

Since 2007 the number of affected people by floods in West Africa is increasing. In 2012, heavy rainfalls resulted into widespread floods affecting more than 3 million people in West and Central Africa, especially in Nigeria, Niger, Chad and Senegal. A large part of the affected people are already highly vulnerable due to the Food Security and Nutrition Crisis in the Sahel.

Over 3 million people are affected by floods in West and Central Africa including **1,440,968** IDPs* in Nigeria.

• Nigeria*:

About **30 out of 37 States** are affected by floods resulting in **internal displacements of 1.4 million people** and approximately **550,000 damaged houses**. The National Emergency Management Agency of Nigeria (NEMA) has warned of new water releases from dams in Cameroon that further affect several Nigerian States along the Benue River.

• Niger:

More than **520,000** people affected by floods mostly in Tillaberi (**175,206**) and Dosso (**130,227**)

• Chad:

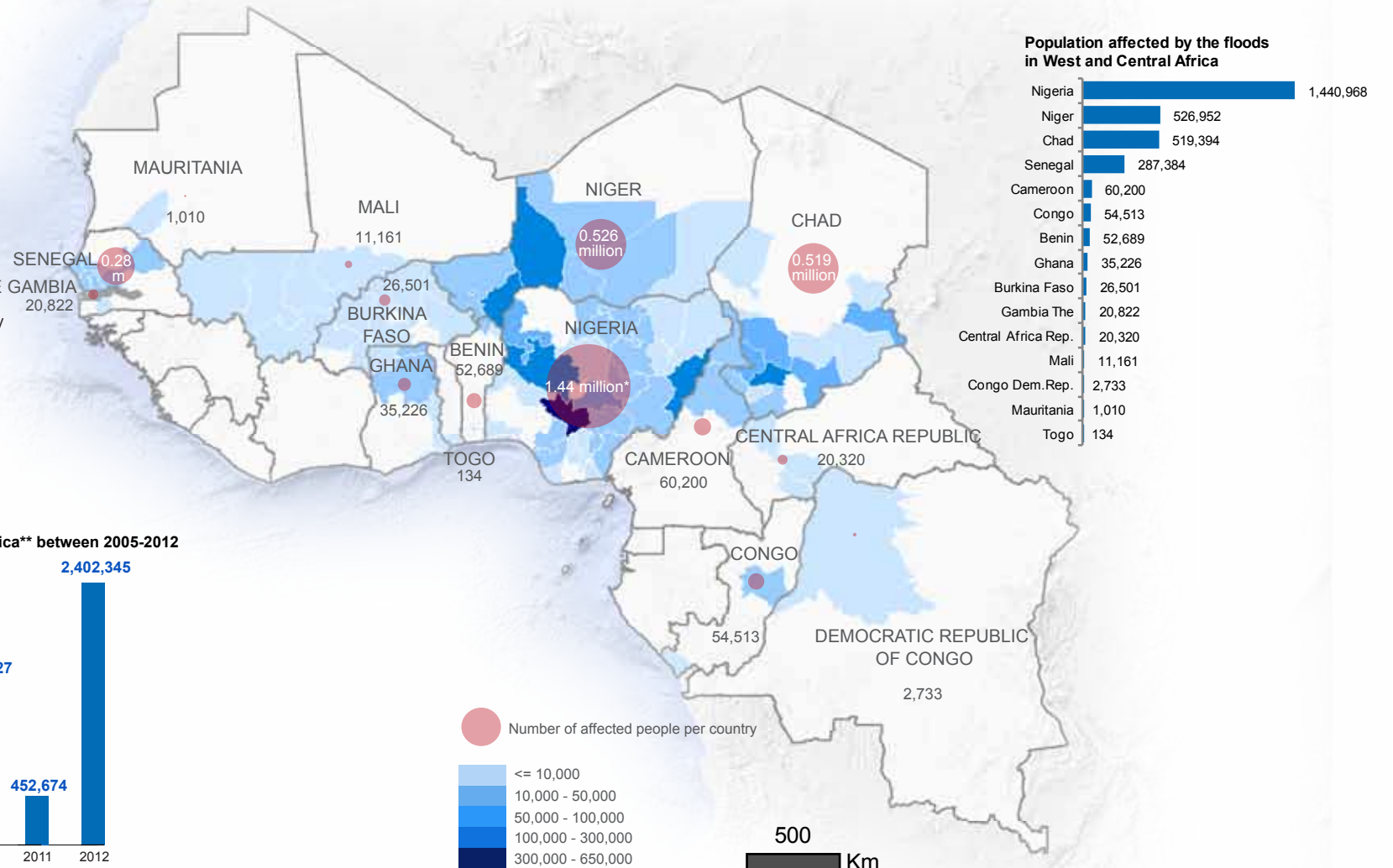
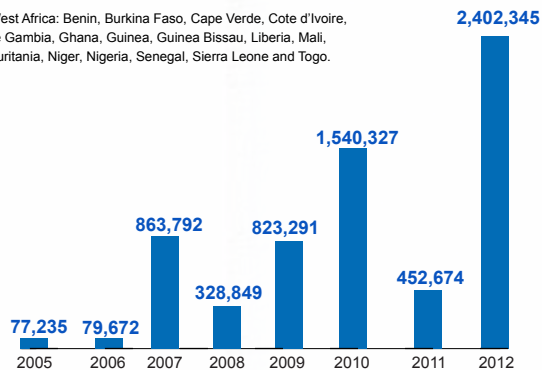
519,000 affected by floods and approximately **255,000 hectares** of cropland flooded.

• Senegal:

Following heavy rainfalls on 26 August 2012, affecting around **287,000** people mainly in Dakar, Kaolack, Thies, Diourbel and Saint Louis. The "plan ORSEC" has been activated by the Government. As of 15 October, the large majority of the displaced people were able to return to their homes.

Total Population affected by floods in West Africa** between 2005-2012

**West Africa: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo.



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*Preliminary and unconfirmed Data collected by NEMA, received on 15 October 2012. Only number of flood related IDPs is available, the total number of floods affected people is still unknown.