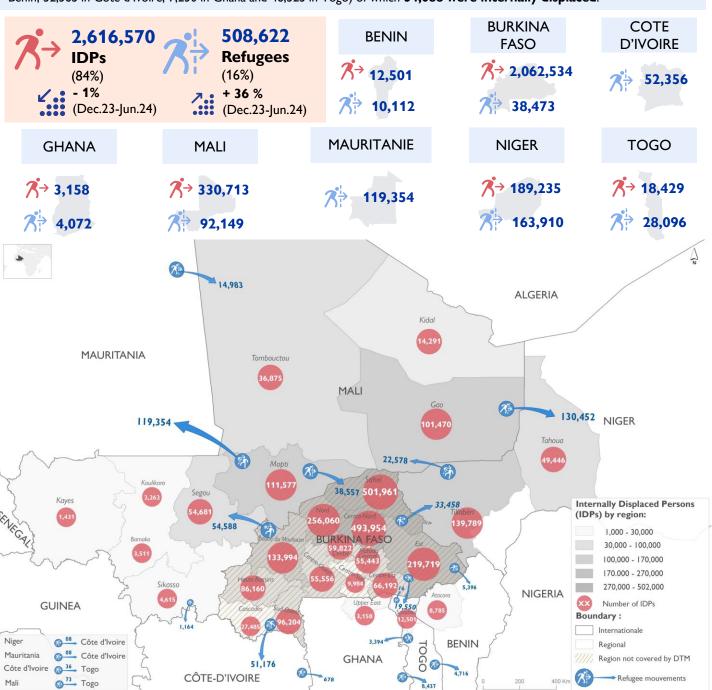
SITUATION IN CENTRAL SAHEL, LIPTAKO **GOURMA AND COASTAL COUNTRIES**

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 June 2024, 3,125,192 individuals have been displaced, including 2,616,570 internally displaced persons (84% of the displaced population) and 508,622 refugees (16% of the displaced population). Sixty-seven per cent of the displaced populations (2,101,107 individuals) were located in Burkina Faso, while 14 per cent resided in Mali (422,862 individuals), 11 per cent in Niger (353,145 individuals) and 4 per cent in Mauritania (119,354 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 June, 128,724 individuals were affected by displacement within the four countries (22,613 in Benin, 52,365 in Côte d'Ivoire, 7,230 in Ghana and 46,525 in Togo) of which 34,088 were internally displaced.



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