



REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROTECTION PROGRAMME FOR NORTH AFRICA (phase VI)

NIGER - KEY RESULTS UP TO MARCH 2024

The coup d'état on 26 July 2023 did not result in a major hindrance to the implementation of the regular activities during the year. In fact, at the Global Refugee Forum in December 2023, the current Government of Niger reiterated its commitment to protecting refugees. During the reporting period, UNHCR conducted three specific training sessions for 67 members of the Commission Nationale d'Éligibilité (CNE) concerning international protection principles, asylum laws and procedures, interview techniques, and the handling of unaccompanied minors and vulnerable persons. The RSD eligibility sessions supported by the programme led to the finalization of 248 individual RSD cases. Also, UNHCR assisted asylum-seekers during their morality interviews with the DST (Direction de la surveillance du territoire), a crucial step in the RSD governmental process, and supported individuals who were rejected at first-instance in submitting their appeal documents. Till March 2024 the RDPP-NA resources were the key source of funding for the national CNE sessions and RSD caseworkers, as well as for the capacity building initiatives reported.



Despite the challenging context, the IOM project achieved the following key results: Identified a Consultant for the operationalization of the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) for VoTs; began the layout and French translation of the IOM Handbook on Assistance to Vulnerable Migrants; began the rehabilitation, enhancement and construction of an infirmary inside the shelter for VoTs; improved reception facilities and provided direct assistance services (food, water and NFIs) to 15,075 vulnerable migrants returned from Algeria through official convoys.

67 national staff trained

248 RSD decisions



15,075 Nigerin migrants returned from Algeria assisted

2 Migrants' reception facilities enhanced





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The multi-sectorial needs of asylum seekers and refugees hosted in two transit houses managed by COOPI and of those in need of a MHPSS assistance in humanitarian centre managed by UNHCR were addressed by COOPI. Services are partly offered for the the host community, in order to reduce the risks of conflict and to promote a solid and beneficial integration between local population and refugees.

Till March 2024, 183 asylum seekers and refugees where were hosted and received three daily meals COOPI's transit houses. 774 individuals had access to individual counselling sessions and 109 individuals including refugees and members of the hosting community were referred for a specialized medical assistance. 1612 people were enrolled in awareness-raising sessions, educational talks, group discussions and psycho-education sessions. 1106 beneficiaries took part in recreational activities designed to improve mental well-being. 8 children have been enrolled in preschool education program, and 62 adults have been attending French language classes.



183 refugee and asylum seekers hosted in COOPI's transit house

774 asylum seekers and refugees enrolled in awareness-raising sessions

774 persons accessed to counselling sessions

109 persons referred for specialized medical assistance

