cash transfers in the future.

With regard to durable solutions, UNHCR will put in place a repatriation programme for those who wish to return to Mali when conditions for a return permit this.

Main objectives and targets for 2014

The following matrix contains examples of some of the main activities planned in 2014. Using a selection of objectives from UNHCR's programme plans for the 2014-2015 biennium, it is designed to illustrate:

- what – under the global needs assessment planning and prioritization process – has been planned (**Planned activities**) for particular groups of people of concern (**People of concern**);
- the identified needs that can be covered if full and flexible funding is made available (**2014 comprehensive target**); and
- the needs that may not be met if funding falls short of the ExCom-approved budget (**Potential gap**). The estimation of a potential gap is based on the country operation's own assessment of the likely impact of a global funding shortfall. Calculations are based on various criteria, including the particular context, strategic priorities and

experience of resource availability for the respective area of activity in previous years.

Activities under objectives on child protection (including best interest determination), education and prevention and response to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) are core areas which are given priority in the allocation of funding (**priority area**). In order to ensure the necessary flexibility in the allocation of funds, UNHCR relies on unrestricted contributions from its donors.

It should be understood that in some cases, targets for activities or delivery of services may not be reached for reasons other than a funding shortfall, e.g. lack of access to people of concern, cases not reported, changing circumstances, security problems, insufficient capacity to implement all programmes planned, etc. In the Global Report 2014, an explanation of why any target may not have been reached will be provided.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES	PEOPLE OF CONCERN	2014 COMPREHENSIVE TARGET	POTENTIAL GAP
Fair protection process and documentation			
Level of individual documentation increased			
In 2014, UNHCR will continue registering refugees and asylum-seekers in refugee camps, hosting areas, and urban areas and introduce biometric registration.			
Number of identity documents issued for people of concern	Malian refugees	50,000	10,000
	Nigerian refugees	20,000	5,000
Security from violence and exploitation			
Risk of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) is reduced and quality of process improved			
Among the main risks facing refugee women in Niger are forced marriage, early marriage, rape and domestic violence. In 2014, UNHCR will reach out to men and boys to sensitize communities on SGBV and provide a holistic response to survivors, helping them recover and become self-sufficient.			
Number of reported SGBV incidents for which survivors receive medical assistance	Malian refugees	20	priority area
	Nigerian refugees	5	priority area
Number of reported incidents for which survivors receive material assistance	Malian refugees	20	priority area
	Nigerian refugees	5	priority area
Protection of children strengthened			
To prevent and address threats to children in the camps, in 2014, UNHCR will ensure the case management of abuse, neglect, violence and exploitation of children through sensitization, best-interest assessment and determination procedures. Identification, documentation, tracing and reunification activities for unaccompanied and separated children will be also reinforced, including through capacity building for partners. Additionally, psychological support to distressed refugee and returnee children and adolescents will be provided.			
Number of awareness-raising campaigns conducted on child protection	Malian refugees	12	priority area
	Nigerian refugees	12	priority area
Number of best interest determination decisions	Malian refugees	45	priority area
	Nigerian refugees	10	priority area
Basic needs and essential services			
Nutrition well-being improved			
Malnutrition and food insecurity will remain part of the main challenges in Niger. In 2014, UNHCR will strengthen the establishment of community workers who will be trained to detect malnourished children at the early stage.			
Number of new admissions to community management of acute malnutrition programmes	Malian refugees	5,811	2,324
Supply of potable water increased or maintained			
Communities are strongly affected by the lack of access to drinking water in Niger. In 2014, the Office will ensure that all refugees enjoy adequate water supplies, according to UNHCR standards.			
Number of people of concern served by water system	Malian refugees	50,000	10,000
	Nigerian refugees	20,000	5,000
Population has optimal access to education			
As education is one of the main protection priorities for UNHCR, in 2014, the Office will ensure that Malian, Nigerian and urban refugees have access to quality primary education.			
Number of children enrolled in primary education	Malian refugees	8,000	priority area
Durable solutions			
Potential for voluntary return realized			
With the stabilization of the security situation in Mali, UNHCR will facilitate the repatriation of some 5,000 Malian refugees in 2014.			
Number of people provided with safe and dignified transport	Malian refugees	5,000	2,000
Community empowerment and self-reliance			
Self-reliance and livelihoods improved			
Since many refugees have expressed their need for income-generating activities, in 2014, UNHCR will assist some 4,000 vulnerable refugee women and girls by providing them with livestock, such as goats and sheep.			
Number of people receiving production kits/inputs for agriculture/livestock/fisheries activities	Malian refugees	4,000	1,500

| Implementation |

Partners

Implementing partners

Government agencies:

Commission nationale d'éligibilité au statut de réfugié

NGOs:

ACTED, *Afrique Secours international*, Akarass, CADEV, International Rescue Committee, Islamic Relief International, Oxfam, Plan-Niger, Save the Children

Others:

IOM

Operational partners

Government agencies:

Cellule de coordination de l'aide humanitaire (Prime Minister's Office), *Ministère de la santé publique*, *Ministère de l'éducation nationale*, *Ministère de l'environnement et de l'assainissement*, Social safety net cell (Prime Minister's Office)

NGOs:

Médecins sans Frontières - France

Others:

Qatar Red Crescent Society, Red Cross of Niger, UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP, WHO

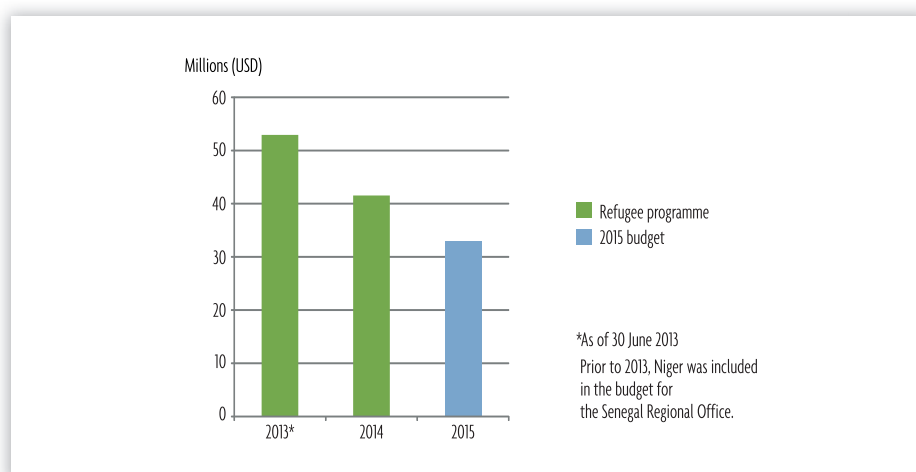
Coordination

UNHCR is part of the Humanitarian Country Team in Niger and is the lead agency of the multi-sector working group for refugees. The Office will continue to lead and coordinate all refugee matters in support of its main counterpart in the country, the *Commission nationale d'éligibilité au statut de réfugié*, which is part of the Ministry of the Interior. It will also work with a wide range of partners including the Government, other UN agencies, NGOs and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and continue pursuing opportunities for engaging with the private sector. To facilitate the voluntary repatriation of Malian refugees in a safe and dignified manner, regional coordination mechanisms will be established.

| Financial information |

With the foreseen return of Malian refugees to Mali, the 2014 financial requirements for UNHCR's operation in Niger have been set at USD 41.5 million, a decrease of approximately USD 11 million compared to the revised 2013 budget of USD 52.9 million.

Budgets for Niger | 2013–2015



2014 budget for Niger | USD

Budget breakdown	PILLAR 1 Refugee programme	Total
2013 revised budget (as of 30 June 2013)	52,925,462	52,925,462
Favourable protection environment		
Law and policy	254,392	254,392
Administrative institutions and practice	111,358	111,358
Access to legal assistance and remedies	150,329	150,329
Access to territory and <i>refoulement</i> risk reduced	450,000	450,000
Public attitude towards people of concern	232,715	232,715
Subtotal	1,198,793	1,198,793

Budget breakdown	PILLAR 1 Refugee programme	Total
Fair protection processes and documentation		
Reception conditions	906,243	906,243
Registration and profiling	1,008,252	1,008,252
Status determination procedures	35,971	35,971
Individual documentation	179,829	179,829
Civil registration and status documentation	148,329	148,329
Family reunification	201,427	201,427
Subtotal	2,480,051	2,480,051
Security from violence and exploitation		
Protection from crime	454,142	454,142
Protection from effects of armed conflict	477,784	477,784
Prevention and response to SGBV	1,267,929	1,267,929
Protection of children	580,500	580,500
Subtotal	2,780,355	2,780,355
Basic needs and essential services		
Health	1,610,332	1,610,332
Reproductive health and HIV services	523,591	523,591
Nutrition	604,142	604,142
Food security	335,708	335,708
Water	1,854,281	1,854,281
Sanitation and hygiene	2,188,353	2,188,353
Shelter and infrastructure	11,803,631	11,803,631
Access to energy	378,854	378,854
Basic and domestic items	1,380,028	1,380,028
Services for people with specific needs	476,373	476,373
Education	1,335,739	1,335,739
Subtotal	22,491,030	22,491,030
Community empowerment and self-reliance		
Community mobilization	643,987	643,987
Coexistence with local communities	392,854	392,854
Self-reliance and livelihood activities	2,965,119	2,965,119
Subtotal	4,001,959	4,001,959
Durable solutions		
Voluntary return	2,362,609	2,362,609
Integration	96,914	96,914
Resettlement	229,525	229,525
Subtotal	2,689,048	2,689,048
Leadership, coordination and partnerships		
Coordination and partnerships	694,711	694,711
Camp management and coordination	849,785	849,785
Donor relations and resource mobilization	512,344	512,344
Subtotal	2,056,840	2,056,840
Logistics and operations support		
Logistics and supply	606,223	606,223
Operations management, coordination and support	3,229,672	3,229,672
Subtotal	3,835,895	3,835,895
2014 total budget	41,533,971	41,533,971