Burkina Faso has been facing an unprecedented security crisis since 2015. From this security crisis has emerged a protection crisis following the Yirgou tragedy in January 2019. Between January 2019 and March 2021, the number of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) has steadily increased from 87,000 to 1,147,699 registered people (CONASUR, March 31, 2021). Armed conflicts and acts of violence against the population continue to cause new displacements, particularly in the Centre-North and Sahel regions, which are home to 40.3% and 30.2% of the country’s IDPs respectively. The country has gone from five humanitarian regions in 2020 to six humanitarian regions in 2021: Centre-North, North, Sahel, Boucle du Mouhoun, East and Centre-East regions. The socio-economic context in the six humanitarian response regions is still characterized by unemployment, which mainly affects young people and is conducive to their recruitment into the various armed groups. The lack of resilience prospects for several thousand families continues to increase the number of people vulnerable to shocks. The security and protection crises are affecting the continuity of reproductive health and gender-based violence (RH/GBV) services, with a considerable drop in coverage indicators. The health system continues to be under attack, with 76 health centers closed and 245 health centers operating at minimal capacity, depriving more than 822,000 people of health care. In terms of education, 2,215 schools have been closed, depriving some 316,000 children of their right to education. In this context, food insecurity and malnutrition also persist. In 2021, the number of food insecure people (phase 3) is estimated at 2.07 million. All of these situations constitute multipliers of gender-based violence against women and girls, which manifests itself in rape, sexual violence, psychological and physical violence, child marriage, and cases of denial of resources and opportunities. Unfortunately, the advent of COVID-19 is further contributing to the complexity of the humanitarian response and increasing vulnerability among certain categories of the population. However, with only 10.8% of the HRP’s funding requirements received to date, it remains essential to secure additional funding to adequately cover the needs.

**KEY DATA**

- **3 500 000**
  Population requiring humanitarian assistance in 2021

- **1 147 699**
  Internally displaced populations

- **22 010**
  Refugees

**UNFPA’S TARGETS**

- **450 000**
  UNFPA target population in 2021

**LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT OF TARGETS**

- **12%**
  Gap to be filled 88%

- **7881**
  RH/FP Interventions

- **47**
  Interventions

- **4449**
  Adolescents & Youth

**FINANCING NEED**

- **607.9 M USD**
  Humanitarian crisis

- **65.5 M USD**
  COVID-19 response

* UNFPA Burkina situation report - North Central - March 31, 2020
Unidentified armed groups movements were regularly reported in the North Central region. However, there was a decrease in the number of security incidents compared to February 2021.

**ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE**

Status of health establishments

- **Closed:** 76
- **Minimum:** 245

- **701 773** persons deprived of care.
- **+ 822 000** population in need of assistance for health interventions.

**COVID-19**

*Date of March 31, 2021*

- **12 717** Confirmed cases
- **12 385** Cured
- **146** Deceased

**FEBRILE ICTERUS**

*Date of March 28, 2021*

- **706** Confirmed cases

since September 8, 2020, the north central region has been facing an outbreak of febrile jaundice whose epicenter is the health district of Barsalogho.
SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Improving the supply of gynecological and obstetrical care
- 269 gynecological consultations.
- 49 obstetrical and pelvic ultrasounds.
- 339 assisted deliveries.
- 43 caesarean sections
- 84 cases of obstetrical complications managed.
- 03 cases of sexual violence.
- 394 contraceptive methods offered.
- 361 breast and cervical cancer screenings
- 160 HIV tests in pregnant women;
- 52 cases of sexually transmitted infections treated.

Monitoring the activities of the village midwives
- 204 hygienic deliveries with live births were performed by village midwives trained by UNFPA in the health district of Kongoussi.

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Prevention
- Protection monitoring on GBV risks
- Post-distribution monitoring of dignity kits
- 338 people reached by awareness-raising sessions (306 women, 18 teenagers and 14 men). The main topics discussed were the issue of sex for survival, the increase in rape cases and the promotion of the toll-free number to report GBV.
- 400 dignity kits were distributed to vulnerable women at risk of GBV in Kaya and Foubé.

Prise en charge
- 47 cases of GBV were documented and treated by psychologists recruited by UNFPA and made available to the health districts. All of these survivors are female.
- 100% of the rape cases were treated within the first 72 hours.
**CHALLENGES**

- Insufficient contingency stocks (dignity kits, RH kits) to respond to alerts adequately and in a timely manner
- Persistent attacks on the health system (closure of health facilities).

**PERSPECTIVES**

- Pre-position 2525 dignity kits
- Equip the six health districts of the North Central Region with emergency RH kits.

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**Psychosocial care for internally displaced persons: UNFPA strengthens care package**

Clémence was treated at the Barsalogho medical center and received psychological support to recover her health. After each consultation with the psychologist, Clémence admits to feeling better and better. "I didn’t think I would be able to get out of it after all I went through. Today I have hope and I firmly believe that one day I will heal for good."

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**Improving the supply of gyneco-obstetric care: UNFPA strengthens its interventions for internally displaced persons (IDPs) and the host population of Barsalogo**

Trained by UNFPA as part of its efforts to improve the provision of reproductive health care, these village midwives are an important support for the majority of pregnant women in rural areas that are difficult to access due to the security crisis.

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**Eastern Region - UNFPA delegation reviews the chain of care for IDPs**

On March 15, 2021, a delegation from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) made a field visit to Fada N’Gourma. The mission was led by the Resident Representative, with the aim of exchanging views with actors involved in the chain of care for displaced persons in the eastern region.

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**Field visit in the north central region**

A delegation from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) undertook a field visit to the Centre-North region on February 11, 2020. This mission led by the Resident Representative Auguste KPOGNON is part of the monitoring of the implementation of the cooperation program activities with Burkina Faso, including in the humanitarian field. The delegation was received by the administrative authorities including the Governor of the Centre North region Mr. Casimir B SEGUEDA and Mr. HIEN Modeste, Prefect of the commune of Barsalogo.
The United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) was officially launched in November 2020 to provide access to the most remote areas of the country through a safe, effective and efficient air service for the entire humanitarian community.

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