

781
Patients tested positive for COVID-19

153
Patients receiving treatment

586
Patients have been cured

42
People passed away

3,245
People have been tested

AS OF 7 MAY



SITUATION OVERVIEW

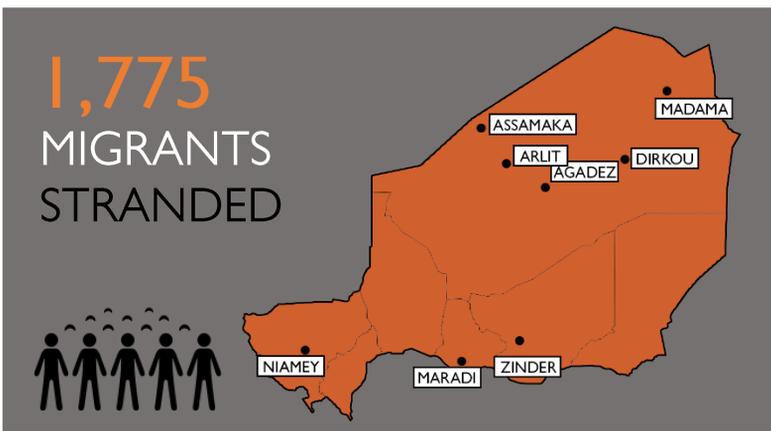
NATIONAL LEVEL

On 26 March, soon after Niger closed its borders, IOM submitted a request to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to establish a humanitarian corridor to return stranded foreign migrants in Niger to their countries of origin. Following the approval by the Ministry on 21 April, the Government of Niger and IOM have stepped up advocacy efforts with diplomatic representations in Niger, as well as with the different Ministries of Foreign Affairs in the main countries of origin. To date, the governments of Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali and Guinea-Conakry have agreed to the return of their citizens to the countries of origin. While the modalities on the return movements vary among the countries and negotiations with remaining countries of origin are ongoing, the first movements are likely to commence in the second half of May.

At the same time, Niger continues to receive returning Nigerien nationals arriving from neighboring countries, most notably Nigeria, Algeria and Burkina Faso. Likewise, IOM expects around 400 Nigerien migrants, stranded in Mali, to return to Niger soon. IOM is assisting the Government of Niger to implement the mandatory 14-day quarantine measures for these returning migrants in various locations by providing logistical support, shelter, food, core relief items and WASH assistance.

To continue its support to the Government of Niger, stranded migrants, displaced persons and host communities in Niger, IOM has launched its [Strategic Response Plan](#) with [an appeal](#) for \$ 9,984,000 of additional funds to respond to the various demands for assistance while maintaining the high standard IOM Niger has implemented over the years.

IOM's strategy focuses on the following priorities: strengthen a coordinated response to facilitate safe movement across the country's borders, address humanitarian needs of stranded migrants who have been impacted by COVID-19, and scale up support to prevent COVID-19 infections among internally displaced people and host communities in conflict-affected areas in Niger.



City	Accommodation	#migrants
Agadez	IOM Transit Centre	772
	Site de rapatriés	292
Arlit	IOM Transit Centre	378
Assamaka	Quarantine Site	47
Dirkou	IOM Transit Centre	1
Niamey	IOM Transit Centres (3)	285
TOTAL		1,775

NIAMEY

Together with the Ministries of Interior, Humanitarian Action, Health and Foreign Affairs in Niger, IOM supported 1,400 Nigerien migrants with their return from Burkina Faso in the first weekend of May. Most of the migrants were men working in the mines in southern Burkina Faso who had to leave due to insecurity and expressed their interest to return to Niger. IOM organized their transport and supported the set up of a humanitarian site where they will complete their mandatory 14-day quarantine, which is managed by the Ministry of Humanitarian Action and supported by IOM. Upon arrival, the migrants were assisted with hygiene kits, personal protective equipment, medical assistance when needed, and food. Other partners (UNHCR, WHO, UNICEF, Red Cross) provided further assistance to the migrants.

In ten days, IOM erected over 500 shelters, built 40 latrines and showers, installed 30 handwashing stations and deployed solar panels. The buses that were used to transport the migrants in turn transported back to Burkina Faso 203 Burkinabe students who were stranded in Niger. On Saturday, May 2, another 87 Nigerien migrants arrived at the site from the border area between Burkina Faso and Mali.

AGADEZ

All stranded migrants in Agadez are currently hosted at IOM's transit centre (772 migrants) and on the *site des rapatriés* (292 migrants). IOM further assisted the Government of Niger with the transport to the city of Agadez, registration, profiling and direct assistance to around 180 Nigeriens after they completed their mandatory quarantine in Assamaka. IOM continues its awareness-raising activities at the transit centres and at the site. To this end, a visit to the site was organized for the Governor and other officials. IOM has also committed to providing in-kind support to the COVID-19 committee of the region by equipping and fencing the COVID-19 regional treatment centre and purchasing of hand-washing stations, soap and disinfectant gels. Moreover, meetings were held with the Regional Directorate for Public Health (RDPH) to discuss the urgent need to establish quarantine sites in the Kawar area.

ZINDER

The influx of Nigerien migrants from northern Nigeria, as reported in the previous SitRep (dd. 16 April 2020), continued to increase. In total, 6,360 migrants have returned from Nigeria since 27 March, 79% of which are children under the age of 8.

MARADI

At the Dan Issa border crossing in the region of Maradi, IOM's Flow Monitoring Point observed the return of 400 Nigeriens from Nigeria between 23 and 27 April. After being screened on COVID-19 by the police, they were allowed to return to their communities of origin.



IOM and its partners visited the site in Niamey on May 7.

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