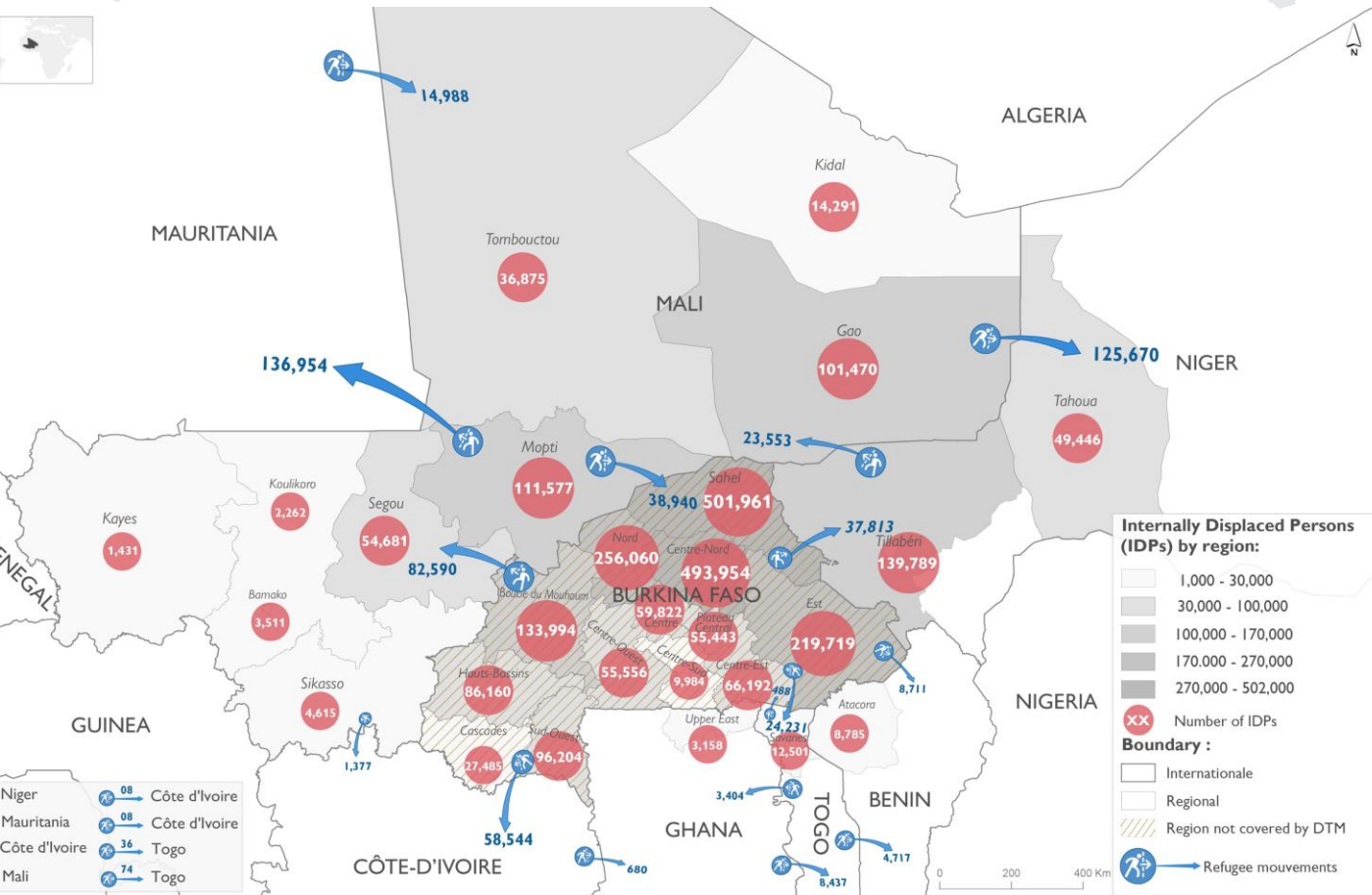
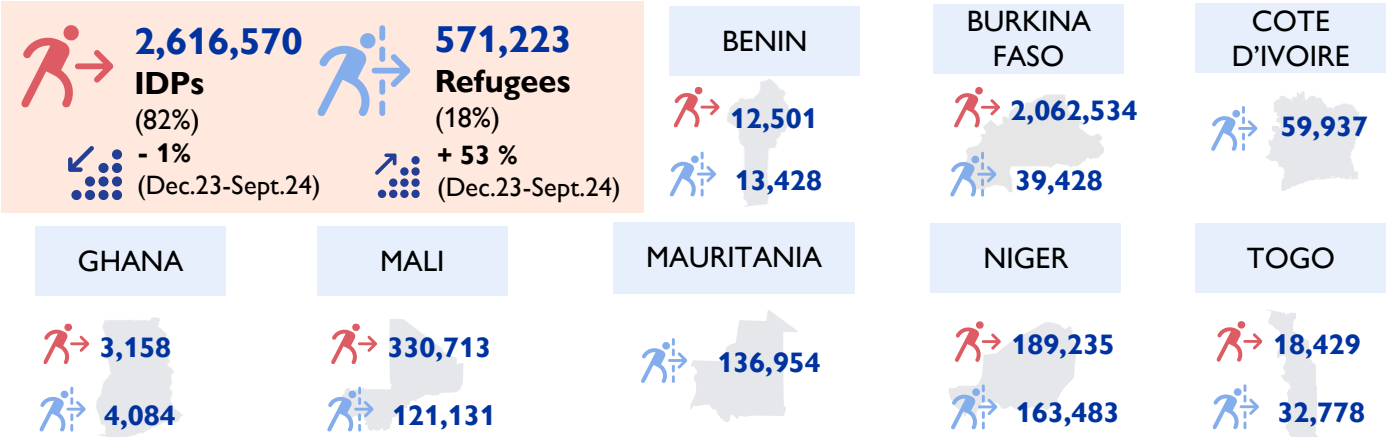


Context: The Central Sahel area, and in particular the Liptako Gourma region, which borders Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger, is affected by a complex crisis involving growing competition over dwindling resources; climatic variability; demographic pressure; high levels of poverty; disaffection and a lack 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 September 2024, **3,187,793 individuals** have been displaced, including **2,616,570 internally displaced persons** (82% of the displaced population) and **571,223 refugees** (18% of the displaced population). Sixty-six per cent of the displaced populations (**2,101,962 individuals**) were located in **Burkina Faso**, while 14 per cent resided in **Mali** (**451,844 individuals**), 11 per cent in **Niger** (**352,718 individuals**) and 4 per cent in **Mauritania** (**136,954 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 September, **144,315 individuals** were affected by displacement within the four countries (25,929 in Benin, 59,937 in Côte d'Ivoire, 7,242 in Ghana and 51,207 in Togo) of which **34,088 were internally displaced**.



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