

CAMEROON

US\$304.5 MILLION NEEDED FOR AID RESPONSE

Humanitarian actors and the authorities on 25 January requested for \$304.5 million to assist 1.3 million people this year. Humanitarian needs have been on the rise over the recent years. Some 3.3 million – up from 2.9 million in 2017 – need humanitarian assistance. The 2018 response plan targets to assist 40 per cent of them.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

INSECURITY PERSISTS IN PAOUA

Incidents of insecurity continue to be reported in villages around the north-western Paoua town where clashes between armed groups erupted in December, forcing some 65,000 people to flee their homes. On 21 January, several people fled their village following the killing of a woman by armed group elements. UN peacekeepers have launched security operations, while aid groups are stepping up assistance.

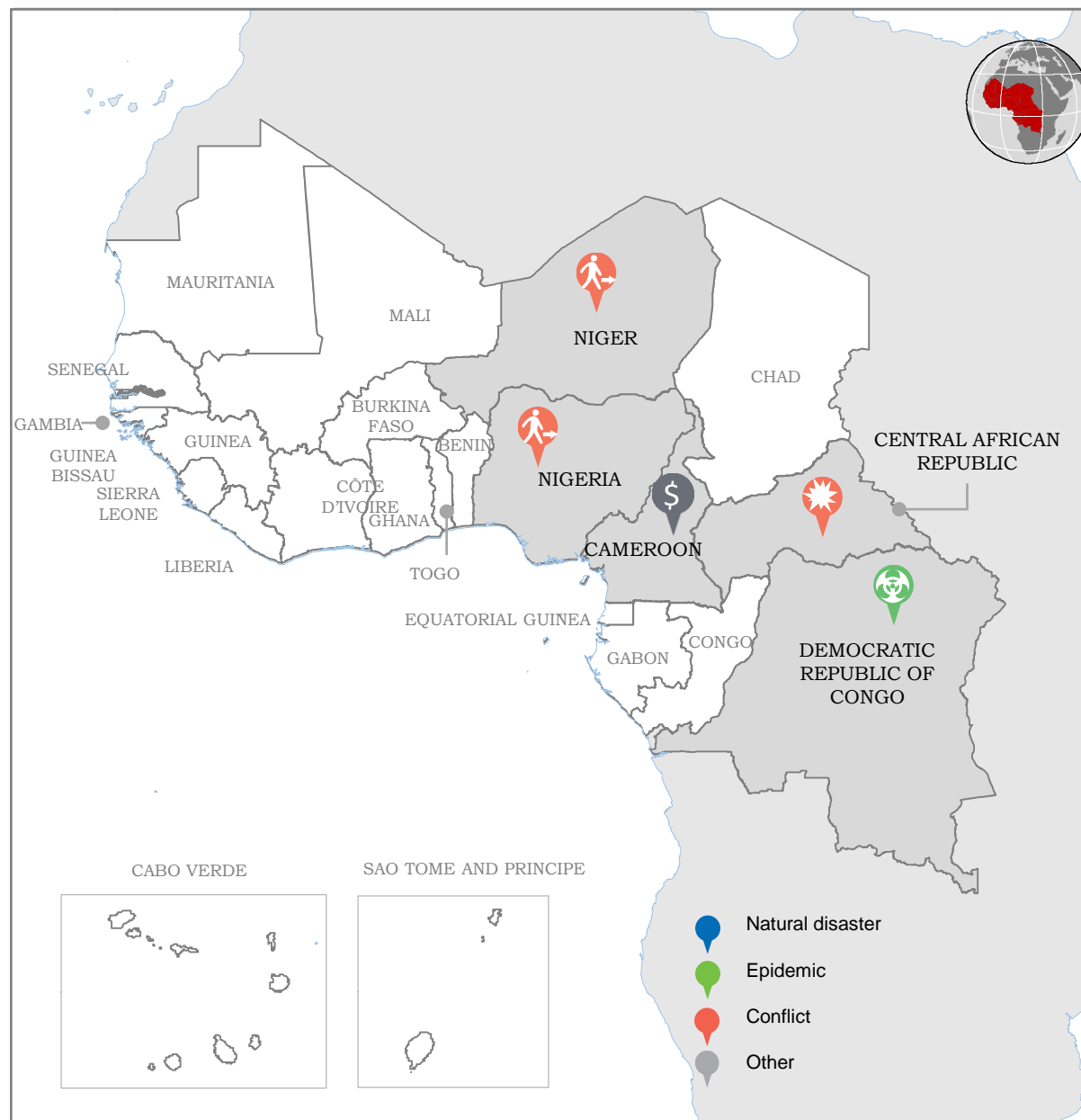
US\$515.6 MILLION NEEDED FOR RELIEF ASSISTANCE

Humanitarian organisations and the Government on 24 January launched the 2018 response plan, requesting for \$515.5 million to assist 1.9 million people. An upsurge in conflict since 2016 has driven up humanitarian needs. The number of displaced people has risen by 50 per cent to over 600,000, and more than half of the country's 4.6 million people need humanitarian assistance.

DRC

25,000 SOUTH KIVU CHILDREN AT RISK OF MEASLES

Since December 2017, more than 190 cases of measles have been reported in Uvira highlands in the eastern South Kivu province. As many as 25,000 children between six months and 12 years are now at risk of contracting the disease. UNICEF plans to vaccinate over 360,000 children between six months and 10 years.



NIGER

OVER 200 FLEE AFTER ARMED GROUP THREAT

More than 200 people on 20 January fled their village in the western Tillabery region following the killing of a civilian and an ultimatum by an armed group for them to abandon their homes. The villages border Mali, where some 100 people are also reported to have fled to. Separately, around 650 people have fled Toumour, a locality in the southern Diffa region where a military post was attacked on 17 January, to a nearby displacement site. Humanitarian actors are conducting a needs assessment. Access to Toumour is limited due to military operations.

NIGERIA

FOUR KILLED IN FRESH FARMER-HERDER FIGHTING

Renewed clashes between farmers and herders on 21 January claimed four lives and saw several houses torched in Numan locality of Adamawa state. More than 80,000 people have been displaced in such clashes since the start of the year. In November 2017, at least 55 people were killed and 200 others displaced following attacks between farmers and herders in the same locality.

FIVE LASSA FEVER CASES REPORTED IN EBONYI

WHO on 15 January reported five Lassa fever cases in Ebonyi state in the south-east. The state's emergency management committee has been activated. The cases are part of an ongoing outbreak since December 2016 in which 1,022 suspected cases and 127 deaths were reported by December 2017. Nineteen of Nigeria's 36 states have reported at least one Lassa fever case. WHO called for urgent preventive measures among health workers and continued enhanced surveillance.

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