

Context: The Central Sahel area, and in particular the Liptako Gourma region, which borders Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger, is affected by a complex crisis involving growing competition over dwindling resources; climatic variability; demographic pressure; high levels of poverty; disaffection and a lack of livelihood opportunities; communal tensions; the absence of state institutions and basic services; and

violence related to organized crime and Non-State Armed Groups. The crisis has led to the death of an estimated 5,000 people in 2020 (as of 31 August) and triggered significant displacement of populations in the four affected countries. As of 26 November 2021, 2,116,685 individuals have been displaced, including 1,933,045 Internally Displaced Persons (91% of the displaced population) and 183,640

Refugees (9% of the displaced population). Sixty-eight per cent of the displaced population (1,431,279 individuals) were located in Burkina Faso, while 20 per cent resided in Mali (414,922 individuals), 9 per cent in Niger (197,668 individuals) and 3 per cent in Mauritania (72,816 individuals).

NB: Displacements may also be linked to the crisis affecting Northern Mali since 2012.



Sources: ACLED (Sep 2020), DTM Mali, Commission de mouvements de populations (CMP) (September 2021), UNHCR Mali (31 October 2021), UNHCR Niger (31 October 2021), CONASUR Burkina Faso/OCHA (30 September 2021), UNHCR Burkina Faso (31 October 2021), UNHCR Mauritania (31 October 2021).

