



CAMEROON FACTSHEET

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Highlights

259,145

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

65,089

Nigerian refugees in the Far North region (of which 56,838 are registered at Minawao camp)

190,591

Internally Displaced Persons in the Far North region (source: latest DTM by IOM)

Population of concern

A total of **582,253** people of concern

By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
CAR	259,145
Nigeria	65,089
Urban refugees*	22,222
Asylum seekers	5,373
IDPs	190,591
IDPs returnees	39,833
Total	582,253

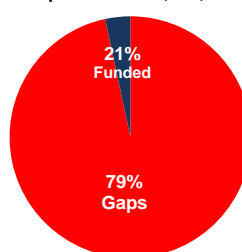
*Incl. CAR and Nigerian refugees living in urban areas

Funding

USD 84,373,124

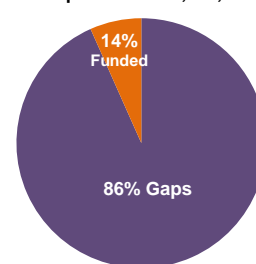
UNHCR funding requirements for the Refugee Regional Response Plans for Central African and Nigerian refugees*

CAR Refugees
Requirement: 55,474,813



*As of 9 May 2016

NIGERIAN Refugees
Requirement: 27,898,311



UNHCR Presence

Staff: 240

61 International staff

136 National staff

43 UN Volunteers (7 International and 35 National)

Offices:

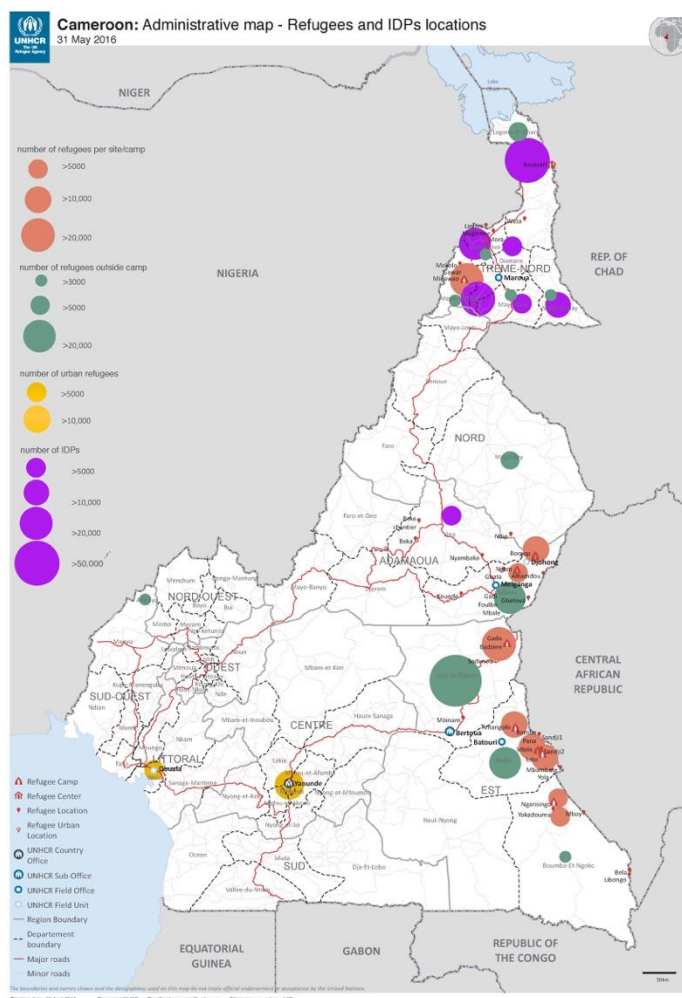
7 offices:

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), CARE International, Croix Rouge Française (CRF), 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:** *Médecins Sans Frontières* (MSF); ICRC, Adventist Relief Agency (ADRA), ASOL and Red Deporte.
 - **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 regional Multi-Sector Operations Team meeting in Maroua chaired by UNHCR, which brings together more than 40 humanitarian partners intervening in the Far North region.

The response for CAR refugees is managed in line with the *Refugee Coordination Model*. Sectorial groups have been established by UNHCR, covering the whole operational area, and region-based coordination mechanisms exist, although mostly in the East region. Local authorities have been very engaged in the management of the refugee operation, in particular the Governors of the North, East and Adamaoua regions, the administrative authorities at the *departement* and *arrondissement* levels, armed forces and delegates from line ministries at the regional level. UN agencies and international NGOs have been instrumental in implementing activities for CAR refugees and host populations.

At 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

- On 18 May, the Ambassador of Turkey in Cameroon visited Minawao refugee camp to inquire about the situation of the Nigerian refugees. At this occasion, the Ambassador, in the presence of the authorities, donated food to the refugees comprising of 209 bags of rice, 71 boxes of refined oil, 40 boxes of soap, 19 bags of sugar, 10 bags of peanuts, 80 bags of onions, 59 boxes of detergent and 67 boxes of tomatoes. The ambassador congratulated UNHCR, its partners and the Cameroonian government for their efforts in providing protection and assistance to the Nigerian refugees. He encouraged refugees to live in peace and harmony in their asylum country.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Over the month of May, spontaneous arrivals from the border villages to the transit center of Gourounguel considerably decreased. Overall, 192 people (61 households) arrived spontaneously at the transit center where they were verified and registered by UNHCR. In addition, 253 people representing 103 households were transferred from the transit center to the camp of Minawao.
- Further to the relative improvement of the security situation in some areas of the Far North region, return movements were reported over the month of May. In the department of Logone et Chari, the majority of the displaced persons from Gore Talgoutoun settled in the localities of Terbou, Abbassouni and Hilé Halifa, returned to Gore Talgoutoun following the setting up of a security post in their village (1493 out of 1862). Furthermore, 250 displaced persons established in Afade village returned to their place of origin in Kousseri in the Logone et Chari department. A further 300 Nigerian nationals spontaneously returned on foot to Gambaru Ngala in Nigeria.
- On 13 May, 455 people (from Banki in the State of Adamawa in Nigeria) accompanied by the Nigerian army arrived to the town of Mora, department of Mayo Sava in Cameroon. According to the preliminary interviews, they are of Cameroonian origin. Upon instruction from the Governor of the Far North region, 412 were transferred to Gourounguel transit centre upon determination of their status by UNHCR, IOM and local authorities. The group consists in majority of women, children and elderly.
- From 17- 18 May, UNHCR transferred 169 refugees from the border village of Yamba to the refugee site of Ngam in the Adamaoua region. This group of refugees are amongst a group of 716 individuals who arrived at Yamba between 24 April and 5 May, further to the violence that erupted during the night of 24 April in the CAR sub-prefectures of Kouï and Bocaranga. Indeed, confrontations between Anti Balaka and ex Seleka forced them to seek asylum in Cameroon. The group was immediately provided with assistance by UNHCR and its partners upon arrival at Ngam refugee site.
- To strengthen the capacity of the humanitarian community to response to possible emergency situations in a coordinated and effective manner and develop inter-agency contingency plans for a possible influx of the refugees in Cameroon, UNHCR organized from 10 to 13 May a training workshop in management of emergency situations for the CAR and Nigerian refugees. At the end of this workshop which grouped more than forty participants, inter-agency contingency plans were developed to allow facing a possible influx of CAR and Nigerian refugees.

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