Violent attacks by Boko Haram in Nigeria as well as in villages along the border inside Cameroon have increased during the last months. Reports by those who fled indicate lootings of villages, killings, mass execution, and kidnappings including of children which resulted in large scale displacement. The vast majority of the IDPs are reportedly staying with host communities. Latest figures shared by the Government with UNHCR indicate a total of 96,042 IDPs in three departments (Logone et Chari: 39,853; Mayo Tsanaga: 29,200; Mayo Sava: 26,989). To provide timely protection and assistance to IDPs and host communities the Government asked UNHCR to engage in a profiling exercise which is currently underway. First results of the UNHCR protection assessment will be available at the end of the week.

The nutritional situation is precarious (5-10%) in children under 5 in the northern regions of Cameroon with a prevalence of global acute malnutrition (GAM) of 9% in the Far North.

Over 29,000 students remain at risk of losing the entire 2014-2015 academic school year as a result of school closures since the onset of the conflict. 33,163 children (43% girls) are out of school or have been forced to seek access to schooling outside of their native communities as a result of school closures in affected districts.

120 schools were forced to close in 10 districts of the Far North for the current academic year (2014-2015) and 30% of assessed host schools reported being occupied by displaced population.

4% of host schools indicate unexploded ordinances and reminisce of war in and around IDP sites.

Sources: Government of Cameroon (IDPs Figures), Enquête Démographique et de Santé et à Indicateurs Multiples (EDS-MICS) 2011, Cameroon 2005 population data census

* The breakdown by department is dated from mid February 2015

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