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.

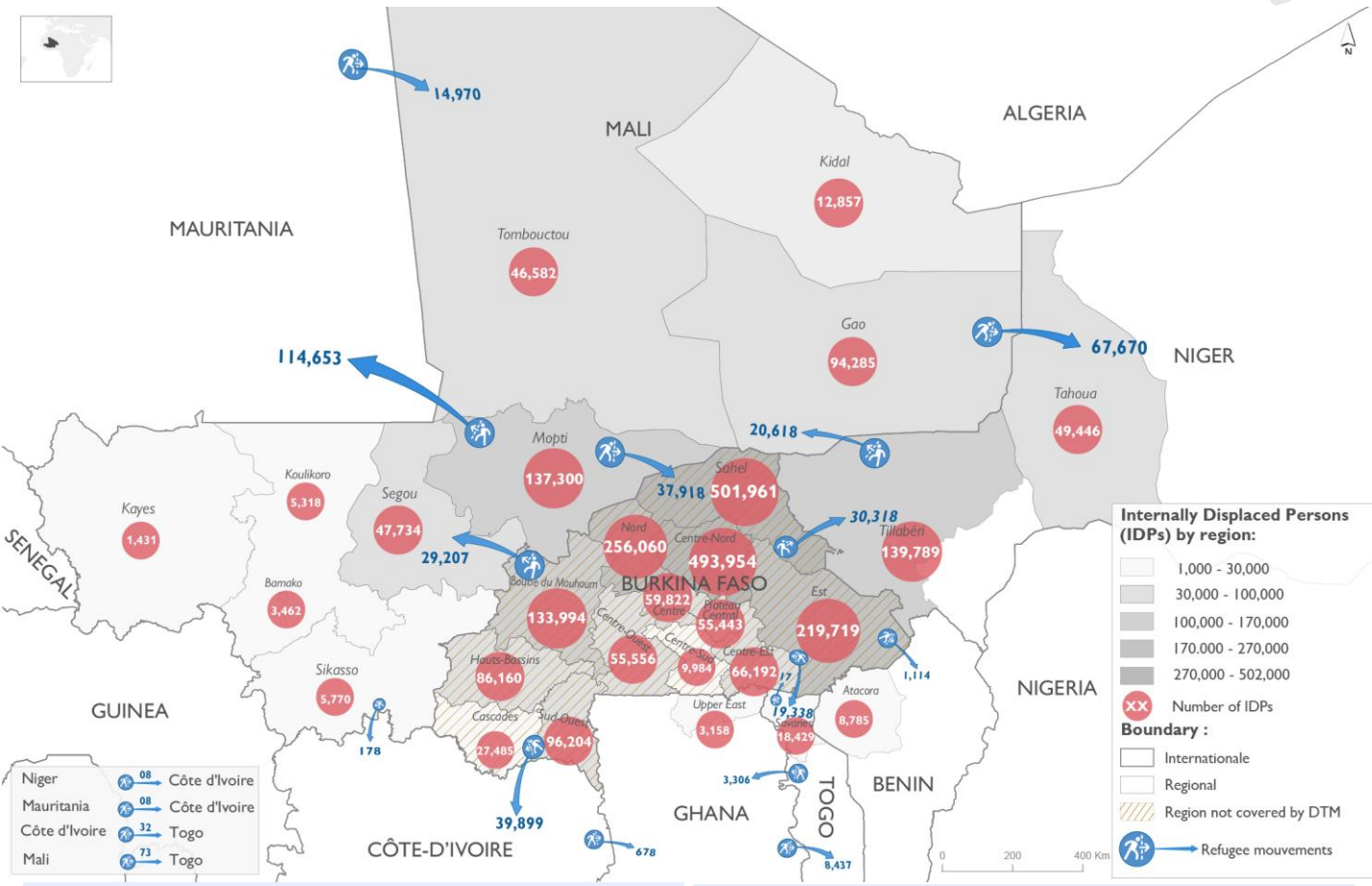
As of February 2024, **3,025,322 individuals** have been displaced, including **2,636,880 internally displaced persons** (87% of the displaced population) and **388,442 refugees** (13% of the displaced population). Sixty-nine per cent of the displaced populations (**2,100,469 individuals**) were located in **Burkina Faso**, while 14 per cent resided in **Mali** (**419,534 individuals**), 10 per cent in **Niger** (**287,223 individuals**) and 4 per cent in **Mauritania** (**114,653 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 February, **103,443 individuals** were affected by displacement within the four countries (9,899 in Benin, 40,093 in Côte d'Ivoire, 7,142 in Ghana and 46,309 in Togo) of which **30,372 were internally displaced**.

2,636,880 IDPs (87%)
No variation (Dec.23-Feb.24)

388,442 Refugees (13%)
+ 4 % (Dec.23-Feb.24)

BENIN	BURKINA FASO	COTE D'IVOIRE
8,785	2,062,534	40,093
1,114	37,935	

GHANA	MALI	MAURITANIE	NIGER	TOGO
3,158	354,739	114,653	189,235	18,429
3,984	64,795		97,988	27,880



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Sources : DTM Mali (December 2023). DTM Niger, VAS 7 (December 2023). CONSAUR data (March 2023). DTM Togo (July 2023). Reported IDP figure from governments in Ghana and Benin. UNHCR Refugees data (February 2024).

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