

Cameroon Situation Chad

June 2023

Chad host more than **26,540** **Cameroonian refugees who fled** the violence between fishermen and herders in the far north of Cameroon in December 2021. Cameroonian

refugees are mainly located in Chari Baguirmi. They live in Guilmey and Kalambari camps and villages. Cameroon, Chad and UNHCR explore opportunities to facilitate voluntary

repatriation. UNHCR supports the government's efforts to **protect and assist refugees their hosts and help them rebuild their lives.**

KEY INDICATORS *

26 542

Cameroonian refugees in Chad until 31 May 2023

75%

Women and children

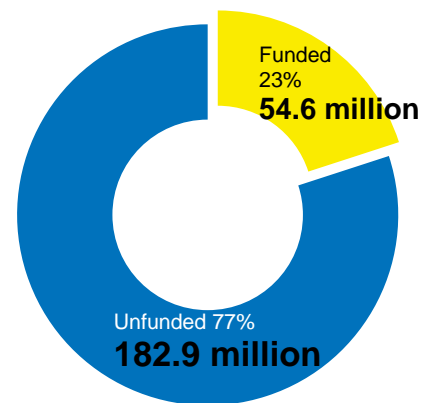
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Persons with specific needs

FUNDING AS OF 19 JUNE

USD 237.7 million

Requested for Chad operation



Cameroonian refugees documentation ©UNHCR

Coordination

- UNHCR works closely with the Government of Chad, humanitarian and development actors to **ensure Cameroonian refugees receive adequate protection and multi-sectoral assistance and support the community hosting them.**

Main Achievements



PROTECTION

- UNHCR and its partners provide protection services to all refugees, including legal support, psychosocial services, specialized protection services for children and survivors of gender-based violence, and cash assistance for persons with identified specific needs.
- UNHCR worked with refugees to set committees and train their members to encourage community participation to strengthen the protection environment for refugees.
- UNHCR led a capacity-building programme on international protection, GBV and protection against abuse and exploitation. **More than 200 partner staff and refugee leaders received training in the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA).**
- Partners also establish an accountability mechanism in the refugee camps, including through the CIF, "**Centre d'information et de Feedback**", to facilitate the collection of face-to-face complaints.



EDUCATION

- **Cameroonian refugees are integrated into the national education system thanks to the collaboration with the Ministry of Education.** UNHCR and partners supported existing public schools in host villages accommodating refugees children with 44 temporary learning spaces and 54 classrooms.
- **The emergency response has enabled access to education for 5,672 Cameroonian refugees** (48% girls) and 1,103 Chadians (44% girls) between 2022 and 2023. Advocacy for the participation of new refugees in national examinations enabled 36 students, including 17 Cameroonian refugees, to obtain their diplomas in 2022, validating their secondary education and making them eligible for higher education in both Chad and Cameroon.



HEALTH

- **UNHCR and its partners provide primary healthcare services to over 35,000 people, including refugees and host communities.** Some 22,955 people were vaccinated.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

- UNHCR partners with the UN World Food Programme to distribute food assistance to refugees. Refugees receive XFA 7,000 per person per month to meet their basic needs.



WATER AND SANITATION

- UNHCR and its partners have installed **60 water points, with an autonomous solar energy system, in the camps and host villages.**
- UNHCR and its partners have built 898 latrines and 894 family and community showers in the camps and villages. This infrastructure has helped to reduce open defecation and prevent diarrhoea and other water-borne diseases. Partners distributed over 500 latrine maintenance tool kits and built 19 camp washing areas.
- **The partners continue to implement hygiene promotion sessions** through door-to-door awareness-raising sessions and discussion groups on various subjects relating to water and hygiene.
- **WASH partners also ensure solid waste management in the camp, including** through community garbage bins, the construction of dumps and the provision of tricycles for collecting and disposing waste.
- **The camps have a rainwater drainage system to prevent flooding in both camps.**



SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS

- **Shelter partners built 3,320 shelters, including 50 community infrastructures in the Kalambari and Guilmey camps. Partners also built 60** community shelters in the hosting villages.
- UNHCR distributed non-food items, including blankets, mats, kitchen kits and solar lamps, to more than 4,000 households.



CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

- UNHCR work with refugee committees to monitor activities and services in the camps, focusing on protection issues.



ENVIRONNEMENT AND ENERGY ACCESS

- UNHCR has installed **335 solar-powered streetlamps in the two camps** and surrounding villages to provide energy support to Cameroonian refugees.
- UNHCR and its partners also lead efforts to promote environmental protection. Partners **planted 5,000 fruit and non-fruit trees** and conducted community awareness-raising activities on tree cutting. Refugees also received **gas cylinders** as alternative energy for cooking.



LIVELIHOOD

- **UNHCR has launched empowerment initiatives for Cameroonian refugees to strengthen their resilience and prepare them for self-reliance.** To this end, around 35 hectares of arable land have been granted to refugees thanks to advocacy with local and administrative authorities. One thousand one hundred ninety refugees receiving support to set up income-generating activities received agricultural, fishing, and commercial kits.

DURABLES SOLUTIONS

- UNHCR and its partners surveyed intentions to return voluntarily among Cameroonian refugees in July 2022. Thus, **22% of the refugees interviewed expressed a desire to return** in the coming months, and 78% expressed doubts about the return of peace to their area of origin, indicating their intention not to return in the immediate future.
- UNHCR has set up a framework for **cross-border exchanges to manage the situation of refugees and spontaneous returnees** and explore ways to facilitate voluntary repatriation. As a result, cross-border coordination meetings were held in the second half of 2022. A familiarisation mission was carried out in Cameroon in February 2023 in the areas of origin of the refugees, and two cross-border meetings between the Cameroonian and Chadian authorities in N'Djamena, supported by UNHCR of the two countries, led to the **adoption of a roadmap for the process of repatriating Cameroonian refugees in safety and dignity.**
- As of June 2023, **almost 2,000 Cameroonian refugees registered for voluntary return.**

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