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.

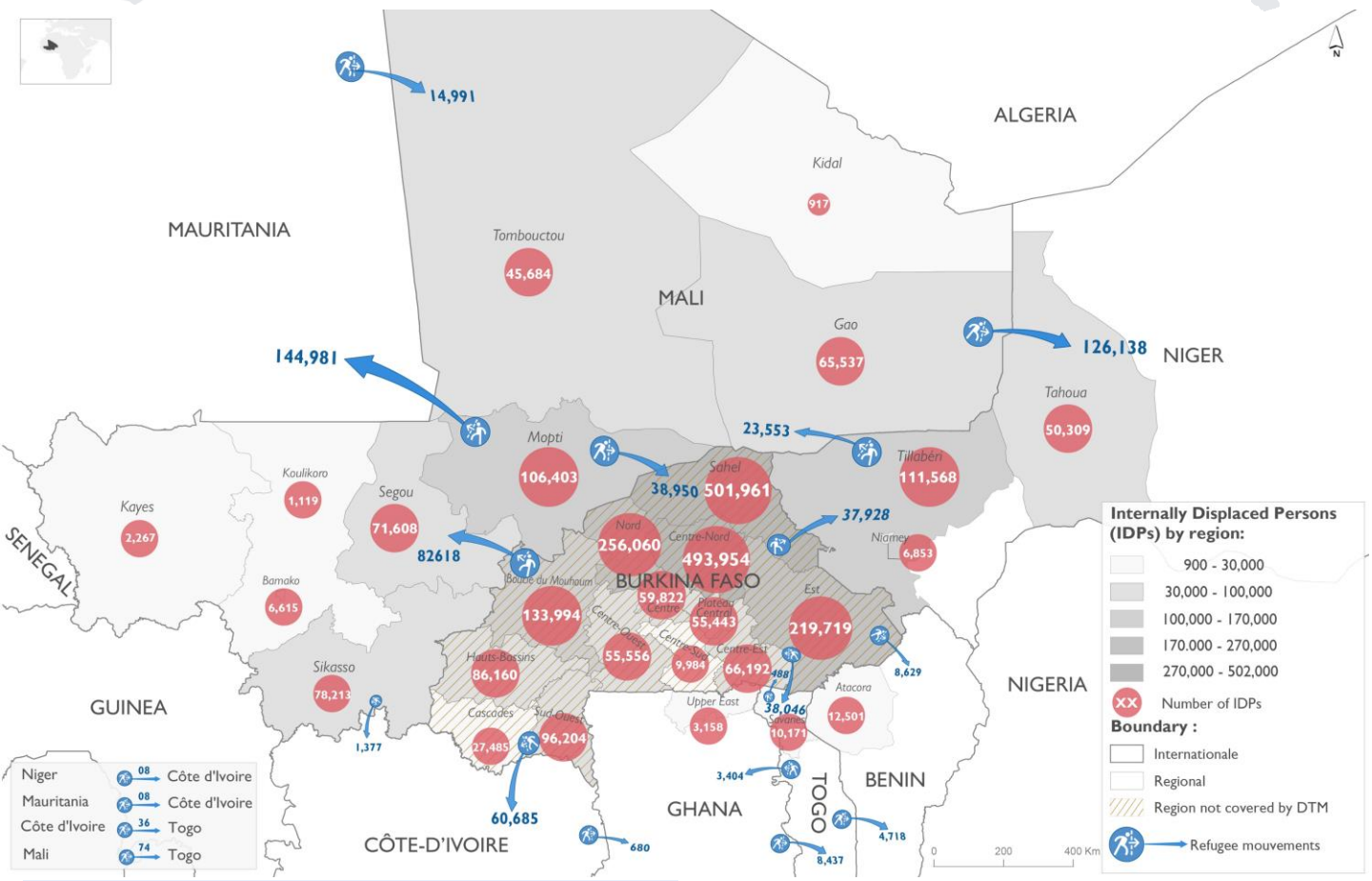
As of November 2024, **3,265,401 individuals** have been displaced, including **2,669,652 internally displaced persons** (82% of the displaced population) and **595,749 refugees** (18% of the displaced population). Sixty-four per cent of the displaced populations (**2,101,972 individuals**) were located in **Burkina Faso**, while 15 per cent resided in **Mali** (**499,525 individuals**), 11 per cent in **Niger** (**366,991 individuals**) and 4 per cent in **Mauritania** (**144,981 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 November, **151,932 individuals** were affected by displacement within the four countries (25,848 in Benin, 62,078 in Côte d'Ivoire, 7,242 in Ghana and 56,764 in Togo) of which **25,830 were internally displaced**.

2,669,652 IDPs (82%)
- 1% (Dec.23-Nov.24)

595,749 Refugees (18%)
+ 59 % (Dec.23-Nov.24)

BENIN	BURKINA FASO	COTE D'IVOIRE
12,501	2,062,534	62,078
13,347	39,438	

GHANA	MALI	MAURITANIA	NIGER	TOGO
3,158	378,636	144,981	202,925	10,171
4,084	121,162		164,066	46,593



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Sources : DTM Mali (September 2024). DTM Niger, VAS 8 (July 2024). CONSAUR data (March 2023).. DTM Benin (February 2024). Reported IDP figure from government in Ghana and Togo. UNHCR Refugees data (November 2024).

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