



Le Représentant du HCR au Cameroun, recevant des mains de l'Ambassadeur d'Italie au Cameroun, S.E. Samuela Isopi, les clés des quatre salles de classe offertes à l'école publique de Gado Badzere par le Projet Entrepreneurial Michele Ferrero

CAMEROON FACTSHEET

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259,145

Central African refugees registered by UNHCR in rural areas in the East, Adamaoua and North regions, of which 158,418 arrived since December 2013

73,745

Nigerian refugees in the Far North region (of which 58, 58,874 have been registered at Minawao camp)

192,912

Internally Displaced Persons in the Far North region (*sources: DTM by IOM as of August 2016 and UNHCR protection monitoring Flash Updates*)

Population of concern

580,523 people of concern to UNHCR

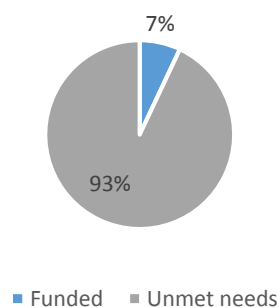
By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
CAR	259,145
Nigeria	73,745
Urban refugees*	19,802
Asylum seekers	2,896
IDPs	192,912
IDPs returnees	32,023
Total	580,523

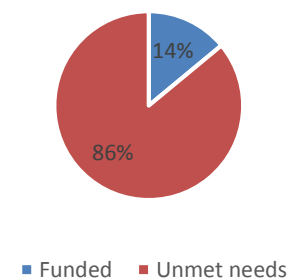
*Incl. CAR and Nigerian refugees living in urban areas

Funding situation (including UNHCR's regular country Programme). The operation is 30% funded (US\$ 29.6 m received out of 98.6 m requested. The overall funding gap for UNHCR Cameroon amounts hence to US\$ 69 m)

CAR Situation
UNHCR Cameroon
budgetary requirements:
US\$ 55.5 million
26 Sept 2016



Nigeria Situation
UNHCR Cameroon
budgetary requirements:
US\$ 27.9 million
26 Sept 2016



UNHCR Presence

Staff: 238

56 International staff

134 National staff

48 UN Volunteers (14 International and 33 National)

Offices:

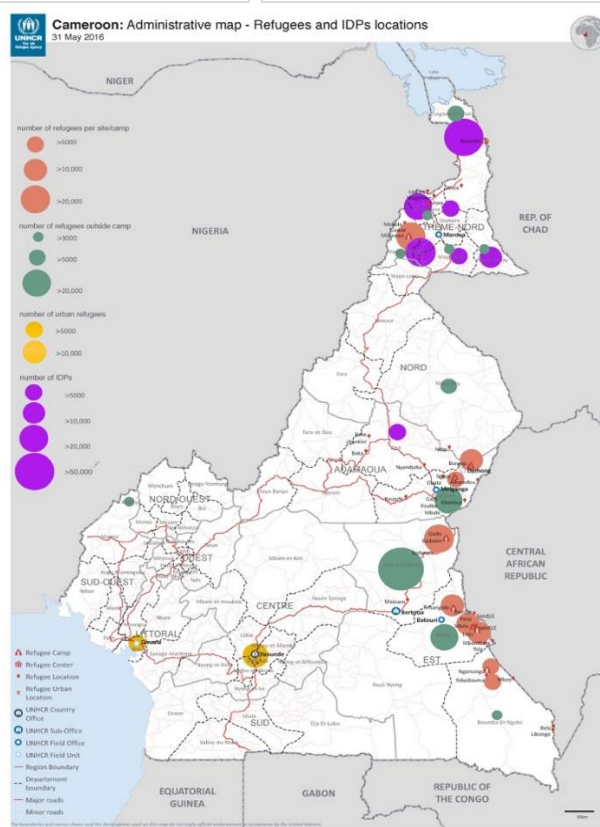
7 offices:

Branch Office – Yaoundé

Sub Offices – Bertoua and Maroua

Field Offices – Meiganga, Batouri and Douala

Field Unit – Djohong



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR coordinates protection and assistance for refugees in collaboration with:

- **Government Partners:** Ministries of External Relations, Territorial Administration and Decentralization, Economy, Planning and Regional Development, Public Health, Women Empowerment and Family, Social Affairs, Justice, Basic Education, Water and Energy, Youth and the National Employment Fund.
- **Implementing Partners:** *Action Contre la Faim* (ACF), Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), African Initiatives for Relief and Development (AIRD), *Agence pour le Développement Economique et Social* (ADES), CAMWATER, CARE International, 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 - Assistance Médicale Internationale* (PU-AMI), Public Concern and Solidarités International.
- **Operational Partners:** Croix Rouge Française (CRF), *Médecins Sans Frontières* (MSF); ICRC, Adventist Relief Agency (ADRA), ASOL and Red Deporte, IEDA Relief.
- **UN Agencies:** WFP, UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA, UN Women, FAO, UNESCO, IOM, UNDP and OCHA.
- **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*. Sectorial 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 remains of concern. Indeed, Boko Haram continues to carry out terrorist attacks, particularly in the departments of Mayo-Sava and Logone et Chari, resulting in killings, lootings and cattle robbery. In the past week, some 250 new refugees arrived at the Gouenguel transit centre; the majority having left the IDP camp of Fufore, located in Yola (Adamawa State) in Nigeria, claiming difficult living conditions and the wish to be reunited with family members in Minawao camp. The new arrivals were screened and registered at the transit center and were shortly thereafter transferred to Minawao camp for assistance in shelter, access to clean water and basic health care, food and non-food items (mat, kitchen utensils, jerry cans, blankets etc.).
- Recent clashes in the Central African Republic between the anti-Balaka and ex-Seleka led to the arrival of about 441 new asylum seekers from Kouï Degaule to the towns of Yamba and Ngaoui in Adamawa region.. They were transferred to the refugees site of Ngam and provided necessary assistance.
- UNHCR and the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Regional Development (MINEPAT) signed a partnership agreement to support the development of communities that host refugees in Cameroon, especially in the East, Adamawa and North regions. Indeed, the presence of Central African refugees in these areas exerts significant pressure on stability, peaceful coexistence and natural resources, exacerbating the already significant development needs in those communities. This agreement aims to improve the living conditions of refugees and host communities in localities hosting Central African refugees through a partnership that would generate activities, programs and funds for the benefit of

refugees and host communities. An ad hoc committee responsible for coordinating and monitoring interventions of development partners in these areas has also been created by a Ministerial Decision. Activities are conducted in the field in this perspective such as the participation of UNHCR in the training of trainers seminar of the National Participatory Development Programme (PNDP) held in Mandjou during the week of October 3, on "Integrating the issues of refugees and IDPs in municipal development plans " where international humanitarian law issues, rights and duties of refugees recognized by Cameroon law were discussed.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection:

- In order to improve the protection environment for refugees and in relation to activities carried out by the protection joint committees, building capacity workshops for government partners, administrative, judicial, military, traditional and religious authorities, continued in the East, Adamawa, North and Far North regions. These workshops focused on international protection of refugees and IDPs, the rights and duties of refugees, child protection, the fight against gender based violence, etc.

Documentation:

- The biometric verification and registration exercise of refugees and asylum seekers along the border with the Central African Republic is ongoing. Over 9,163 refugees were verified during the reporting period in Ngaoui in the Adamawa region. Since the beginning of the exercise in February 2016, a total of 93,778 refugees (49,098 women and 44,680 men) have been biometrically verified in the East, Adamawa and North regions. The verification and registration exercise aims to ensure better protection and assistance of refugees by verifying and updating their profiles, including information on specific needs, and by registering all refugees based on biometric information.

Livelihoods:

- As a prelude to the development of the strategy of empowerment of refugees and host communities and as part of the baseline study and analysis of the household economy, two workshops were held from 26-29 October in Batouri and Meiganga. Participants (services sector, mayors, traditional leaders, civil society, refugees, etc.) worked to develop a mapping of livelihood for the East and Adamawa regions. This mapping will analyze the livelihoods of people in these areas to identify the different potentialities.

Education:

- On 25 October, the "Projet Entrepreneurial Michele Ferrero" handed over to the Representative of UNHCR in Cameroon, the keys to four classrooms donated to the public school of Gado Badzere. The event was attended by the Italian Ambassador to Cameroon, Ms. Samuela Isopi.. This donation will reinforce the capacity of the school, which has some 500 students enrolled including 243 refugee children. The Italian Ambassador in Cameroon seized the opportunity to visit the facilities provided in Gado refugee site, to meet with refugee representatives who expressed to her their grievances and with humanitarian actors present.

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