

Situation report on the arrival of new refugees from Cameroon

CHAD, Province of Chari-Baguirmi

8,749

Number of individuals registered (L1) by UNHCR
(2,248 households)

93%

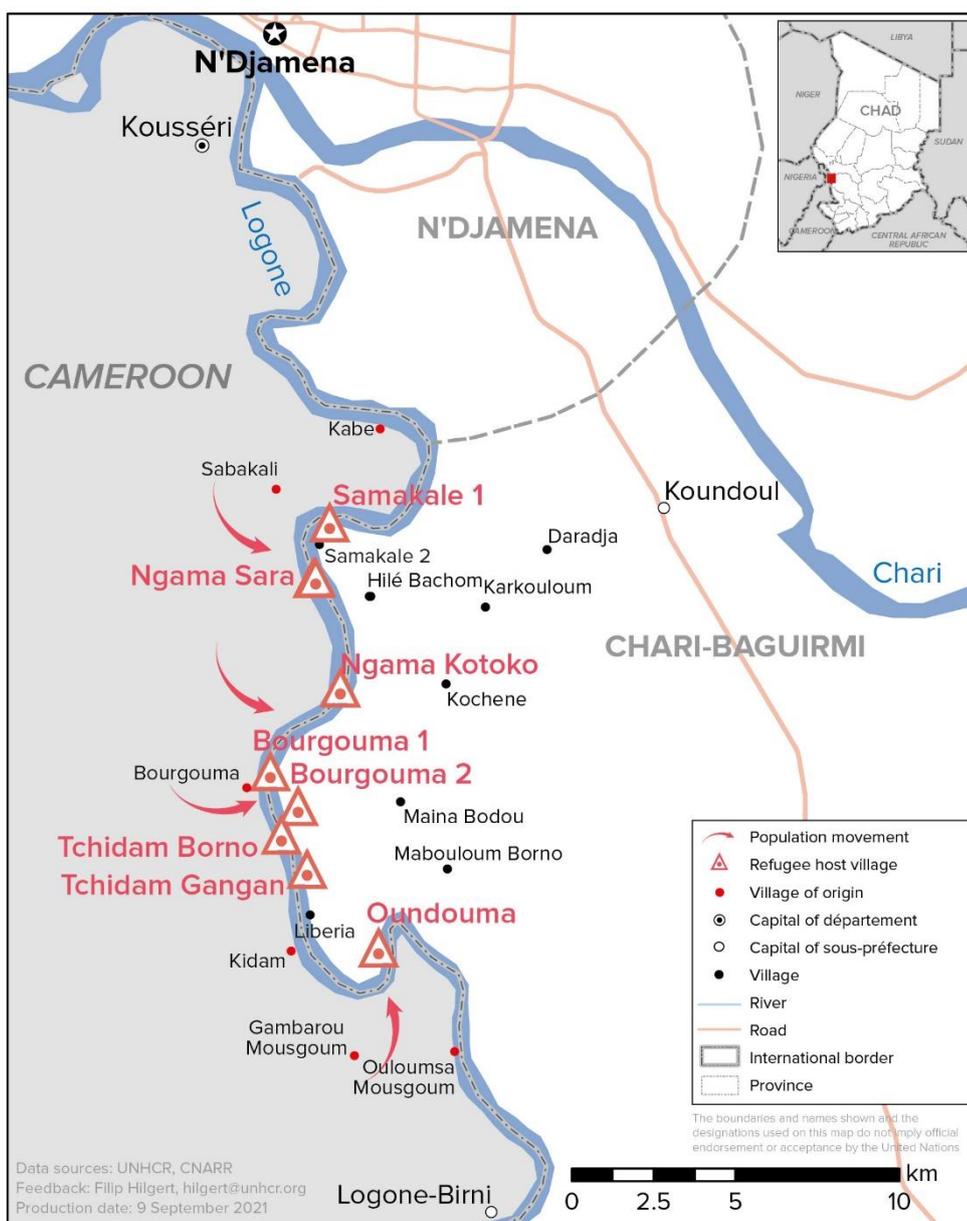
Percentage of women and children

9,469

Number of medical consultations

289,991

Number of hot meals distributed at 5 sites



OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

Chad is preparing a voluntary repatriation plan in coordination with the Chadian authorities and UNHCR Cameroon. A scouting visit took place on Wednesday 29 September with 12 representatives of refugees, both men and women.

Mobile clinics run by ADES and IRC continue to provide health assistance and medical consultations. To date, a total of 9,469 consultations have been conducted for refugees (6,192) and the local community (3,277). In addition, 555 antenatal consultations and 36 postnatal consultations were carried out by the 4 midwives deployed by UNFPA; 46 births were registered, 30 refugee women and 16 local women.

7,750 long-lasting impregnated mosquito nets were distributed, 5,010 to 2,248 refugee households and 2,740 to 933 local households.

COORDINATION:

On 29 September, following the invitation of the Cameroonian government, a "Go & See and Come & Tell" visit was organised to the main villages of origin of the Cameroonian refugees in Chad, including Ngama-Sara, Bourgouma I, Kidam-Borno and Maham. The Cameroonian delegation led by the Prefect of Logone Chari was accompanied by a delegate from UNHCR Cameroon and traditional leaders of the area. The Chadian delegation, led by the Sub-Prefect of Koundoul, was accompanied by the Permanent Secretary of the CNARR, UNHCR Chad staff and 12 refugees, 7 men and 5 women, designated as representatives.

In general, it was noted during the mission that the security and protection environment appears to be favourable to return, but requires the establishment of a framework for dialogue, under the aegis of the Cameroonian authorities and local opinion leaders. This framework will strengthen peaceful coexistence and reassure refugees who still doubt the return to lasting peace in their localities.

The main demands to strengthen sustainable peace and security between communities are:

1. Set up a hospital or health centre, since the nearest health centre is located about 17 km from the main villages.
2. Increase the capacity of teachers in local schools.
3. Strengthen investments in agriculture and livestock.
4. Helping farmers who have been directly affected by the crisis.
5. Build boreholes to supply villages with drinking water.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE BY SECTOR:**HEALTH / NUTRITION**

From 17 August, the start date of the interventions, to date:

- 9,469 medical consultations offered to refugees and nationals of the sites, including 6,192 consultations for refugees and 3,277 for nationals;
- 555 antenatal consultations and 36 postnatal consultations were carried out by the 4 midwives deployed by UNFPA;
- 46 registered births, including 30 for refugee women and 16 for local women;
- 102 new people joining family planning;
- Distribution of 7 750 long-lasting impregnated mosquito nets (LLIN) in the host villages of Chari-Baguirmi:
 - 5,010 LLINs were distributed to 2,248 refugee households in the 4 distribution sites from 12 to 14 September;
 - 2,740 LLINs were distributed to 933 local households in the 7 host villages from 12 to 14 September.

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