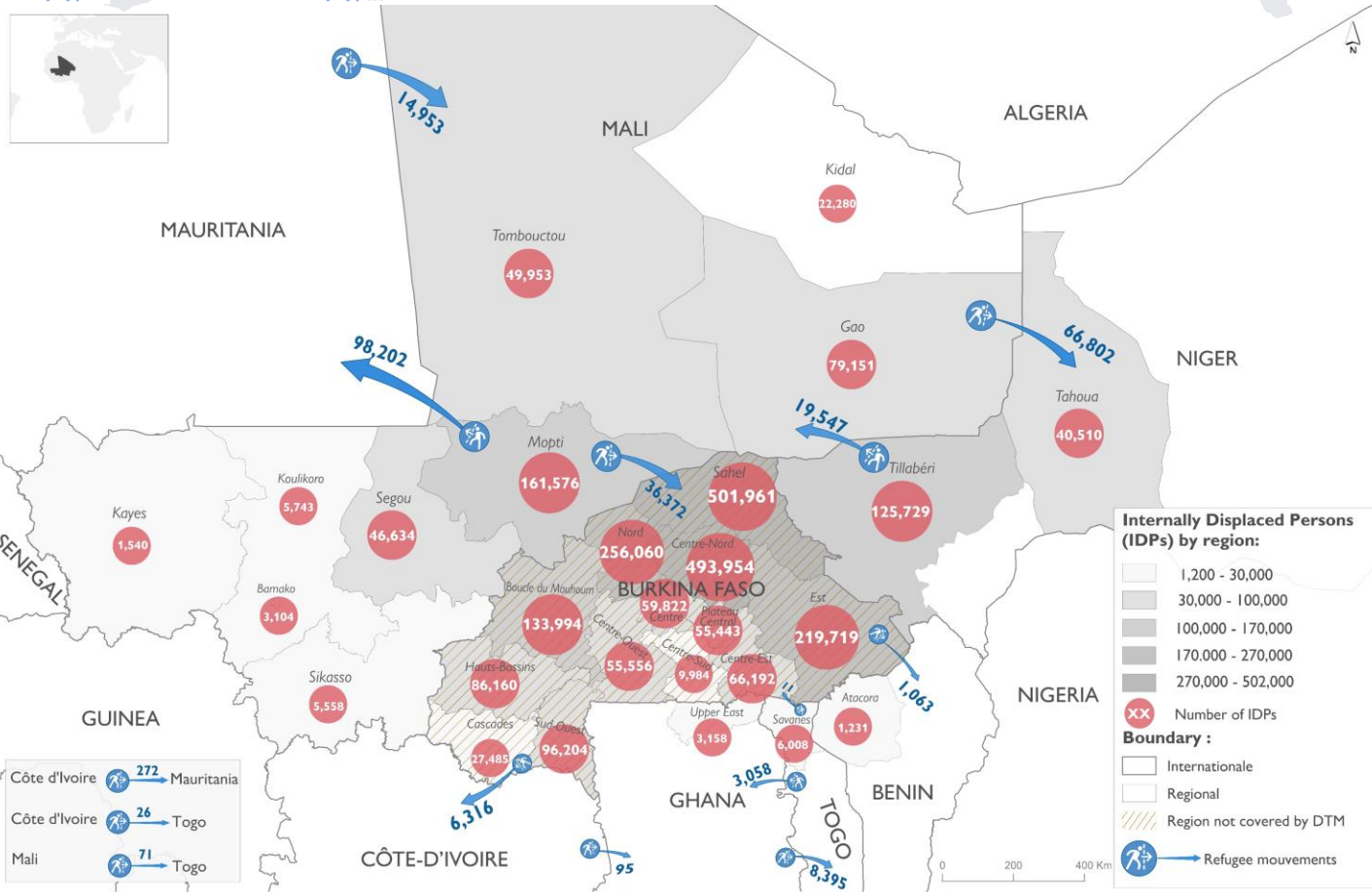
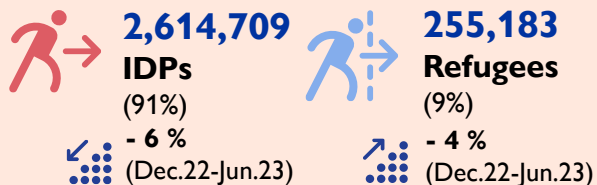


Context: The Central Sahel area, and in particular the Liptako Gourma region, which borders Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger, is affected by a complex crisis involving growing competition over dwindling resources; climatic variability; demographic pressure; high levels of poverty; disaffection and a lack 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 2023, **2,869,892 individuals** have been displaced, including **2,614,709 internally displaced persons** (91% of the displaced population) and **255,183 refugees** (9% of the displaced population). Seventy-three per cent of the displaced populations (**2,098,917 individuals**) were located in **Burkina Faso**, while 14 per cent resided in **Mali (410,039 individuals)**, 8 per cent in **Niger (233,041 individuals)** and 3 per cent in **Mauritania (98,474 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, **29,421 individuals** were affected by displacement within the four countries (2,294 in Benin, 6,316 in Côte d'Ivoire, 6,311 in Ghana and 14,500 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)*.



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