

# CAMEROON MCO

(Multi-country Operation for Cameroon, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea and Sao Tome & Principe)

**Cameroon** hosts **1,926,285 persons of concern to UNHCR**: 474,294 refugees and asylum seekers, 933,138 internally displaced persons (357,631 in the Far North and 575,507 in the North-West and South-West regions), and 518,853 returnees (former IDPs). **Gabon** hosts **278 refugees and 53 asylum seekers**.

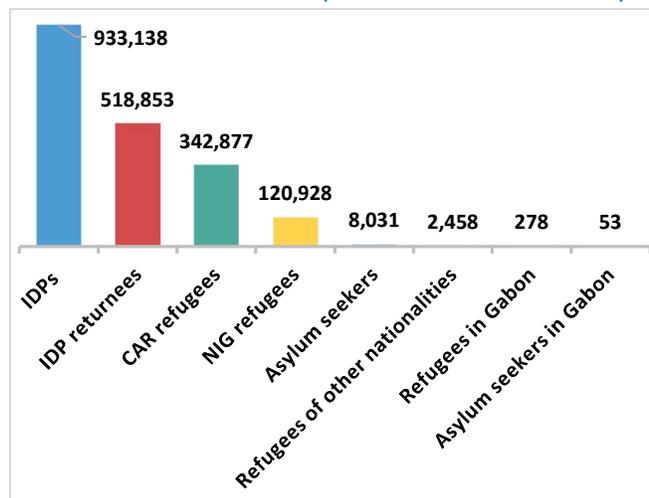
Renewed violence between herders and fishermen/farmers in Logone Birni triggered a large **displacement of the civilian population** in Logone and Chari Division in the Far North and towards Chad. UNHCR estimates **18,549 individuals** were internally displaced during the reporting period and approximately 40,000 sought asylum in Chad.

The **security situation** in the North-West and South-West regions remained **volatile** during the reporting period, with increased use of improvised explosive devices (IEDs), kidnappings for ransom and frequent clashes between state and non-state state armed groups. UNHCR protection monitoring documented the **displacement of 542 civilians** in Malende, Nfaitok and Banga Bakundu in the South-West region.

**Statistics Figures Sources & Dates**

- Cameroon refugee & asylum seeker figures, UNHCR Cameroon, 31 December 2021
- Gabon refugees & asylum seeker figures, UNHCR, 31 December 2021
- IDP & returnee figures, IOM & OCHA, 31 December 2021

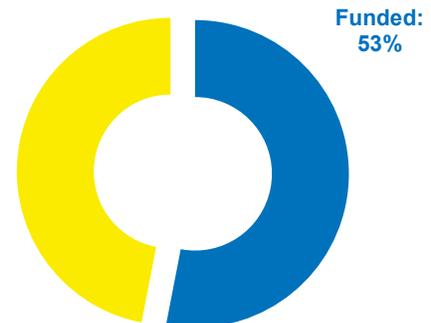
**POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2021)**



**FUNDING (AS OF 29 DECEMBER 2021)**

**USD 100 million**

UNHCR's financial requirements 2021



**UNHCR PRESENCE**

**Staff**

- 207 National
- 63 International
- 65 Affiliates

**Offices**

- 01 MCO in Yaoundé
- 03 Sub Offices in Bertoua, Maroua, Bamenda
- 04 Field Offices in Batouri, Buea, Douala, Meiganga,
- 03 Field Units in Djohong, Kousseri, Touboro
- 01 Liaison Office in Libreville, Gabon



Needs assessment at IDP settlement in Domayo, Maroua ©UNHCR/Moise Amedje

## Working with Partners

- UNHCR, the Ministry of Social Affairs (MINAS), the Ministry of Women's Empowerment and the Family (MINPROFF) as well as UN and humanitarian organisations launched a needs assessment for internally displaced persons in the Logone and Chari division in the Far North. UNHCR provided 50 smartphone devices to MINPROFF and MINAS to facilitate the collection of data and contributed to the capacity building of the assessment teams. UNHCR is also organising the deployment of an emergency support team to coordinate the protection and shelter response.
- In Douala, UNHCR, MINPROFF and the NGO Big Step identified 124 beneficiaries for UN Women's Second Chance Education and Vocational Learning programme in Douala, co-financed at 60% by UNHCR. The beneficiaries, including 55 refugees, 54 IDPs, and 14 host community members, will receive training as from January 2022, in sewing (27), computer science (16), and managing small businesses (81). 31 beneficiaries (29 IDPs and two refugees) already received training and starter kits to support their small businesses during the reporting period. Additionally, 6 refugee youth graduated from the FARE electricity and renewable energy training programme and will now have access to internship opportunities and to submit their business project to UNHCR for start-up financing. The FARE programme is directed by the Pan African Institute for Development in Central Africa (IPD-AC) and supported by the Schneider Electric Foundation and by UNHCR.
- In the North-West and South-West regions, the UNHCR-led Protection Cluster organized an event on Human Rights Day to end the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence. During the 16 Days of Activism, the Cluster reached 2,000 persons in both regions with awareness sessions on sexual violence, child marriage, physical violence, protection against sexual exploitation and abuse, and access to accountability mechanisms.
- UNHCR coordinated with WFP, DRC, LWF, ADES, IMC, AHA as well as administrative and defence authorities a rapid needs assessment for 1,300 Central African refugees who arrived in Yamba, East Region, in November 2021. Needs identified include food, livelihood, and non-food items. 208 individuals indicated their desire to be relocated to the Ngam settlement.
- Within the framework of the GIZ project "Support to the ECCAS Border Programme: Fostering sustainable border governance to prevent conflicts between African states and promote regional integration", UNHCR and GIZ conducted a cross-border training for Cameroonian and Chadian authorities on human rights and protection-sensitive entry measures in the border town of Kousseri. Similar training were conducted the previous month in the city of Bitam in Gabon and in Garoua-Boulai at the border with the Central-African republic.
- UNHCR, in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Gabon, organized a workshop on the Global Compact on Refugees, with participants from different inline ministries and international organizations. The participating authorities committed to improve access to international protection by elaborating standard procedures for the status determination of refugees; enhancing the identification, and referral of persons in need of international protection arriving in the country through mixed population movements; granting equitable access for eligible refugees to the national Health Insurance and Social Guarantee Fund; developing the regulatory and legislative frameworks conducive to the implementation of the recommendations of the N'Djamena Initiative for the Eradication of Statelessness in Central Africa. Finally, the General Directorate for Documentation and Immigration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (DGDl) confirmed that refugees will have access as of April 2022 to biometric CEMAC passports, which will allow them to travel and access employment and educational opportunities across the region.

## Main Activities



### Protection

- UNHCR protection monitoring recorded 433 protection incidents in the Far North, representing a slight decrease from the previous month (499). Most of the incidents recorded were thefts, lootings, and extortion. More than half of the incidents (51 percent) took place in the Logone and Chari Division, which was affected by the intercommunal conflict between herders and farmers/fishermen. In the North-West and South-West, UNHCR partner INTERSOS documented a total of 116 protection incidents, representing a significant drop compared to the previous month (351). The drop in incidents may be due to difficult access by humanitarian actors in both regions.
- UNHCR facilitated the delivery of 70 birth certificates for refugees in the East (24) and Far North (46) regions during the reporting period. In the North-West and South-West regions, UNHCR partner RAGJ facilitated the delivery of 478 birth certificates for internally displaced persons.
- In the North-West region, UNHCR partner INTERSOS identified 30 separated children living in precarious conditions, with no access to education and involved in child labour activities. The children were referred to child protection services. In the South-West region, 17 separated children involved in child labour activities were identified and referred to the appropriate services.
- In the East region, UNHCR's legal intervention secured the release on bail of a child detained at the Bertoua Central Prison for theft, while the public prosecutor's office investigated the case. In the Far North, two (02) refugees accused of terrorism and whose cases were followed-up by UNHCR's legal partner, were acquitted by the Military Court of Appeal.
- During UNHCR's regular detention monitoring activities, a total of 69 persons of concern were in detention facilities in Douala (30), Bafoussam (02), Mokolo (01), Yokadouma (08), Abong-Mbang (07) and Maroua (11). UNHCR carried out needs assessment for juvenile refugee detainees in Mora prison, determining that they needed clothing items and a separate detention area for girls. UNHCR provided monthly food baskets consisting of sorghum, oil and beans for the refugee detainees in Maroua Central Prison. UNHCR referred the POC detained in Mokolo Prison and living with a chronic condition to other service providers for additional support.



### Durable Solutions

- UNHCR facilitated the voluntary repatriation of six refugees from the Douala International Airport to the Central African Republic and Burundi. In 2021, a total of 43 refugees (37 Central Africans and 06 Burundians) in 23 households were voluntarily repatriated from Douala.



### Education

- As part of the Educate a Child (EAC) project in Djohong in the Adamaoua region, UNHCR partner LWF distributed school kits to 345 refugee (283) and Cameroonian (82) pupils. In the Adamawa region, as part of the EAC project, UNHCR facilitated the distribution of hygiene kits to 1,683 refugee (983) and Cameroonians (700) girls in 31 primary schools in Meiganga, to promote menstrual hygiene and encourage girls to attend school.
- In the East Region, UNHCR supported two (02) primary schools in Yokadouma and Bombé with didactic materials and provided school kits for 19 refugee pupils living with disabilities in Mbilé and Lolo. In the North Region, UNHCR provided solar lamps to mitigate irregular electricity supply for 20 refugee and Cameroonian secondary school students sitting for end-of-course exams in June 2022 in Mbai-Mboum, Touboro and Dompla.



### Health

- In Minawao refugee camp, a total of 6,211 medical consultations were recorded during the reporting period, representing a 30 percent drop compared to the previous month. The main pathologies were

respiratory infections, malaria, non-communicable diseases and skin infections. In Douala, UNHCR supported 25 individuals in healthcare for respiratory infections, simple malaria, and antenatal consultations for pregnant women.

- In the East region, UNHCR partner AHA delivered a large donation of medical equipment and medicines to five (05) health facilities in Djohong, Ngaoui, Borgop and Ngam in the Djohong Health District in the Adamawa region. The donation aims to improve the quality of healthcare offered to refugees and host communities in the health district.



### Food Security and Nutrition

- In the Far North region, a total of 3,967 children (1,901 boys and 2,066 girls) were screened for malnutrition during the reporting period. 375 children were diagnosed with moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and 81 with severe acute malnutrition (SAM). 4,740 sachets of Plumpy'Nut were distributed as part of treatment and prevention.



### Shelter and NFIs

- In the Adamawa region, UNHCR distributed non-food items (NFIs) including buckets, soap, solar lamps, water filters, kitchen items, tarpaulins, and mosquito nets to 250 vulnerable refugee (145) and Cameroonian (105) households in Meiganga.
- UNHCR partner Plan International completed the distribution of 3,000 core relief items (CRIs) and 4,000 shelter kits to households in Meme and Fako in the South-West, and Mezam, Ngoketunja and Momo in the North-West regions.
- In the Far North Region, UNHCR constructed 106 transitional shelters in Kangaleri (46) and Igawa-Meme (60), thus improving the physical protection and sustainability of shelters for 688 internally displaced persons. In Minawao camp, UNHCR partners IEDA Relief and Public Concern coordinated the distribution of roofing kits and 10,000XAF vouchers for 500 refugee households who will now be able to build adequate transitional shelters.



### Camp Management and Coordination

- UNHCR facilitated the creation of self-management committees at the Domayo settlement in Maroua for IDPs from the intercommunal conflict in the Logone and Chari. UNHCR provided 10 information sessions on sanitation, peaceful coexistence, fire risks, and services offered by various actors.



### Community Empowerment and Self-reliance

- In the East region, UNHCR provided starter kits for 25 young refugees who completed training in sewing and motorbike repairs. Young refugees who trained in motorbike riding received their category A licence receipt, in lieu of a driving license expected to be issued in three months.
- During the reporting month, UNHCR allocated cash payments ranging from 78,000 XAF to 95,000 XAF, to support the creation of micro-projects by 22 beneficiaries (13 women and 09 men) in Yémé in the East region. The micro-projects include livestock rearing and grocery shops.
- A total of 110 IDPs (65) and host community members (45) completed vocational training courses in tailoring, craft making, traditional embroidery, interior decoration, catering, soap making and hair dressing at the Women's Empowerment Centres in Bamenda (60) and Kumba (50). The trainees were supported by UNHCR through partner Plan International, the local NGO Living Green and MINPROFF.



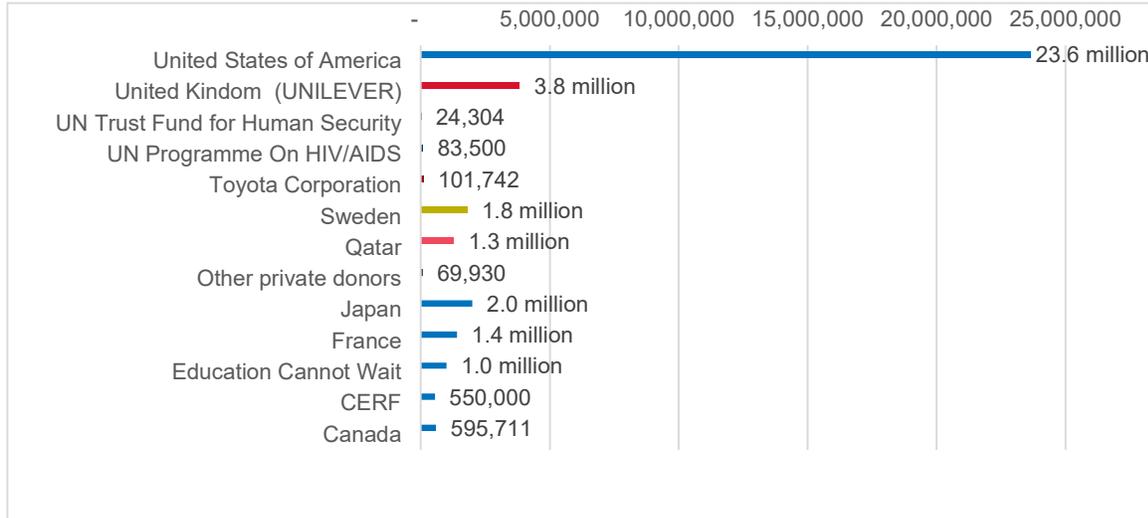
### Access to energy and protection of environment

- In the Far North region, a total of 4,789 trees were planted in Minawao camp during the reporting period as a continuation of UNHCR's support to the green wall project. In 2021, a total of 42,050 tree seedlings were developed in nurseries and planted, out of 42,000 trees planned, for an achievement rate of 100.1 percent.
- UNHCR and SEMRY (*Société d'Expansion et Modernization de la Riziculture de Yagoua*) signed a partnership agreement in which, SEMRY agreed to provide 8,725 tons of biomass to Nigerian refugees in the Far North for the manufacture of ecological briquettes, to reduce the felling of trees for fuel. In return, UNHCR trained 200 rice-producing households on the manufacture of ecological briquettes.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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### EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD 36,370,617 for MCO Cameroon as of 29 December 2021



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