

Mali Situation Consolidated Internal Report (No # 15)

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I. Global Malian Population of Concern

Figures as at 19 March 2012

Country	Malian Refugees	Malian IDPs	Others*	Source
Niger	18,965		1,874	UNHCR/Government
Burkina Faso	22,974			UNHCR/Government
Guinea Conakry	45			UNHCR/Government
Togo	20			UNHCR/Government
Mauritania	39,490			UNHCR/Government
Mali		93,439		WFP/Government
Total	81,494	93,439	1,874	
Total Refugees and IDPs		174,933	1,874	

*Includes 1,874 returning Niger nationals. The 6,651 individual in Tchintabaradine previously reported as unknown nationality was changed to Malian nationality based on the field assessment and report provided by the government.

II - Major Developments

Mali

Political situation: On 14 March, discussions about holding presidential elections on 29 April were ongoing. The outcomes of the HRC's visit to Tessalit are still awaited.

According to pictures sent out by MNLA, observers have testified that Aqmi did fight alongside the rebels when they captured Tessalit, as they did during the Aguelhoc combats. The various MNLA components are reportedly discussing a way to unify the movement before any possible negotiations with the Malian Government.

At diplomatic level, SRSG Said Djiint met with Burkina Faso President on 13 March. At the end of his visit, Mr. Djiint called upon the two parties to accept a cease-fire that will allow provision of humanitarian assistance to Malian refugees and IDPs and initiate peace talks.

Niger

Relocation to Abala: Since March 17, UNHCR/IOM relocated 2,102 refugees from Chinegodrar to Abala site. On 17 March, Abala site received the first 19 trucks of refugees from Chinegodrar with 715 refugees and on 18 March another 900 refugees arrived. On a total of 40 trucks, in two days some 1,615 refugees are in Abala. IOM will check if there are more willing to move to Abala. The UNHCR team composed of Protection Assistants and the Field Officer have remained with IOM in Abala. Concerning the refugees living in Abala town, the team met them on 17 March to explain why Chinegodrar was prioritized for relocation (security issue). With the CPA of Abala, UNHCR agreed that for each convoy of 900 people coming from Chinegodrar, 100 people from Abala town would be moved to the site.

Setting up camp: The site planner, security assistant and WASH expert have also been involved in the rapid preparation of the site. Together with Islamic Relief, ACTED and the Chef du Poste Administratif (CPA), the reception of refugees was conducted in dignity and safety. Unfortunately MSF (CH) could not help UNHCR in setting up of the camp on the first

day as they arrived without any material for latrines and the health post. They informed UNHCR that they came to make an assessment and see how things will evolve. As such, the site planner quickly mobilized a team of handymen and built some ten communal latrines while awaiting the mobilization of MSF (CH). ACTED has installed 500 tents and will help with the water supply.

Sensitization of persons of concern in Miel: The sensitization of the population who should relocate to Abala site is ongoing with the support of CPA Abala and the Chief of Anderamboukane. It was obvious that as in Chinegodar, the chief of Miel village was pushing the refugees to refuse to move in order that his village benefits from their presence. The refugees were also informed about the transfer from Chinegodar. It is expected that after this first movement to Abala, the people will accept to move from Miel.

Burkina Faso

Transfer of all refugees to Ferriero and Damba sites: All refugees (elderly, women, children, sick and their families) staying in transit centers close to Burkina Faso-Mali border (Inabao/Tin-Akoff and in Seh, Koutougou Oudalan and Soum province) have been transported to Ferriero and Damba sites. The transfer operation was carried out by UNHCR emergency team in collaboration with CONAREF staff and local authorities. The transfer of these refugees ended on 15 March 2012 with a total of 742 persons and personal effects. According to the latest information relayed on 18 March by local authorities of Nasoumbou and Tin-Akoff departments to UNHCR emergency team in Dori, new arrivals are no longer passing through Inabao and Seh transit centers. They continue their way directly to the main refugee sites of Ferriero, Gandafobou, Mentao and/or Damba.

The registration (Level 1) exercise started on 14 March in Mentao sites. The team registered more than 4311 persons/708 families. The team continued the registration of refugees in Mentao center and Djibo town on 18 March. The exercise will continue in Damba on 19 March. A meeting between UNHCR, regional authorities and CONAREF is planned on 20 March to discuss and find solutions to problems encountered by the registration teams in Oudalan province.

Mali situation coordination meeting: 3 emergency team members participated in the meeting on 14 March. Partners, NGOs and Government authorities including the Minister of Social Affairs, representatives of French and USA Embassies in Burkina Faso acknowledged the importance of the meeting. Wider information sharing on Mali situation in Burkina Faso was recommended. WASH including water shortage was found to be of serious concern. Recommendations was made for water and WASH technicians to meet the following day (15 March) to discuss the best way to provide water and WASH services to all refugee camps including host communities in Sahel region.

A family of 7 seven persons from Goussi area in Mali arrived in Mentao camp on 15 March. They reported continued fighting in Telemsi location (not very far from Burkina-Mali border).

Mauritania

Security update: On 16 March, the FSA conducted a training session on the terrorist threat for all humanitarian staff deployed in the area of operations. On 17 March, the FSA followed up, in collaboration with the local security forces, on the security of the convoys transporting 5,639 refugees from Fassala to the refugee camp in Mbera. As of 17 March, the security situation remains relatively calm and no incidents have been reported. However, considering the high risk of kidnapping, all movements of the UNHCR staff require an escort provided by the authorities. The security of UNHCR's property and staff in Bassikounou is managed by the National Guards. The deployment of civilian guards is still pending. Submissions by a security company were referred to the Administration in Nouakchott. In addition to the

Gendarmerie squadron deployed in Fassala, a Gendarmerie platoon is also deployed in Mbera for the security of the refugees. The platoon deployed for camp security has been reinforced with fire fighters with one truck.

III - Statistical Overview

Mali

Statistics as at 18 March 2012

REGION	IDPs	Source
Gao	29,480 persons	Government, 8 March
Timbuktu	35,659 persons	WFP/administrative and political leaders, 1 March
Kidal	27,800 persons	WFP, 6 March
Mopti	500	WFP
Total	93,439 persons	

Niger

The drop in overall numbers of persons of concern in Niger following registration could be explained by three reasons: Refugees with cattle may have moved onto other villages, some may have gone back to Mali and others moved to Abala on their own. New statistical adjustments will be carried out after the transfer of refugees from Chinegodrar, as well as other verification of arrivals in Mangaize and Ayourou, which may be related more to in-country movements rather than new influxes.

Burkina Faso

Statistics as at 16 March: The figures have been updated for Inabao, Djibissi, Deou, Gandafabou, Gountoure Gneje, Ferrerio sites following registration conducted in Oudallan province. The statistics of Malian refugees in Sahel Region in Urban towns as of 18 March amounts to 22,600 persons. Most of Malian refugees hosted in Sahel region originate mainly from Tombouctou, Mopti, Gao, Gossi, Talemsi, Tessalit, Lere, Intilit localities in Mali.

Oudalan Province: Level 1 registration has been finalized in Inabao, Ferrerio, Gandafobou, Goutourou Gnegne locations on 13 March. UNHCR and CONAREF staff encountered some problems because of many registrations carried out by many partners who wanted to provide assistance to refugees. A team composed with UNHCR, CONAREF and local authorities will meet to find a solution to this problem. The approved and/or agreed figures by all will be shared later. Until such time, UNHCR will report the same number (16,268 for Oudallan) which includes unverified individuals, referred to as other sites (8,705) in the table below. Following a meeting on 15 March, a series of activities will be initiated between CONAREF, Govt. and local authorities in each department to assess whether or not the unverified population has relocated to a different location further away or if this is a nomadic population constantly on the move. New figures will not be reported until this issue has been clarified.

Place	Total Persons	Total Household
Houet Region	950	158
-Bobodioulasso	950	158
Kadiogo region	962	194
-Ouagadougou Town	962	194
Kossi region	53	9
Oudalan region	16,268	2,981
-Other Sites	8,705	1,451

-Deou	183	39
-Djibissi	757	112
-Ferrerio	3,169	680
-Gandafabou	1,160	274
-Gountoure Gneje	1,749	314
-Inabao	545	111
Soum region	4,564	0
-Damba	1,500	0
-Koutougo	1,336	0
-Mentao	1,029	0
-Nassoumbo	699	0
Sourou region	177	30
Grand Total	22,974	3,372

Soum Province: Level 1 registration continues and will end on 21 March 2012. **Bobo Town:** There are plans to register Malian refugees in Bobo next week.

Mauritania

Location: Mauritania/Region of Hodh el Charghi/Village of Fassala located 3 km away from the border/Refugee camp in Mbera located 50 Km away from the border. The Mauritanian authorities continue to regroup and register Malian refugees in a site located 500 meters away from Fassala village. UNHCR continues to organize convoys to relocate refugees to the Mbera refugee camp.

Statistics: According to the statistics provided by the authorities, as of 17 March, 37,963 Malian refugees/8,080 families are in the area of Bassikounou. 32,007 Malian refugees are settled in the refugee camp of Mbera and the 5,956 other refugees remain in the refugee site of Fassala. Since 15 March, 636 persons/158 families arrived in Fassala. The majority of the new arrivals are from Lere region in Mali. Some of the refugees also arrived from Timbuktu, Niaki, Guargandou, Tenenkou (near Mopti) and Goundam. Note that the daily average influx at Fassala border point was 300 persons during the 2nd week of March. The number has dropped from an average of daily 1,000 persons in February. The estimated breakdown of the refugee population is as follows:

- 58.2% in the age range of 0 to 17 years;
- 37% of 18 to 40 years;
- 4.5% 60 and above years of age;
- 53 % females and 47% males;
- 90 % Tuareg and 10% Arabs (Berber).

Population registered (Fassala)/Transferred (Mbera)

Registration Date	TOTAL			0-4		5-11		12-17		18-59		60+		Number	Convoy
	Total	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	family	Date
21-Feb	1376	678	698	130	130	175	150	102	93	239	271	32	54	274	22-Feb
22-Feb	1265	561	704	115	113	132	148	40	98	230	263	44	82	299	23-Feb
23-Feb	1570	680	890	174	173	197	224	75	103	196	345	38	45	338	26-Feb
25-Feb	1332	638	694	92	111	158	167	89	76	264	298	35	42	294	28-Feb
26-Feb	1680	805	875	147	145	204	209	101	97	304	391	44	38	371	02-Mar
27-Feb	1581	738	843	151	146	162	164	100	105	295	364	32	62	385	04-Mar
28-Feb	2060	957	1103	195	191	318	283	121	162	304	426	27	32	324	06-Mar

29-Feb	2018	1007	1011	154	143	226	261	144	131	424	409	53	74	462	08-Mar
1-3 Mar	4547	2146	2401	369	417	693	607	295	298	703	983	91	91	970	11-Mar
4-5Mar	4578	2093	2485	443	378	725	676	279	342	598	990	62	85	946	13-Mar
5-6 Mar	4361	2000	2361	450	442	655	608	284	303	543	944	50	82	871	14-Mar
6-7 Mar	5639	2437	3202	527	604	823	907	392	353	633	1230	62	108	1101	17-Mar
Population in Mbera	32007	14740	17267	2947	2993	4468	4404	2022	2161	4733	6914	570	795	6635	
(%) in Mbera	100	46.1	53.9	9.2	9.4	14	13.8	6.3	6.8	14.8	21.6	1.8	2.5		

IV - Protection

Mali

Nothing to report

Niger

Priorities remain two-fold: 1) accessing reported newly arriving refugees and 2) establishing protection partners that can offer a wide protection presence in key refugee areas. Submissions have been received from the Croix-Rouge Nigerienne and the Association Nigerienne pour la Defense des Droites de l'Homme. Agreements should be finalized next week.

On 19 March, UNHCR will conduct a rapid protection assessment in Karkatchia village (Bankilare), which is to the west of the Niger river and in close proximity to the Mali border. In addition, another mission is scheduled on 19 March to a site of reported Niger nationals and Chadians expelled from Nigeria in southeast Niger, close to Diffa town. From Niamey it requires two days each way to reach the site.

Access/Reception: As part of UNHCR's relocation efforts, two national protection staff have spent the week with the Field Officer and IOM in Chinegodrar. Following UNHCR's mission to the isolated refugee area of Tilia last week, northeast of Niamey, the office has been approached by various local NGOs working in the area. However with respect to protection, early signs suggest they lack the experience and understanding of such issues to serve as an effective protection partner.

Border monitoring/Detention: It is reported that the Prefet of Andramboukane in Mali has decided to leave Niamey and settle for some time in his native territory, and is reported to transport some refugees back to Mali from Chinegodrar. There is no indication of force being used. No one from the government in Niger is involved in this movement. If this should be correct, it will affect the number of refugees finally moving to Abala site. For UNHCR this will mark the end of the refugee presence in Chinegodrar, and for other agencies, the end of assistance at Chinegodrar.

Registration: Specific demographic information gathered during rapid protection assessments to new small sites continues to be shared with the registration team for their follow-up. A re-verification mission is expected to return to Mangaize and Ayourou. Registration in Tilia may have to be carried out with the support of a local NGO with access to the sites, given the more restricted movements in the area.

Child Protection: Unicef continues to stress their commitment and coverage of this area. Key areas for UNHCR will be birth registration, best interests of the child determination and family reunion. In this regard, further discussions with Unicef are scheduled for 19 March.

SGBV (prevention and response): UNHCR's knowledge of the prevalence of SGBV remains limited. In terms of suitable partner, Oxfam with its long history of working in this

sector using 19 local NGOs countrywide could be suitable. MSF, UNHCR's health partner will refer individual victims of violence to UNHCR (or its partners).

Burkina Faso

Rapid protection assessments in Oudalan and Soum refugee sites have been finalized by ERT members in Dori and will be shared shortly.

Conditions in refugee sites: Refugees are living with large numbers of livestock. Host community is allowing refugees to use available existing little water, grass and other facilities for their cattle. The regional authorities insist of separating cattle owners from other refugees in different sites which are yet to be demarcated. Water, food, health and shelter remain the main priorities.

Mauritania

On 17 March, UNHCR organized the biggest convoy since the relocation of refugees at Mbera refugee camp started. This convoy allowed the relocation of 5,639 refugees/1101 families from Fassala to Mbera. The refugees including vulnerable cases and their property were transported by truck and light vehicles arranged by UNHCR. The local authorities provided a military escort and an ambulance to accompany the convoy. At their arrival in Mbera, the refugees were provided with family tents purchased by UNHCR. Thanks to the efforts deployed by the authorities and UNHCR, 32,007 Malian refugees/6,635 families are now settled in the refugee camp in Mbera. Within the last weeks, UNHCR has speeded up the process of relocation of refugees in order to decongest the refugee site of Fassala. UNHCR plans to organize an additional convoy of more than 5,000 refugees on 18 March to definitively transform the refugee site in Fassala into a transit site. Monitoring of the refugee relocation process from Fassala to Mbera continues. In this process, some individual assessment was done in coordination with refugee sector heads to ensure needs of the vulnerable arriving at Mbera are given due attention. Please see the statistics chart below:

Date	SC	WR	DS	ER	PG	SP	SM	LP	CR	Convoy	TOTAL
21-Feb	33	49	28	26	17	27	40	0	22	22-Feb	242
22-Feb	39	74	24	45	22	31	47	10	37	23-Feb	329
23-Feb	20	46	22	37	46	22	22	1	28	26-Feb	244
25-Feb	34	65	35	29	23	23	25	1	55	28-Feb	290
26-Feb	25	61	21	32	31	41	54	1	24	02-Mar	290
27-Feb	44	73	33	29	38	19	40	5	80	04-Mar	361
28-Feb	16	39	26	20	53	40	59	0	13	6-Mar	266
29 Feb	14	44	48	33	25	31	38	1	14	8-Mar	248
1-3 Mar	27	186	59	63	111	59	87	1	136	11-Mars	729
4-5Mar	16	85	45	54	66	123	48	0	34	13-Mars	471
5-6Mar	8	163	48	55	97	136	75	0	146	14-Mars	728
6-7Mar	74	204	31	54	90	157	55	0	105	17-Mar	770
Sub-Total	350	1089	420	477	619	709	590	20	694		4968
%	7	26	10	11	15	17	14	0	17		100

*U/SC: Enfant non accompagné ou séparé/WR: Femme vulnérable/DS: Personne handicapée/UE: Personne âgée non accompagnée/PT: Femme enceinte/SP: Parent seul(e)/SM: Condition médicale sérieuse/LP: Special legal and protection needs/MN: Sous alimenté

In parallel, the Protection Officers continue to conduct interviews with focus groups to identify protection needs and risks in Mbera refugee camp. To date, 62 new births have taken place in the two sites. UNHCR and Unicef are coordinating with authorities to ensure children born in the camp are issued with birth certificates. On 16 March, UNHCR started the census of death and new born in Mbera camp since the beginning of operations.

V – Operations

Mali

Nothing to report

Niger

Education: Noting that Unicef has committed to deliver education only in Mangaize site, it will leave substantial gaps. UNHCR is pursuing potential collaboration with Unicef to fill the gaps. Of note is the fact that part of their SGBV strategy targets awareness raising through education channels hence there is potential synergy with other protection activities. UNHCR attended the Unicef led education cluster meeting, initiated prior to the refugee situation and reflective of the wider impact on education as a result of the drought in the region. As agreed with Unicef in advance of the meeting, UNHCR attended solely for a period of the meeting dedicated to the refugee issue. The chair was supportive and gave UNHCR the floor to explain the refugee situation, its intended actions/activities so far. Both in terms of two way information sharing and establishing potentially useful points of contacts, it proved beneficial.

Logistics: The logistics costs of transferring refugees from Chinagodrar are financed by UNHCR and implemented by IOM. A Memorandum of Understanding and letter have been signed in this respect.

Assistance Delivered/Planned: The refugees arriving in Abala have been provided with kitchen sets, blankets, buckets and soap. They will also receive mosquito nets and sleeping mats.

WASH: UNHCR has worked hard to provide water to refugees in Abala on 17 March and minimum latrines while awaiting the mobilization of MSF (CH). For the time being water is being trucked. The WASH experts will assess the possibility of drilling a borehole to provide water to the camp and possibly to the town, just 1.5Km away.

Health and Nutrition: The UNHCR-led joint health assessment team has presented its findings to the Inter-Cluster. The role of UNHCR and its participation in the Inter-cluster has been appreciated. The medical expert elaborated, as part of the assessment, a number of projects in support of the refugee-affected areas.

Site Planning/Shelter: The local authorities in Ouallam have agreed to allow UNHCR and MSF (CH) to close the Ouallam camp and withdraw all equipment and material sent there. In the meantime in Abala, UNHCR has used the services of an Ivorian refugee to paint the missing UNHCR logo on all 500 tents onsite.

Operational Support (e.g. Budget): The Programme Unit expects to conclude a number of partnership arrangements that are awaiting closure in the area of Protection, Logistics and Environment.

Burkina Faso

NFIs from Accra arrived at Ghana-B/Faso border on 18 March and are being cleared. 1,500 tents also ordered from Dubai also arrived at B/Faso airport on 19 March. All items will be transported to Soum and Oudalan refugee sites for distribution. ERT site planner has trained some people on the ground and tents will be mounted (starting with Mentao) as soon as they arrive on the site. WFP food has arrived in Fererro on 17 March and distribution will start on 19 March as reported by WFP staff in Dori. Food distribution will also be carried out in Mentao this week. Please see below summary of NFIs distributed so far by agency.

Résumé des distributions NFI - par agences et sites - Burkina Faso

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Row Labels	Total Couvertures	Total Tentés	Total Pagnes	Total Seaux	Total Jerrycan	Total Moustiquaire	Total Nattes	Total Baches 4x25 m	Total Baches 4x5 m	Total Savon	Total Kit de Cuisine	Total Hygiene kit
UNHCR	1317			324	580	580	820	20	90	22	316	
Croix Rouge Burkinabe	1317			324	580	580	820	20	90	22	316	
TDH	300			300			300			30		
TDH	300			300			300			30		
CRS				400	200		400			1465	200	
CRS				400	200		400			1465	200	
Grand Total	1617			1024	780	580	1520	20	90	1517	516	

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Water remains a crucial problem in the Sahel region (North B/Faso). The installation of 3 bladders in Fererrio site did help solve the problem as the existing water from the dams has a very high PH level. It is not possible to use tablets to stabilize water for refugees. MSF will start rehabilitating one of the existing boreholes in Fererrio site. The Governor of Dori has also been approached to assist in finding alternative solutions for water provision to refugees in Oudalan and he has accepted. OXFAM will receive funds from EU for rehabilitation of boreholes in all refugee sites. Several partners have shown interest in providing solutions to the water problem in the Sahel region.

Mauritania

UNHCR is working on a budget to cover the operational needs of the Malian refugee population until December 2012.

Food: On 16 March, three WFP staff members arrived in Bassikounou for the installation of a Rub Hall which will be used primarily as emergency warehousing. It is worth noting that WFP has not provided any food to the refugees despite WFP's repeated promises to do so in the last couple of weeks. At this stage, shelter, food, water and health remain the main priorities which UNHCR and other humanitarian actors are trying to address.

Site planning: The site planner continues to work on preparing the Mbera refugee camp, including the following facilities for the accommodation of 30,000 refugees: 7500 family tents (1per family); 6 distribution centers; 1 health center; 1 UNHCR office; 1 police station; 4 guerittes; 2 community centers for adolescents; 2 community women centers; 6 schools; 350 kitchens; 1,500 latrines and 1,500 showers. During 15-16 March, the site planner reinforced the installation of sign boards in the refugee camp. As of 17 March, workers have cleared 305 of the 450 hectares of land made available by the authorities for the camp. They also finalized the setting up of 1 reception center and 5,004 family tents including 167 tents donated by Morocco. UNHCR also installed 74 communal latrines and showers in the camp.

Water/Sanitation: As of 17 March, three water tanks of storage capacity of 6m3 each, provided by Unicef, have been installed by UNHCR in the camp and another tank is installed in the Fassala refugee site. The water tanks are supplied by two tankers rented by Solidarités International (one of 14m3 in Fassala and one of 20m3 in the Mbéra refugee camp). Thanks to the support provided by Solidarités International, the water tank installed in Fassala is refilled 5 times a day and the 3 water tanks installed in Mbera are refilled 3 to 4 times a day.

In addition, 4 water tanker trucks were deployed on 17 March by MSF Belgium in the area of operations (2 in Mbera and 2 in Fassala). Refugees in the refugee camp now have access to 11 liters of potable water per day/per person.

Health: The UNHCR health expert continues to work with local health authorities, UNICEF and MSF Belgium to develop an inventory of available medical supplies at the disposal of all parties and to prepare an order of emergency medicines. UNHCR also continues to support the primary health and nutrition program implemented by the Ministry of Health and UNICEF in Fassala and Mbera.

Camp	Agency	Activity	In collaboration with
A. Fassala	I. MOH	1. Medical screening	UNHCR
		2. Primary health care (PHC)	UNHCR & MSF/B
		3. Medical Referrals	UNHCR & MSF/B
B. Mbera	I. MOH	1. Measles vaccinations	UNICEF
		2. PHC	MSF/BUNHCR
		3. Supplementary Nutrition	UNICEF
		4. Medical referrals	UNHCR
	II. UNICEF	1. Volunteer community health promoters (Hygiene) 2. Volunteer community health promoters (Public Health)	UNHCR-WASH UNHCR-PH

The local health services in Fassala continue to conduct medical and nutritional screening of the refugee population, with the support of UNICEF and MSF Belgium. As of 17 March, the results of the medical screening conducted by the authorities, since the arrival of refugees are as follows:

- 10,843 children in the age range of 0 to 15 years benefited from health services. This figure includes 666 children in the age range of 0 to 11 months, 4,464 children in the age range of 12 months to 5 years and 5,713 children in the age range of 6 to 15 years;
- 1,872 children have never been vaccinated and 852 children were partially vaccinated;
- 248 children are malnourished, including cases of 68 severe malnutrition / 185 cases of moderate malnutrition;
- 732 women are pregnant, including 34 cases of pregnancy at risk;
- 62 birth and 25 death were registered since the arrival of refugees started ;
- 6,323 persons required medical attention that goes beyond the medical screening and were referred to local health services and 164 refugees are currently hospitalized.

Procurement: On 17 March, UNHCR ordered 1,500 family tents through HQ and plans to order additional 2,500 tents when an increase in the budget to be approved by the Budget Committee. UNHCR continues to follow up with HQ on the procurement of two Interagency Emergency Health kits (Basic + antimalarial + supplementary unit), which are expected to be delivered on 18 March in Nouakchott.

Distributions/stock - Food: Since the Malian refugee crisis started, UNHCR have distributed 15 days food ration to 24,547 refugees including 20,000 in the refugee site in Fassala and to 4,547 refugees relocated at Mbera camp with the 11th convoy. The detail of food distribution is as follows:

Item	Quantity	Unit
Rice	180,000	kg
Oil	11,250	litre
Sugar	9,000	kg
Salt	2,250	kg

In addition, UNHCR purchased locally in Bassikounou and distributed 10 day food rations for 10,000 refugees settled in Mbera refugee camp, while waiting for the contribution of WFP. The detail of food this distribution is as follows:

Item	Quantity	Unit
Rice	40,000	kg
Oil	2,500	litre
Sugar	2000	kg
Salt	500	kg

NFIs: On 16 March, UNHCR relocated NFIs in Mbera to distribute in the refugee camp on 18 March. As of 17 March, the situation of NFI distribution and stocks is as follows:

Item Description	Lot	UOM	Initial stock	Reception	Sortie	Stock	Entreposage	Remarques
Family Tents	UNHCR	each	1160		1160	0	Bassikounou	Montées: 1130 à Mbera et 30 à Fassala
Marmites	UNHCR	each		284		284	Bassikounou	
Louche	UNHCR	each		83		83	Bassikounou	
Tissus canvas	UNHCR	ml		10000			Bassikounou	
Female Hygienic Kits	UNHCR	each		50		50	Bassikounou	
Blanket	UNHCR	each	5000		3005	1995	Fassala	
Blanket, petit modele	UNHCR	each	2620		2620	0	Fassala	
Community tent, 72 m2	UNICEF	each	3		3	0	Fassala	Montées à Mbera
Mosquito nets	UNHCR	each	5000			5000	Fassala	
Mosquito nets	UNFPA	each	200			200	Fassala	
Female Hygienic Kits	UNHCR	each	1300			1300	Fassala	
Female Hygienic Kits	UNICEF	each	607			607	Fassala	
Toiletry Kit	UNFPA	each	5000		3457	1543	Fassala	
Marmites	UNHCR	each	915		915	0	Fassala	
Plat	UNHCR	each	1200		915	285	Fassala	
Passoire	UNHCR	each	1200		915	285	Fassala	
Louche	UNHCR	each	2300	83	1830	553	Fassala	
Jerrykan	UNHCR	each	3350		2700	650	Fassala	
Water tank 5000 litres	UNICEF	each	4		4	0	Fassala	Installé: 3 à Mbera et 1 à Fassala
Schooling box	UNICEF	box	3			3	Fassala	
Kit scolaire	UNICEF	box	5			5	Fassala	
Children recreation Kit	UNICEF	box	3			3	Fassala	
Clothing, men	UNFPA	ball	1			1	Fassala	
Clothing, women	UNFPA	ball	1			1	Fassala	
Gobolet	UNHCR	each	5000		5000	0	Fassala	
Seaux en plastique	UNHCR	each	5000		5000	0	Fassala	
Bouilloire	UNHCR	each	5000		5000	0	Fassala	
Dalles plastique WC	UNICEF	each		100	5	95	Mbera	Directement livré à Mbera
Cabines WC	UNICEF	each		50	1	49	Mbera	Directement livré à Mbera
Family Tents	UNHCR	each		3500	3400	0	Mbera	Directement livré à Mbera
Family Tents	Donation Gov M	each		190	167	23	Mbera	Directement livré à Mbera
Community tents	Donation Gov M	each		10	1	9	Mbera	Directement livré à Mbera

Expenditure

Expenditure against OPS budget: As of 17 March, the total cost of procured services against the OPS budget is estimated at USD 4,311,463.20. Please see the table below for details. Please note that some of these items have not been yet included in MSRP as the payments have not been processed yet.

Item	Quantity	Unit	Total USD
Transportation UNICEF, UNFPA and UNHCR NFIs	1	U	4,385.51
Blanket	10000	U	107,897.39
Mat	2400	U	41,766.73
Mosquitos Net	10000	U	45,247.29
Bouilloires	2400	U	5,012.01
Kitchen Kit	2400	Lot	113,466.29

Hygienic Kit	2700	U	35,292.89
Sanitary Kit	10000	U	69,611.22
Rice	220,000	Kg	50,120.08
Sugar	11,000	U	3,028.09
Cooking Oil	13,750	Ltr	6,265.01
Salt	2,750	kg	182.73
UNHCR tent family procurement from Douala to Nema	1160	U	571,300.00
UNHCR tent family Air Transportation from Douala to Nema : 4 flight	4	Fleet	308,000.00
Family Card - UNHCR logo	4,000	U	400.00
Ration Card - UNHCR logo	4,000	U	200.00
Hole puncher - round 3 mm	50	U	50.00
Rental Tanker for water tracking between Bassiknou and Fassala	30	Day	7,309.18
Rental 2 warehouse to Fassala	2	month	2,088.34
Rental Warehouse to Bassisknou	1	month	5,220.84
4 rotation for Tent Transportation : Nema to Fassala	4	U	6,961.12
Visibility	360	U	3,480.56
Materials for camp preparation		Lot	3,193.41
Plastic table for registration	25	U	1,044.17
plastic chair color for registration	40	U	974.56
plastic chair blanc for registration	10	U	208.83
Rope diameter 10mm for registration	1000	ml	696.11
Tissu Canvas pour abris temporaire	10000	ml	26,800.32
Mat Plastic-5m for registration	50	U	1,044.17
Traveling bag for relocation from Fassala to M'Bera	30000	U	57,429.26
Office Furniture for registration	1	Lot	3,717.24
Procurement 5 Generator 5 Kva	5	U	6,961.12
UNHCR tent family procurement from Compehague to Nouakchott	3,500	U	1,723,750.00
UNHCR tent family Air Transportation from Copenhagen to Nouakchott : 3 Flight	3	U	800,000.00
UNHCR tent family Road Transportation from Copenhagen : 10 truck location	14	U	57,986.15
Emergency kit basic Health	2	Lot	48,024.00
Transport arrangement for 2 Emergency kit basic Health	1	U	32,355.00
Transport Camp and Registration Furniture and materials : 2 Truck	2	U	8,074.90
Relocation refugees from Fassala to M'Berra	11,302	U	138,220.04
Camp cleaning	1	U	13,698.63
Total			4,311,463.20

Expenditure against ABOD budget: As of 17 March, the total cost of procured services against the ABOD budget is estimated at USD 390,974.65. Note that some of these items have not been yet included in MSRP as the payments have not been processed yet. Please see the table below for details.

Chapter of Expenditure	Amount USD
Temporary Assistance	2,406.15
Rental & Maintenance of Premises	0.00
Utilities	1,541.10
Communication	0.00
Non-expendable Property	4,334.35
Materials and Office Supplies	45,959.57
Improvements to Premises	17,228.42
Staff/Guest Accommodations	915.74
Rental of equip. and vehicles	3,789.29
Petrol, diesel	71,909.32
Maintenance of Vehicles	16,876.14
Travel on Official Business	1,731.64
Mission cost Int. Staff (2 months max.)	9,322.95

Additional 6 months mission for 5 Int. Staff	50,213.00
Security for MOSS compliance	45,147.00
Total	390,974.65

VI - Leadership, Coordination & Partnership

Mali

Nothing to report

Niger

With the delivery of a camp, UNHCR's position has been strengthened. Also, the debriefing on the findings of the mission to Tchintabaraden (Tilia) that took place in the Intern-Cluster has provided UNHCR with the opportunity to firmly claim coordination on refugee matters. Agencies have agreed to work with UNHCR to discuss a response plan.

Burkina Faso

Discussions with new partners continue at Ougadougou and Dori level. B/Faso Red Cross and CREDO have been identified as UNHCR partners for food and NFI distribution and community services activities. The same discussions are underway with MSF France, Medecins du Monde France, Medecins du Monde Spain and Oxfam for health and water sectors in Mentao and Ferrierio sites.

Mauritania

The UNHCR's IPs (ALPD, the Lutheran World Federation and Solidarités International) and operational partners attend the daily coordination meetings chaired by UNHCR in Bassikounou.

VII - Management and Admin

Mali

Nothing to report

Niger

The new focus on Abala as opposed to Ouallam has shifted the operational direction with consequences on the administrative back-office functions. As such, axial monitoring will be established in the Departements de Tillabery and Ouallam, while we study the possibility of establishing a Field presence in Abala. Contrary to previous plans, Fillingue is no longer the Prefecture under which Abala was managed. Abala has become a separate prefecture, despite the absence of services and facilities, fuel or communications.

Burkina Faso

4 Suppliers for office equipments and furniture for Dori Office have been selected. The contract of the Office rent will be signed in Ouagadougou. First office furniture has been received. Current Staff: Wella Kouyou, Friederike Adlung, Josselyne Midadje, Fofana Moussa, Marie Jose Da Sylva, Agnes Czaha, Jean Baptiste Akono, Cedric Moustapha, Jovica Todorovic, Ramata Traore, Vincent Ricouart and Nicolas Sanchez- Drivers: Abdallah, Mamadou and Hamidou.

The Regional Snr. Regional Protection officer, Sonia Munoz is mission in Dori (Sahel Region) since 16 March. She traveled to Mentao and Ferrierio, Deou refugee sites and held several discussions with partners and refugees.

Mauritania

As of 17 March, the human resources deployed by UNHCR in Bassikounou as part of the immediate response to the Malian refugee emergency are as follows:

- 10 members of the Emergency team : 1 Team Leader, 2 Protection Officers, 1 FSA, 1 Site planner, 1 Registration Officer, 1 Supply Officer, 1 Admin/finances Officer, 1 Wash Expert, 1 Health Expert.
- 5 National staff recruited on TA basis: 2 Field Associate, 1 Supply Assistant, 1 Protection Associate, and 1 Admin Assistant.

On 15 March, UNHCR submitted a staffing table to HQ, with need of TAs for 6 months to insure the continuity after the departure of the emergency team. The cost is estimated at USD 1,133,984.

UNHCR Mauritania has finalized sub agreements with the following IPs: Lutheran World Federation for the camp management, CSA for distributions, ALPD for protection monitoring and some community service activities. UNHCR is on the process of finalizing a sub agreement with Intersos for a reception center in Fassala and some Community services activities in Mbera.

VIII – Funding and Donor Relations

Mali

Nothing to report

Niger

Nothing to report

Burkina Faso

Nothing to report

Mauritania

On 7 March, a funding request including the contribution of seven UN agencies in Mauritania (UNHCR, UNFPA, WFP, FAO, WHO, ONUSIDA and UNICEF) was submitted to the CERF by the UN Resident Coordinator in Mauritania, to address the urgent needs of 30,000 Malian refugees during an initial period of 3 month.

IX – Visibility

Mali

Au Mali, des hommes armés empêchent le CICR de secourir des civils à Tessalit, Mercredi 14 mars 2012, RFI

<http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20120314-mali-hommes-armes-empeschent-le-cicr-secourir-civils-tessalit>

Niger

A PI/External Relations Officer arrived on 18 March and will be instrumental in helping the team establish and maintain regular communication with external interlocutors and the production of situation reports. Additionally, an Information Management Officer is arriving on 19 March to further strengthen regional, internal and external information management and sharing.

Burkina Faso

Nothing to report

Mauritania

The two video reports produced by the cameramen are posted on the UNHCR website and Youtube:

- “Convoys to safety” <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SPJ4U1Oc9Ho>
- “Help in the desert”: <http://unhcr.org/v-4f633faa6>



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Le président mauritanien dément toute négociation avec les terroristes d'AQMI, Mercredi 14 mars 2012, Afriqinfos

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<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE82E00K20120315?sp=true>

Visite à Bamako d'un ministre de Mauritanie après un raid de ce pays au Mali, 14/03/2012, AFP

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X – Outstanding Request to HQs

Mali

Nothing to report

Niger

Nothing to report

Burkina Faso

Nothing to report

Mauritania

Nothing to report