

**609**   
**Patients** have tested positive for COVID-19

**489**   
**Patients** have received treatment

**105**  
**Patients** have been cured

**15**   
**People** have passed away

**2,370**  
**People** have been tested

AS OF APRIL 16



## SITUATION OVERVIEW

### NATIONAL LEVEL

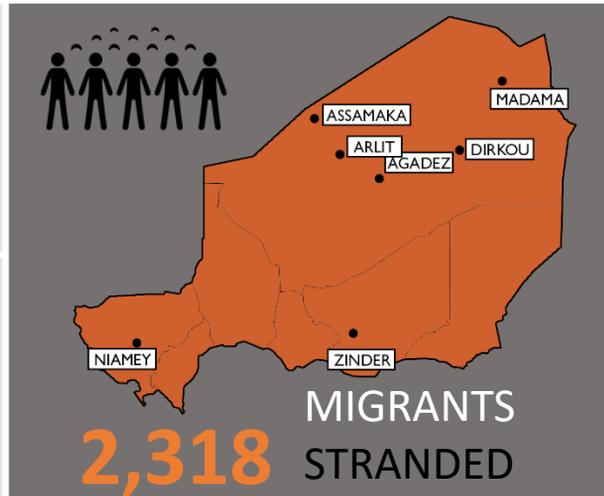
IOM Niger continues to work with the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and diplomatic missions in Niger to open a humanitarian corridor to return stranded migrants to their countries of origin, mostly in West Africa. The main countries targeted for the returns are Cameroon, Nigeria, Guinea, Mali and Benin.

### ASSAMAKA

After the last expulsion of 813 migrants from Algeria on March 19, when the border with Algeria closed, migrants have continued to cross the border. Groups of migrants as small as six and as large as 98 have arrived in Assamaka, making it increasingly complicated to place them in quarantine, as they need to be separated from pre-existing groups. A total of 356 migrants, the majority of whom are from Niger, are currently completing their quarantine in Assamaka. According to the IOM focal point, most of these migrants had been working on gold mining sites in Zora, Algeria. The quarantine site is managed by the Regional Directorate of Public Health (DRSP) and is supported by IOM and Médecins Sans Frontières.

### ARLIT

Most of the 813 migrants who arrived in Assamaka on March 19, and who completed their mandatory 14-day quarantine, have arrived in Arlit. IOM transported 640 migrants to the IOM transit centre there, while 127 migrants left the quarantine site on their own accord. IOM assisted the Government of Niger with the transportation of 243 Nigeriens from Arlit to their regions of origin, in close collaboration with local authorities. The quarantine site in Arlit, set up on 29 March, was closed by the authorities on April 11 and the Nigerien migrants hosted at the site left using their own means.



| City         | Accommodation           | #migrants    |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Agadez       | IOM Transit Centre      | 775          |
|              | Site pour rapatriés     | 227          |
|              | Stadium                 | 262          |
| Arlit        | IOM Transit Centre      | 405          |
| Assamaka     | Quarantine Site         | 356          |
| Dirkou       | IOM Transit Centre      | 1            |
| Niamey       | IOM Transit Centres (3) | 214          |
|              | Other rented spaces     | 78           |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |                         | <b>2,318</b> |

## AGADEZ

The Nigerien military transported 256 migrants who were stranded at the Libyan border, from Madama to Dirkou where IOM provided them with food and water, and subsequently transported them to Agadez, in close cooperation with the regional authorities. The group is currently completing their mandatory 14-day quarantine at the stadium of Agadez, which is managed by the DRSP with IOM's assistance. IOM provided tents, food and core relief items.

In the meantime, the 231 migrants who were quarantined at the 'site des rapatriés' outside Agadez completed their quarantine and were released by the authorities. After consultation with the authorities, IOM decided to scale up its shelter response for the 'site des rapatriés' to increase the capacity to host migrants after they have completed their quarantine period, as the transit centre in Agadez remains operating at full capacity. IOM will also support an assessment mission for the regional authorities to Dirkou, Séguedine and Madama as part of the COVID-19 Regional Response Plan for the Agadez region, similar to the mission organized to Assamaka earlier this month, which was also supported by IOM. This mission will allow regional authorities to develop procedures for the establishment of quarantine and isolation sites.



## ZINDER

Starting on March 27, IOM observed continuous movements of Nigerien migrants arriving from northern Nigeria to the Zinder region. According to IOM's flow monitoring point near the Dan Barto border crossing point, more than 3,000 people have returned from Nigeria. Most of the returnees were *talibé* children (approx. 1,740) who were attending Koranic schools in Nigeria. IOM, WHO, UNICEF and the Red Cross work together with local authorities to strengthen child protection, access to health care in the reception facilities and their future reintegration in the communities of origin.

## REGIONAL LEVEL

IOM Niger received information about stranded Nigerien migrants in Mali and Burkina Faso, who are unable to return to Niger. IOM Mali's Flow Monitoring Point at the Mali-Burkina Faso border observed a group of 75 Nigerien migrants, among whom are ten children younger than 5 years old and 20 elderly persons, who requested IOM's assistance to return to Niger. In Burkina Faso, IOM works in close collaboration with the authorities to assist a group of 1,500 stranded Nigeriens who left the mining site of Bougouriba with the aim of returning to Niger. IOM Niger is working closely with the Nigerien ministries of Interior, Foreign Affairs and Public Health, IOM's offices in Mali and Burkina Faso and diplomatic missions in Niamey to facilitate the return of these vulnerable Nigerien migrants.

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