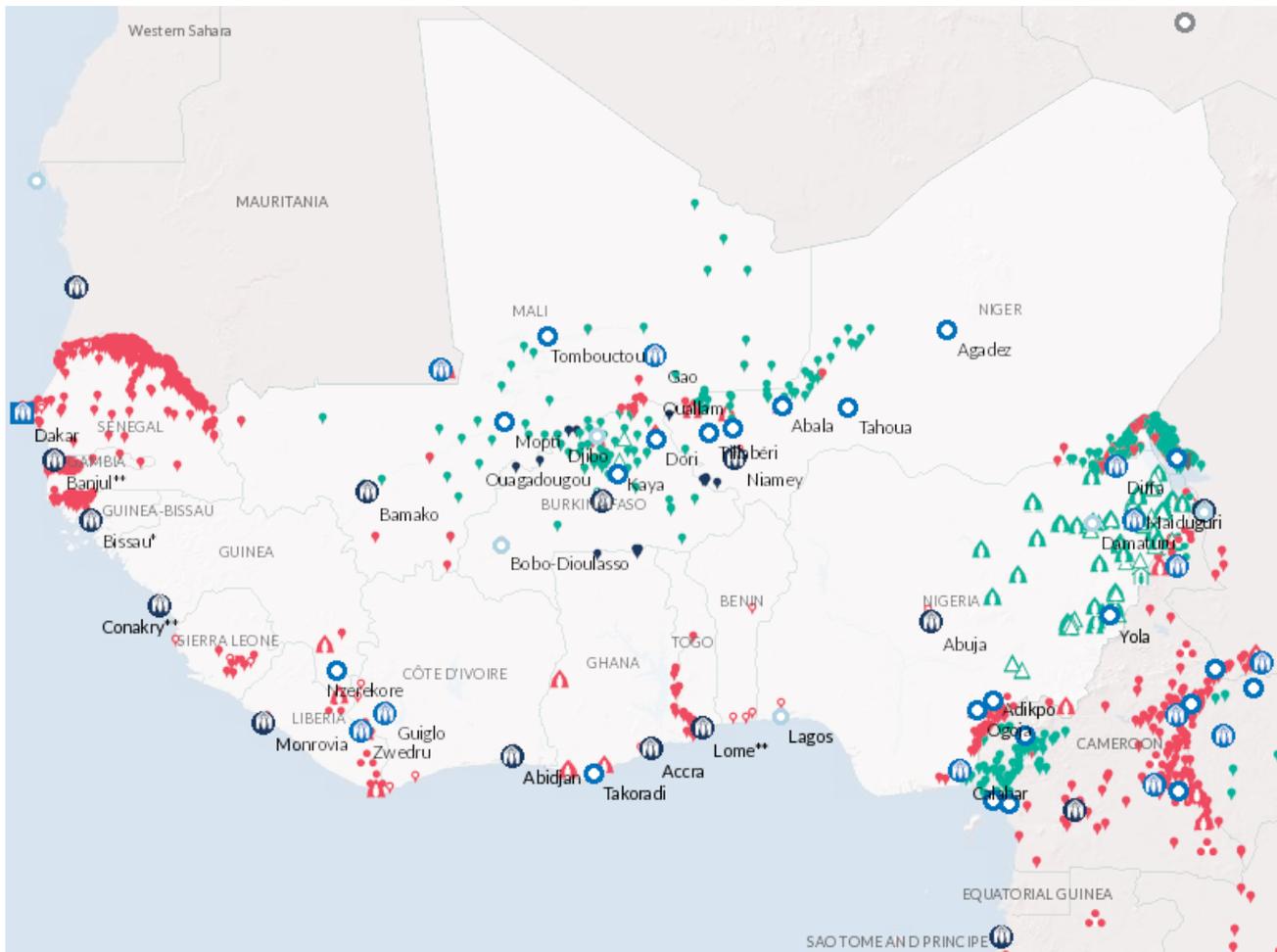
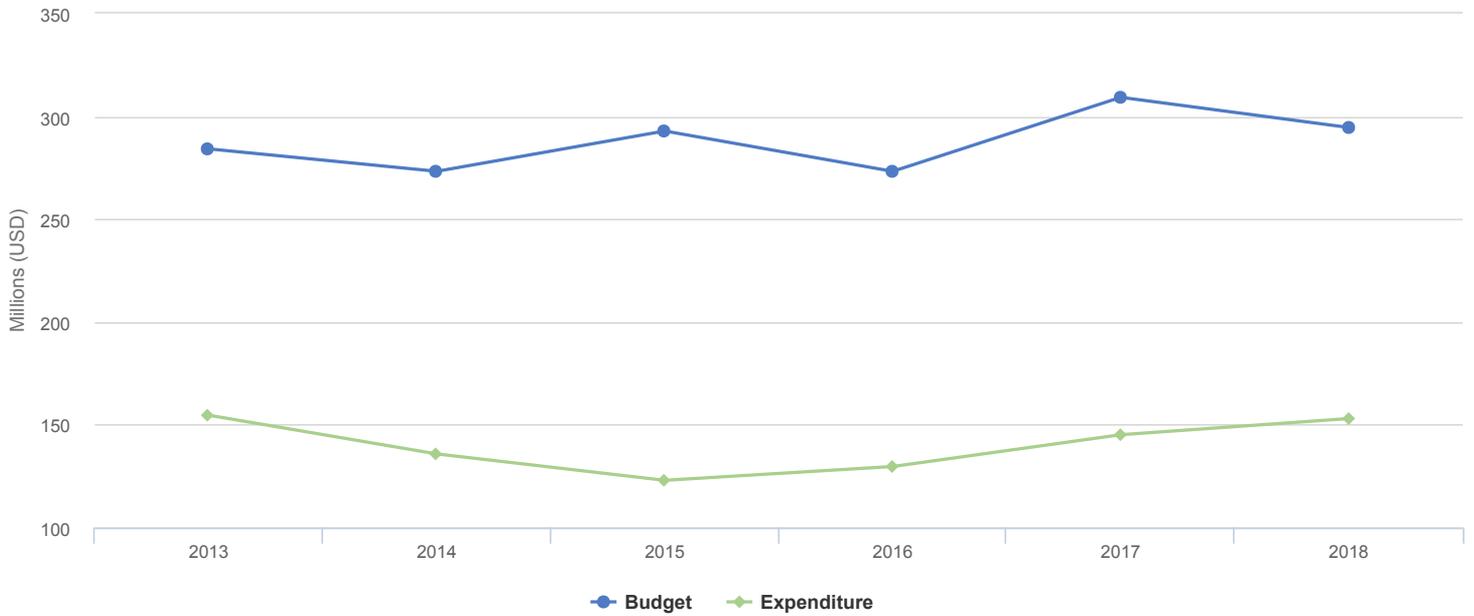


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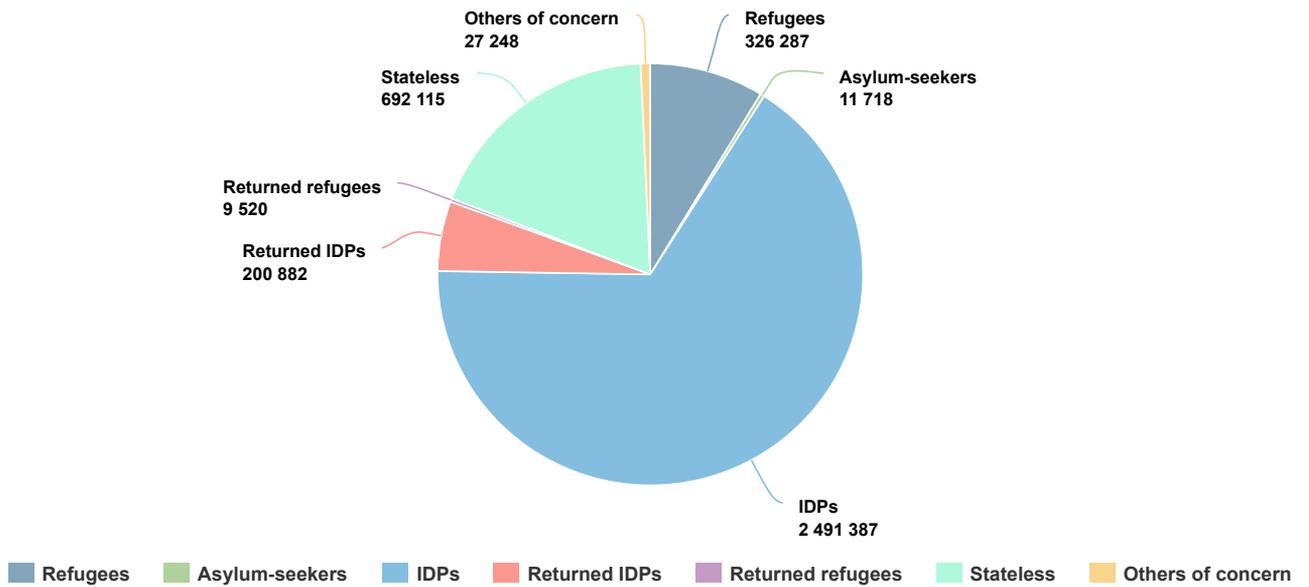
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Budgets and Expenditure in Subregion West Africa



People of Concern - 2018



Response in 2018

In 2018, the West Africa sub-region witnessed a surge in jihadist militant activities in Burkina Faso and Mali, while the Islamic State claimed responsibility for a number of attacks reported in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger. Escalating Boko Haram insurgency in the Lake Chad Basin and the destabilizing effect of Islamic State West Africa terrorist cell also contributed significantly to the population displacement in West Africa. In combination with these, the ever increasing level of criminality and competition over depleting natural resources further fuelled and sustained intercommunal tensions in parts of Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Nigeria. Finally, the response of the G5 Sahel and other national and international security actors fighting armed groups has also produced population displacement.

As a result, Burkina Faso, Mali and Nigeria became the countries with the most significant number of population displacement in the sub-region. From Nigeria alone, the number of refugees registered in three main asylum countries namely Cameroon, Chad and Niger grew by 10% from the previous year. Simultaneously, more than 90% of voluntary refugee returns took place to Nigeria, with some 31,650 Nigerian refugees returning spontaneously during the course of the year. These returns in “less than ideal” situations were also triggered by the deteriorating situation in host countries. Considering the volatile security situation, the scale of voluntary return movements did not meet that of new displacement. The population of concern in West Africa grew from some 3.5 million at the beginning of the year, to some 3.8 million at year end.

In 2018, the IDP population grew from 1.9 million to nearly 2.5 million, representing more than a half of the total population of concern in the sub-region. Most IDPs have been displaced due to the ongoing conflict in the Lake Chad Basin, with some 94% as a result of the insurgency in north-eastern Nigeria alone. In addition to the internally displaced population, the sub-region hosted some 326,000 refugees and close to 700,000 stateless persons or persons at risk of statelessness.

Regional actors continued to support solutions, addressing the root causes of displacement in the sub-region. In a regional meeting on Solutions for Ivorian Refugees convened by UNHCR in Abidjan in November 2018, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia and Togo, with UNHCR’s support, developed and adopted a road-map for the implementation of the Comprehensive Solutions Strategy for Ivorian refugees. Similarly, states operating under an intergovernmental G5 force and Sahel alliance worked in collaboration to counter security and development challenges in border regions. States remained committed to their international protection obligations towards people of concern. Generally, people in need of international protection were allowed access to the territory in all countries in the region, except a few reported cases of refoulement and return in adverse circumstances.

UNHCR remained actively involved in providing protection, shelter and other assistance to IDPs in a number of operations including in Nigeria, Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso. In the case of Burkina Faso, UNHCR joined other UN and Humanitarian agencies in scaling up the response to a growing IDP situation in the country.

The Banjul Plan of Action of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) on the Eradication of Statelessness 2017-2024 remained a legally binding instrument and a key reference document for the development of concrete actions to end statelessness in the region. In Côte d’Ivoire, UNHCR supported the Government in issuing approximately 400,000 birth certificates to children at risk of statelessness, while authorities in Niger illustrated their commitment for the protection of IDPs by domesticating the 2009 African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention).

The CRRF approach was adopted by the government of Chad and the humanitarian-development nexus was put in motion thanks to the intervention of the World Bank and the EU. The EU funded also a multi-year program supporting livelihood and the Out-of-Camp policy in Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso. In Cameroon, UNHCR partnered with the government and the World Bank to bring solutions to protracted refugee situations and improve the conditions of host populations.

West Africa continued to host an increasing number of refugees in protracted situations. In addition to Malian and Nigerian refugees, there are Mauritanian refugees in Mali and Senegal, Togolese refugees in Ghana, Ghanaians refugees in Togo and Ivorian refugees mostly in Liberia, Ghana, Guinea and Togo. A road map for the return of Ivorian refugees was adopted at the end of 2018 and is likely to lead to the closure of this protracted displacement. For the other protracted situations, UNHCR continue to seek durable solutions.

UNHCR’s operations in the sub-region were hindered mainly by security and under-funding. While grappling with the challenge of humanitarian access resulting from insecurity, UNHCR’s operations had to prioritise life-saving activities over investments in sectors with a potential to unlock solutions for refugees in protracted situations.

2018 Voluntary Contributions to West Africa | USD

Earmarking / Donor	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 2 Stateless programme	Pillar 3 Reintegration projects	Pillar 4 IDP projects	All pillars	Total
West Africa overall						
Private donors in the United States of America	28,000	0	0	0	0	28,000
West Africa overall subtotal	28,000	0	0	0	0	28,000
Burkina Faso						
Denmark	1,336,179	0	0	0	0	1,336,179
European Union	1,926,100	0	0	0	0	1,926,100
France	274,216	0	0	0	0	274,216
Private donors in the United States of America	138,000	0	0	0	0	138,000
UNAIDS	0	0	0	0	50,000	50,000
United States of America	42,800	0	0	0	0	42,800
Burkina Faso subtotal	3,717,296	0	0	0	50,000	3,767,296
Côte d'Ivoire						
Italy	0	1,292,177	620,599	0	0	1,912,776
UNAIDS	0	0	0	0	20,000	20,000
Côte d'Ivoire subtotal	0	1,292,177	620,599	0	20,000	1,932,776
Ghana						
Private donors in Ghana	621	0	0	0	0	621
Ghana subtotal	621	0	0	0	0	621
Liberia						
Private donors in Italy	191	0	0	0	0	191
Private donors in Japan	167,063	0	0	0	0	167,063
UN Women	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000
UNAIDS	0	0	0	0	20,900	20,900
Liberia subtotal	177,253	0	0	0	20,900	198,153
Mali						
European Union	465,217	0	1,409,853	0	0	1,875,071
France	174,216	0	0	300,000	0	474,216
Italy	674,556	0	0	0	0	674,556
Republic of Korea	0	0	0	0	300,000	300,000

Earmarking / Donor	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 2 Stateless programme	Pillar 3 Reintegration projects	Pillar 4 IDP projects	All pillars	Total
Sweden	0	0	0	0	888,325	888,325
Switzerland	0	0	360,360	0	0	360,360
UN Peacebuilding Fund	0	0	0	0	550,000	550,000
United States of America	0	0	0	21,400	0	21,400
Mali subtotal	1,313,989	0	1,770,214	321,400	1,738,325	5,143,928
Niger						
Canada	0	0	0	0	706,991	706,991
Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)	0	0	0	809,241	0	809,241
European Union	26,302,706	0	0	0	0	26,302,706
France	3,852,110	0	0	0	0	3,852,110
Germany	10,842	0	0	0	1,545,455	1,556,297
Italy	5,007,160	0	0	0	0	5,007,160
Japan	1,800,000	0	0	0	0	1,800,000
Luxembourg	0	0	0	0	784,519	784,519
Private donors in Japan	35,595	0	0	0	0	35,595
Private donors in the United States of America	195,578	0	0	0	0	195,578
Spain	800,000	0	0	0	0	800,000
Sweden	0	0	0	285,533	0	285,533
UN Peacebuilding Fund	142,219	0	0	0	0	142,219
UNAIDS	0	0	0	0	65,000	65,000
United States of America	0	0	0	13,910	12,500,000	12,513,910
Niger subtotal	38,146,210	0	0	1,108,684	15,601,965	54,856,859
Nigeria						
Belgium	0	0	0	0	1,165,501	1,165,501
Canada	0	0	0	0	78,555	78,555
Common Humanitarian Fund Sudan	0	0	155,178	30,923	2,305,293	2,491,394
European Union	362,319	0	0	0	0	362,319
France	0	0	774,293	0	125,000	899,293
Nigeria	0	0	0	0	63,735	63,735
Private donors in Norway	76,100	0	0	0	0	76,100
Republic of Korea	0	0	0	0	500,000	500,000
Sweden	983,503	0	0	0	0	983,503
UN Trust Fund for Human Security	0	0	0	69,320	0	69,320
United States of America	0	0	0	0	4,100,000	4,100,000

Earmarking / Donor	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 2 Stateless programme	Pillar 3 Reintegration projects	Pillar 4 IDP projects	All pillars	Total
<i>Nigeria subtotal</i>	1,421,921	0	929,471	100,243	8,338,084	10,789,719
Senegal Regional Office						
European Union	403,643	0	0	0	0	403,643
Germany	50,000	0	0	0	0	50,000
Private donors in Italy	251	0	0	0	0	251
Private donors in Senegal	1,777	0	0	0	0	1,777
Switzerland	66,135	0	0	0	0	66,135
UNESCO	0	0	0	0	108,070	108,070
<i>Senegal Regional Office subtotal</i>	521,806	0	0	0	108,070	629,876
Total	45,327,097	1,292,177	3,320,284	1,530,327	25,877,344	77,347,227

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