

Cameroon

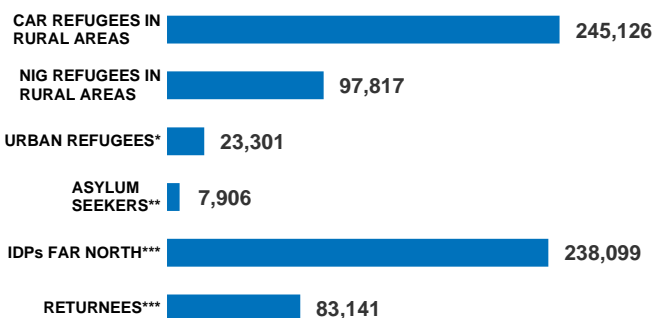
August 2018

Cameroon currently has **695,390** people of concern, including **263,206 Central African** and **99,730 Nigerian refugees**.

Visit of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for BPRM, Richard Albright to Minawao refugee camp.

A delegation from the U.S. Congress undertook an exploratory mission to Gado refugee site.

POPULATION OF CONCERN (695,390 AS OF 31 AUGUST)



*Incl. 18,080 Central Africans and 1,913 Nigerian refugees living in urban areas.

**Incl. 6,478 Central Africans and 26 Nigerian asylum seekers living in urban areas.

*** Source: IOM DTM #13.

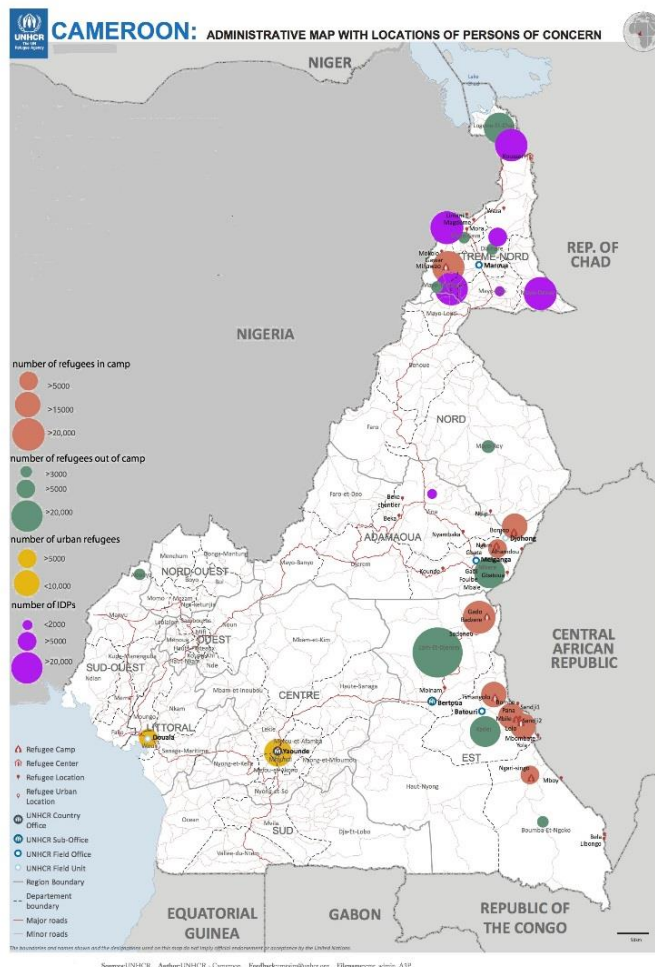
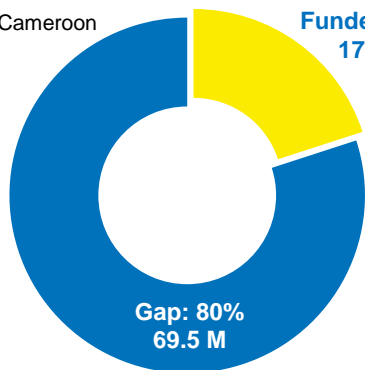
In addition, following a working session held with civil society organisations in the South-West region in August 2018, it was estimated that there are 246,000 IDPs in said region.

FUNDING (AS OF 31 AUGUST)

USD 86.7 M

Requested for Cameroon

Funded: 20%
17.2 M



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff: 232

142 National Staff

45 International Staff

45 Affiliate workforce (9 International and 36 National)

9 OFFICES:

Representation – Yaounde

Sub Offices – Bertoua, Meiganga and Maroua

Field Offices – Batouri, Djohong, Touboro and Douala

Field Unit – Kousseri

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR coordinates protection and assistance for persons of concern in collaboration with:

- **Government Partners:** Ministries of External Relations, Territorial Administration, Economy, Planning and Regional Development, Public Health, Women Empowerment and Family, Social Affairs, Justice, Basic Education, Water and Energy, Youth and Civic Education, the National Employment Fund and others, Secrétariat Technique des Organes de Gestion du Statut des réfugiés.
- **Implementing Partners:** Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), African Initiatives for Relief and Development (AIRD), Agence pour le Développement Economique et Social (ADES), 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, Red Deporte, IEDA Relief, *Action Contre la Faim* (ACF), *Solidarités Internationale* and CARE International.
- **UN Agencies:** WFP, UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA, UN Women, FAO, UNESCO, IOM, UNDP and UNOCHA.
- **Operational coordination:** 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. 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.

MAIN HIGHLIGHTS

- The Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) of State for BPRM, Richard Albright, conducted a mission to Cameroon from 28-31 August. Accompanied by the Representative of UNHCR, he undertook a field mission to Maroua where he met and exchanged with local authorities and then to Minawao refugee camp where he met and discussed challenges with refugees and partners on the ground. The DAS was able to see first-hand efforts that have been made in the refugee response thanks to continued funding from BPRM to UNHCR and partners. Issues of concern to the DAS related to the registration of out of -camp refugees, incidents of refoulement, as well as assistance in health, education, WASH and shelter for refugees in Minawao camp.
- On 5 August, UNHCR's Representative hosted and presided over a debriefing of a delegation of members of the U.S. Congress. Prior to this, they had undertaken a visit to the refugee site in Gado that hosts some 25,000 Central African refugees. The delegation was comprised of senior Republican foreign policy advisors from the House Foreign Affairs Committee accompanied by a researcher from the U.S. Congressional Research Service. Issues raised in the debriefing centred around cash assistance and the IDA-18 refugee sub window funding allocation to Cameroon.
- Since May 2018, UNHCR has observed the steady return of Nigerians that had left Minawao camp spontaneously during the course of 2017. After conducting thorough interviews, UNHCR registered and reactivated the refugee status of 572 individuals that have returned to Cameroon. They are essentially women, children, young men and elderly who say that they have returned due to continued insecurity in Banki. They also mentioned that family members are due to join them in Minawao camp.
- On 21-24 August, a mission was conducted by UNHCR to the South West and North West regions to assess the humanitarian situation of the internally displaced and to meet with humanitarian actors, civil society organizations, potential partners and IDPs; this as UNHCR seeks to establish a presence in Buea (South West region).

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- The cross-border incursions and attacks perpetrated along the Cameroon/Nigeria borders and within Cameroonian territory have led to a significant rise movements of populations seeking safety. The number of new arrivals registered by authorities and UNHCR during the reporting period was 617 individuals. In the East region, no new arrivals were recorded, however, in the Adamaoua region, 811 Central Africans (177 households) were identified as asylum seekers coming from Paoua, Niem, Ladouane, Yelewa, Kolo-Service.
- UNHCR's implementing partner, Plan International proceeded with the distribution of the income generating activity (IGA) kits for the 2018 beneficiaries; 50 groups (42 groups of refugees and 08 in host communities) consisting of 250 people. This was carried out through a type of fair (*foire*) that was organized in order to facilitate the acquisition of socio-economic integration kits for IGA groups through Cash Based Interventions (CBI). At the same time, the

various groups benefited from a three-day training course on entrepreneurship, the management of a company and exchanges were carried out on the implementation of a savings a security plans within the groups.

- Awareness-raising sessions on the rights and duties of refugees were organized for refugees on a weekly basis in UNHCR premises in Bertoua and in the field in the Adinkol and Gbiti localities. Some 700 people (were sensitized on issues such as the need to respect the laws and regulations in Cameroon, the requirement to declare the birth of their children, to send them to school, to travel with valid documents.
- As part of the promotion of access to education and as a prelude to the start of the school year 2018-2019, sensitization sessions were conducted by UNHCR and Plan International in the East and Adamaoua regions on the importance of education and preparations for the start of the school year for 6,208 participants (parents and students) in and out of the refugee sites. During these campaigns, parents were sensitized on the importance of sending their children to school (with a particular emphasis on girl education), the role of parents in promoting education, and ensuring school attendance.

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