

COVID-19 IDP Crisis Project Burkina Faso Crisis

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Terms to Know

- **Burkina Faso:** Country that is experiencing an IDP crisis
- **IDP:** Internally Displaced Persons
- **IRC:** International Refugee Committee
- **UNHCR:** United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- **IOM:** International Organization for Migration
- **COVID-19:** Virus that is causing a pandemic in 2020
- **PPE:** Personal Protective Equipment
- **SGBV:** Sexual and Gender Based Violence



Historical Background

- Burkina Faso, located in West Africa, has seen an increase in violent attacks since January 2016, which has now led to many IDPs
- Upsurge in violence led to an unprecedented humanitarian emergency marked by mass IDPs and disruption in social services
- Terrorist Attacks due to religion differences (Islamic/Muslim)
- Security in Burkina Faso is VERY weak



Explanation of the Crisis

- There has been an increasing number of violent attacks on the people of Burkina Faso over the past few years
- These armed attacks are from terrorist groups
 - Since 2015, the country has experienced 80 violent and deadly attacks, most of which are claimed by a locally formed group that has ties to other groups in the neighboring country Mali.
- The emergence of COVID-19 has made the crisis worse. Disease is spreading fast as it is hard to get PPE, therefore when a person is infected - they are more likely to die.



Conditions That Led to the IDP Crisis

- Burkina Faso has suffered attacks from militant groups which has led to an increase in violence and displacement
 - One thing continues to fall after another causing a big chain of events in an underdeveloped country
- Burkina Faso has especially weak security since the former President left in October of 2014. Their military is less organized making them an easy target. Also known to be weak because they are unequipped and incapable.
- A recent attack on the IDPs occurred as they were returning to their homes, hoping for an improved security situation there



Who Did the Crisis Affect?



- IDPs - they are not able to get food
 - About 700,000 people are lacking sufficient, affordable and nutritious foods
 - Big issue with not having enough meals
 - Many people are suffering from acute malnutrition. There are over 590,000 adults and about 130,000 children under the age of five are malnourished
- IDPs - numbers are growing rapidly
 - As of 2019, there had been a 712% increase in IDPs, reaching about 560,000 people who are displaced
 - As of August 2020, there are over 1 million IDPs (1 in 20 inhabitants)
 - Almost an increase by half - 440,000 people

Who did the Crisis Affect? (cont.)

- Schools have been closed so over 330,000 students have been forced out of classrooms following the burning of schools and attacks on innocent civilians.
 - Attacks on schools have led to many school closings, hindering the education of the children of Burkina Faso.
- Health centers have been forced to close and people are not able to receive health services as easy
Women and children have been especially affected,
And have not been able to gain an income to support their family.



Current State of the IDPs

Shown in Facts & Words

- As one of the fastest growing IDP crisis in the world, there is currently over one million people internally displaced, including many unaccounted for. The UNHCR has made efforts to provide shelters, food, and education for the IDPs. However, the people of Burkina Faso are still suffering
 - Hard mentally and physically for the IDPs to deal with finding water, showers, food, education for children, etc
 - The current system to monitor IDPs is just beginning, and is still adapting its methods for data collection, processing and spreading information on the number of IDPs in Burkina Faso



Current State of the IDPs (cont.)

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- This month, 25 IDPs were reported killed after an attack on an IDP convoy heading back to the home village. The IDPs were heading back with hopes of increased security.
 - Killed all men and trapped women and children until they could be later released
- The UNHCR has made many efforts in the past years to aid the IDPs, including currently creating emergency health facilities for COVID relief. The UNHCR and the IOM have worked together to make 34 health centers with PPE and COVID care.



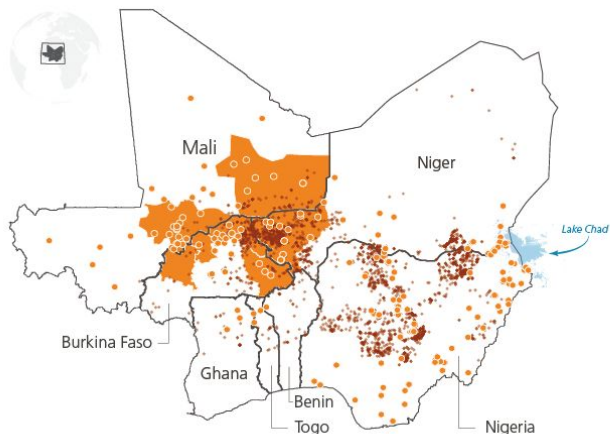
Current state of the IDPs (cont.)

Shown in Pictures and Data

- 2020 Predicted Planning Figures

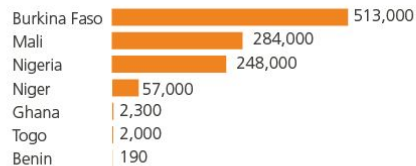
-300,000	newly displaced people will be registered to inform protection and assistance strategies
130,000	persons at risk of statelessness are provided with birth and nationality certificates
- 49,000	IDPs will receive transitional shelter support
45,000	vulnerable IDPs, including SGBV survivors, identified during protection monitoring will receive financial or material support
5,000	refugees with specific needs receive cash grants to enhance their self-reliance
-2,500	refugee children will be enrolled in primary school
1,500	refugees receive production kits or inputs for agriculture/livestock/fisheries activities

IDP Crisis Shown in Pictures and Data



1.1 m new displacements in Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Nigeria and Togo as a result of conflict and violence in 2019.

New displacements by country in 2019:



- Conflict or violence events *
- Location of displacement events
- Liptako Gourma region

Due to rounding, some totals may not correspond with the sum of the separate figures.

*Source: ACLED events associated with air/drone strikes, armed dashes, attacks, looting/property destruction, non-state actor overtakes territory and shelling/artillery/missile attack in 2019
Displacement data: ACLED, CMR, CONASUR, DRC, ECHO, IOM DTM, IRC, local authorities, local media, MSE, NADMO, OCHA, Protection Cluster, SEMA, REACH, RRM, UNHCR, 2019

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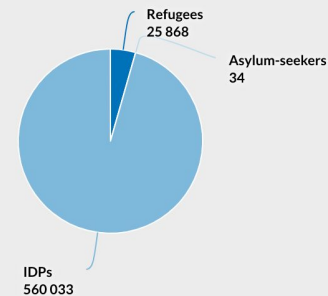
INCREASE IN

712% 2019

2019 585,935

2018 72,195

2017 26,552



Refugees Asylum-seekers
IDPs

How Organizations are Helping

- IRC started work in 2019 and has assisted 2,675 people with hopes to help 40,800
- The IRC is working to provide clean water access to about 19,000 people by drilling boreholes, upgrading existing water points, and rehabilitating hand pumps
- An estimated 130,000 children under the age of five are already suffering from severe acute malnutrition, which will likely rise in 2020 - Organizations are providing as much food as possible
- Only 10% of the IDPs have access to showers - Organizations are focusing on getting clean water in water points and hand pumps

Resources

- <https://www.rescue.org/country/burkina-faso#what-caused-the-crisis-in-burkina-faso>
- <https://www.unhcr.org/en-us/news/press/2020/10/5f7d72a04/unhcr-condemns-killing-25-internally-displaced-people-burkina-faso.html>
- <https://reporting.unhcr.org/node/8657?y=2019#year>
- [Expert opinion](#)
- <https://www.crisisgroup.org/africa/west-africa/burkina-faso/burkina-fasos-alarming-escalation-jihadist-violence>
- <https://news.un.org/en/story/2019/03/1034151>