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Strengthening the health system in the Bounkani region (north-east)



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Context Overview

A precarious health system...

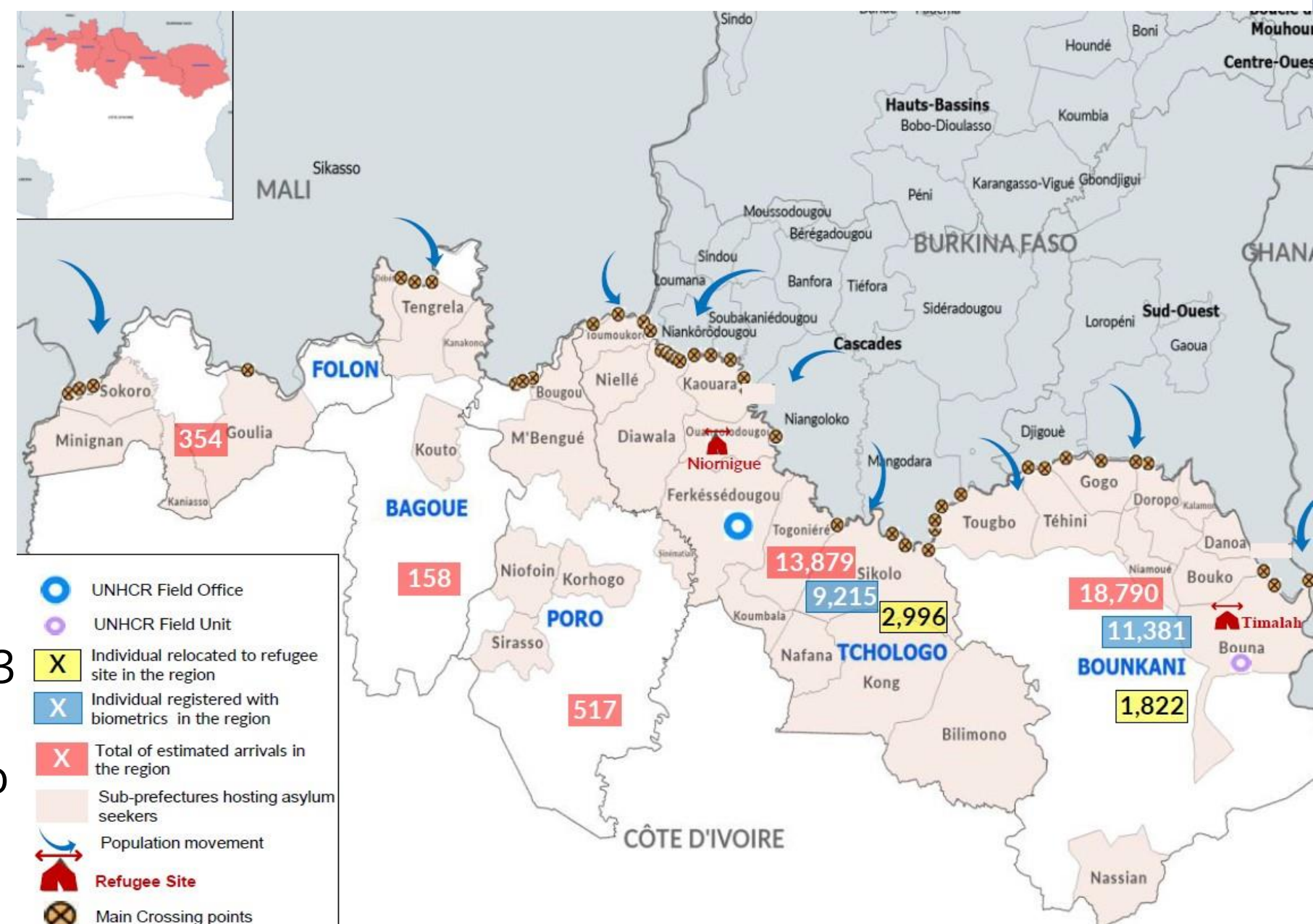
Health Facilities operating at a minimum (need for rehabilitation, access to water, problem of input availability) with very incomplete Minimum Activity Package

Low health indicators :

- Annual incidence of child malaria < 5: 739.62‰ (1.7 x national average)
- Only 35.9% of births are assisted in the Tehini DS.
- Prevalence of global acute malnutrition: 3 x national average Etc

... Challenged by population movements (Sahel crisis).

- Around 37K refugees from Burkina Faso (98%) - sept 2023
- Early signs of potential inter-community tensions (linked to pre-existing sense of abandonment in northern communities & agro-pastoral conflicts)



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Project Strategy

Where ?

- Tehini district : Target population: 51,360 people (hosts + refugees)
- Intervention in 3 Health Facilities : Bolé (primary healthcare facility) Tougbo (PHC F) Tehini (1 GH operating as a PHC F due to lack of capacity)
- Referral to 2 secondary level hospitals (Bouna and Ferkessedougou)



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What we do ?

- Free Primary Health Care (> national free care policy)
- Integrated management of GBV
- Free treatment of life-threatening emergencies for FEFA and children under 5 y/o

How ?

- Supply of medical inputs, training and supervision, support for referrals, supply of tricycle ambulances etc.



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Key challenges & Next steps

Constraints on access :

- Security management of migration issues, desire to relocate refugees hosted by local populations to dedicated camps. National Security Council has suspended the activities of certain NGOs (ACF, CICR) in the community.
- Precarious but manageable security environment ("sleeper" armed group cells, etc.)
- Administrative constraints (local MOU + import of inputs) delayed activities.

Beneficiaries targeting :

- We need to monitor our ability to target refugees thanks to free access to PHC and adjust activities if necessary

Advocacy :

- Advocacy to be built around the care of refugees and access for NGOs

Financing :

- Project financed by Echo + CDCS until April. 290K € RNA spent in 2023 (vs 600K€ granted by HQ in January 2023)
- Funding outlook: discussions to be continued with Echo + prospecting for other donors

Activities for next year :

- New community hospitals targeted : Panzarani and Boromakoté (close to one government relocation camp) & Doropo (close to MdM base)