SITUATION IN CENTRAL SAHEL, LIPTAKO GOURMA AND COASTAL COUNTRIES

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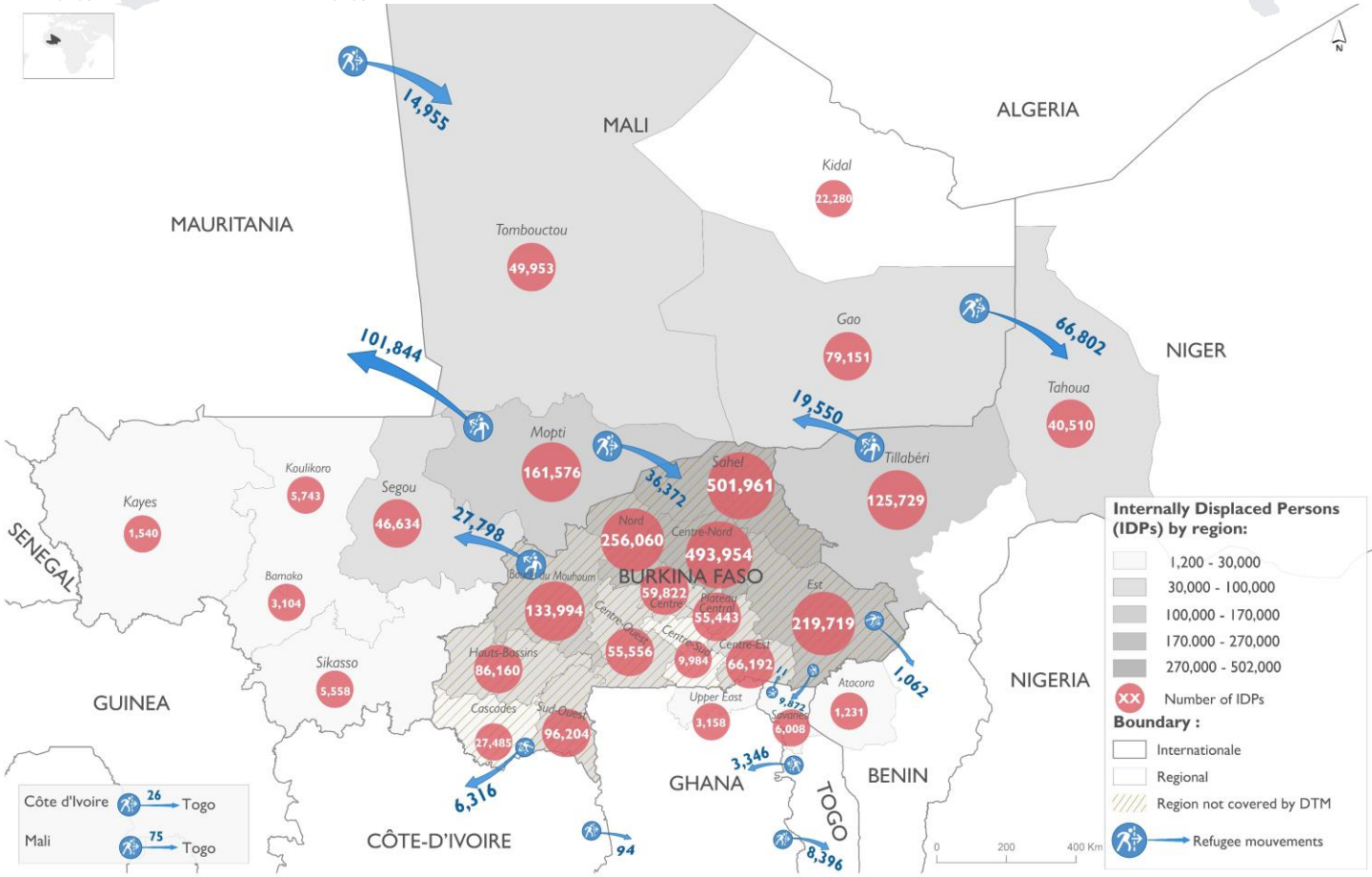
Context: The Central Sahel area, and in particular the Liptako Gourma region, which borders Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger, is affected by a complex crisis involving growing competition over dwindling resources; climatic variability; demographic pressure; high levels of poverty; disaffection and a lack 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 triggered significant displacement of populations in the concerned countries and is affecting neighbouring countries such as Mauritania and the coastal countries.

As of July 2023, **2,911,228 individuals** have been displaced, including **2,614,709 internally displaced persons** (90% of the displaced population) and **296,519 refugees** (10% of the displaced population). Seventy-two per cent of the displaced populations (**2,098,917 individuals**) were located in **Burkina Faso**, while 15 per cent resided in **Mali** (**437,842 individuals**), 8 per cent in **Niger** (**233,041 individuals**) and 3 per cent in **Mauritania** (**101,844 individuals**). The crisis' recent spill over to coastal countries, namely **Côte d'Ivoire**, **Ghana**, **Togo** and **Benin**, shows growing number of refugees coming from the Central Sahel and populations internally displaced. As of July, **39,584 individuals** were affected by displacement within the four countries (2,293 in Benin, 6,316 in Côte d'Ivoire, 6,598 in Ghana and 24,377 in Togo) of which **10,397 were internally displaced**. Other estimations account for 63,831 refugees currently living in the four countries (10,000 in Benin, 25,719 in Côte d'Ivoire, 8,112 in Ghana and 20,000 in Togo)*.

2,614,709 IDPs (90%) **- 6 %** (Dec.22-Jul.23)

296,519 Refugees (10%) **+ 12 %** (Dec.22-Jul.23)

	IDPs	Refugees
BENIN	1,231	1,062
BURKINA FASO	2,062,534	36,838
COTE D'IVOIRE		6,316
GHANA	3,158	3,440
MALI	375,539	62,303
MAURITANIE		101,844
NIGER	166,239	66,802
TOGO	6,008	18,369



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*Sources : DTM Mali (April 2023). DTM Niger, VAS (April 2023). CONSAUR data (March 2023). Reported IDP figure from governments in Ghana, Togo and Benin. UNHCR Refugees data (July 2023). *GRANIT, report 7 (May 2023).*

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