

974

Patients have tested positive for COVID-19



33

Patients are receiving treatment



876

Patients have been cured

65



People have passed away



5,140

People have been tested

AS OF 11 JUNE



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SITUATION OVERVIEW

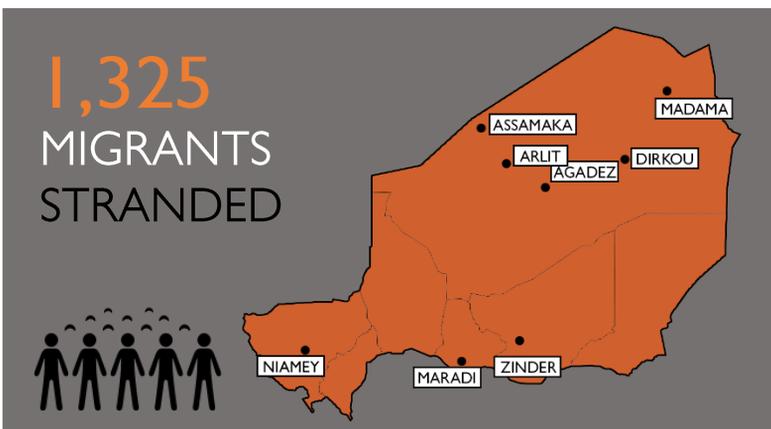
NATIONAL LEVEL

On June 4, [IOM assisted 179 Malian nationals](#) stranded in Niger with their return to Mali, with support from the European Union. The migrants had been staying at IOM's transit centres in Niamey and Agadez for three months since the borders were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Another 1,325 are impatiently waiting for travel restrictions to be lifted or for IOM and their respective embassies to organize their return to the countries of origin.

The Government of Niger agreed on 21 April to open a humanitarian corridor to facilitate the voluntary return of migrants stranded in Niger. Another two land movements took place prior to the charter flight and saw the return of 43 migrants to Burkina Faso and 58 migrants to Benin.

Upon arrival in Mali, the migrants were received by national authorities and IOM staff on the ground who escorted the group to the centres where they will be hosted for the following two weeks as they complete their mandatory 14-day quarantine.

Similar road and air movements are planned in the coming weeks for migrants who are still stranded in Niger and wishing to return home. IOM works closely with the authorities, embassies and missions in countries of origin based on agreed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to ensure all COVID-19 prevention measures are respected during the return movements and quarantine periods.



City	Accommodation	#migrants
Agadez	IOM Centre & Site	685
Arlit	IOM Transit Centre	340
Assamaka	Quarantine Site	36
Dirkou	IOM Transit Centre	1
Niamey	IOM Transit Centres (3)	263
TOTAL		1,325

AGADEZ

On June 11, IOM made a donation of hygiene supplies to the communities in the region of Agadez, in the presence of the Governor of Agadez, Mr. Sadou Soloke, representatives from the Regional Council, the President of the Special Delegation of Agadez, Dr. Mamane Boukari, His Excellence the Sultan of Aïr, representatives from the Regional Direction for Public Health, and other government officials.

With support from the European Union, IOM is donating to the region handwashing stations, soap, awareness raising materials and hand sanitizer locally produced by students with the University of Agadez.



Regional authorities in Agadez during the donation on June 11.

ZINDER

IOM staff in the city of Zinder, at the border with Nigeria, reported late March that close to 1,000 Nigeriens had arrived from Nigeria by road, through the Dan Barto border post. Another 7,000 returned to Niger since, most of them unaccompanied *talibé* children, following the ban on group prayers and subsequent closure of Koranic schools in the Katsina State, in northern Nigeria, amid the current COVID-19 pandemic.

On May 28, IOM Niger, with support from the U.S. Department of State Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (J/TIP), [made a donation](#) of medical supplies to four health centers in the region of Zinder in southern Niger, to respond to the continuous arrivals of unaccompanied Nigerien children returning from neighboring Nigeria. Among the items donated were handwashing stations, surgical masks, thermometers, detergent and liquid soap.

The donation took place at the governorate of Zinder in the presence of health experts and regional authorities, including the Governor of the region of Zinder. “I am deeply grateful to our partners for this donation today which will allow us to handle this situation and reduce the numbers of people infected with this heinous virus,” said Mr. Issa Moussa, Governor of the region of Zinder.

NIAMEY

In collaboration with the government of Niger, IOM assisted last month in Niamey over 1,400 Nigeriens who had arrived from Burkina Faso. During the 14-day quarantine, IOM provided the returnees with shelter, food and basic necessities. After the group’s quarantine period ended, the returnees were assisted with their departure to the cities of Dosso, Tillabéri, Tahoua and Maradi. At the end of the two weeks, there were no suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the group.

IOM was able to provide them with the support of the European Union, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, the United States Department of State and the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs of France.



The returnees completed their 14-day quarantine on May 16.

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