



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

NIGER - KEY RESULTS UP TO JUNE 2024

PROTECTION & DIRECT ASSISTANCE

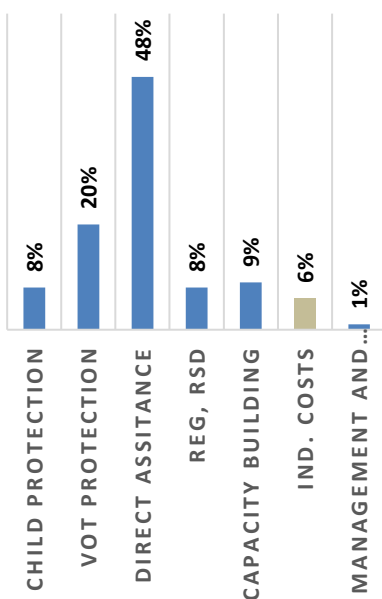
- 358 refugees and asylum seekers
- 26.665 migrants
- 17 victims of trafficking

CAPACITY BUILDING

- 127 national actors and local stakeholders trained

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 358 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 June 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.

BUDGET ALLOCATION



Despite a challenging context marked by the July 2023 coup d'Etat in Niger, the IOM project achieved the following key results: recruited a Consultant for the operationalization



of the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) for VoTs; worked on the layout and French translation of the IOM Handbook on Assistance to Vulnerable Migrants; finalized the rehabilitation, enhancement and construction of an infirmary inside the shelter for VoTs; assessed the reintegration needs of 17 VoTs; improved reception facilities and provided direct assistance services (food and NFIs) to 21,691 vulnerable migrants returned from Algeria through 54 official convoys.



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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 host community, in order to reduce the risks of conflict and to promote a solid and beneficial integration between local population and refugees.

Till June 2024, 184 asylum seekers and refugees were hosted and received three daily meals in COOPI's transit houses. 793 individuals had access to individual counselling sessions and 111 individuals including refugees and members of the hosting community were referred for a specialized medical assistance. 2002 people were enrolled in awareness-raising sessions, educational talks, group discussions and psycho-education sessions. 1744 beneficiaries took part in recreational activities designed to improve mental well-being. 8 children have been enrolled in preschool education program, and 187 adults have been attending French, Hausa and Tamasheq language classes.

