Cameroon currently has 639,304 people of concern, including 241,354 Central African refugees and 90,492 Nigerian refugees.

Development of the legal framework of the national law on internal displacement as part of the integration of the Kampala Convention.

Joint mission undertaken by UNHCR and authorities to north eastern Nigeria within the framework of the Tripartite Agreement on the voluntary return of Nigerian refugees.

**FUNDING (AS OF 30 OCTOBER)**

USD 94.2 M

Requested for Cameroon

Funded: 26% 24.1 M

Underfunded: 74% 70.1 M

UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff: 230

133 National Staff
53 International Staff
44 UN Volunteers (9 International and 35 National)

7 OFFICES:

Branch Office – Yaounde
Sub Offices – Batouri, Meiganga and Maroua
Field Offices – Djohong
Field Unit – Douala
Liaison Office - Bertoua
WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR coordinates protection and assistance for refugees in collaboration with:


- **Implementing Partners**: Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), African Initiatives for Relief and Development (AIRD), Agence pour le Développement Économique et Social (ADES), CAMWATER, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), FAIRMED, International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC), InterSos, International Medical Corps (IMC), Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Plan International, *Première Urgence - Internationale* (PUI) and Public Concern.

- **Operational Partners**: ICRC, Adventist Relief Agency (ADRA), ASOL and Red Deporte, IEDA Relief, *Action Contre la Faim* (ACF) and CARE International.

- **UN Agencies**: WFP, UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA, UN Women, FAO, UNESCO, IOM, UNDP and UNOCHA.

- **Operational coordination**: In accordance with the “Joint OCHA-UNHCR Note on Mixed Situations – Coordination in Practice” the responsibility to coordinate the overall humanitarian response in the Far North has been delegated to UNHCR. UNHCR sectors are utilized to deliver assistance to IDPs and other affected groups. All sectors are operational holding regular meetings. Each sector is led by a Government entity and co-led by UN agencies. There is also a bi-monthly UNHCR-chaired Multi-Sector Operations Team meeting in Maroua, bringing together more than 40 humanitarian partners intervening in the region. The response for Central African refugees is managed in line with the *Refugee Coordination Model*. Sectoral groups have been established by UNHCR, covering the whole operational area. Local authorities have been very engaged in the management of the refugee operation. UN agencies and international NGOs have been instrumental in implementing activities for Central African refugees and host populations. At the capital-level, UNHCR leads the Multi-Sector Operations Team for the Refugee Response and the national Protection Working Group, and actively participates in other relevant humanitarian coordination mechanisms and the Humanitarian Country Team.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

- The security situation in the Far North region remained of concern as Boko Haram continued to strike and target civilians. Despite a decrease in the number of attacks we saw a higher number of civilian casualties than in previous months; in October 17 attacks took place while 40 attacks were registered in August and 32 in September.

- During the week of 2 October, UNHCR Cameroon undertook a mission to Nigeria within the framework of the implementation of the Tripartite Agreement signed between the governments of Cameroon, Nigeria and UNHCR on the voluntary repatriation of Nigerian refugees living in Cameroon. The purpose of this mission was to jointly assess the situation in the main refugee areas of origin, particularly in the localities of Banki and Bama. The mission met with local authorities and the local population and noted efforts and initiatives undertaken by Nigerian authorities for the reconstruction of these areas in order to prepare for the eventual return of refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). The mission was also an opportunity to observe the difficult living conditions of the internally displaced in a region where the security situation does not yet allow the return of refugees in safety and dignity. Information collected will be shared with refugees living in Cameroon as part of the information and awareness campaigns for a return in accordance with the terms of the Tripartite Agreement.

- On 10-11 October, UNHCR and the Government of Cameroon held a workshop aimed at kick-starting the process of domesticking the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (known as the Kampala Convention) into national law. The workshop was an opportunity to train members of the government responsible for drafting the new law and begin substantive discussions. The next step in the process will be to determine the appropriate legal framework (either a law or a national policy) that will be adopted to domesticate the Convention, with the aim of providing Cameroon with a national protection and assistance framework for IDPs and their host communities.
MAIN ACTIVITIES

- On 5 October, UNHCR organized a consultation and humanitarian needs planning workshop for Central African refugees living in the East, Adamawa and North regions of Cameroon with a focus on updating the 2017 planning and response strategies. The context of the operation in these areas was recalled during the workshop, priority areas were revised on the basis of vulnerability indicators, and the process of planning the number of populations in need for 2018 was presented. At the end of the workshop, participants identified priority sector needs for 2018, formulated key messages on major achievements and identified challenges encountered in the process.

- From 10-12 October, UNHCR held a training in Yaounde on livelihoods interventions for refugees living in Cameroon. The objective of the training was to build the capacity of 33 staff, partners and national institutions involved in the vision, implementation and monitoring of livelihood and self-reliance activities for refugees and host communities.

- As part of the development of the Support Plan for communities hosting refugees in the East, Adamaoua and North regions and ahead of preparatory activities for the World Bank’s International Development Association (IDA18) sub-window for refugees and the refugee hosting areas, UNHCR organized on 20 October a workshop on the harmonization of the methodology and tools for the collection and assessment of the needs of targeted population in the concerning areas. The aim was to harmonize the methodology, timeline and tools for data collection required for the development of the Support Plan, which will serve as a reference framework for the programming of the IDA18 sub-window and other development interventions. Representatives from several government structures, the World Bank and the National Programme for Participatory Development (PNDP) were present. The next step involves data collection from the field which will allow for the development of the Support Plan.

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