

CAMEROON MCO

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

Cameroon hosts **1,937,835 persons of concern to UNHCR**: 482,215 refugees and asylum seekers, 936,767 internally displaced persons, and 518,853 returnees (former IDPs). **Gabon** hosts **271 refugees and 53 asylum seekers**.

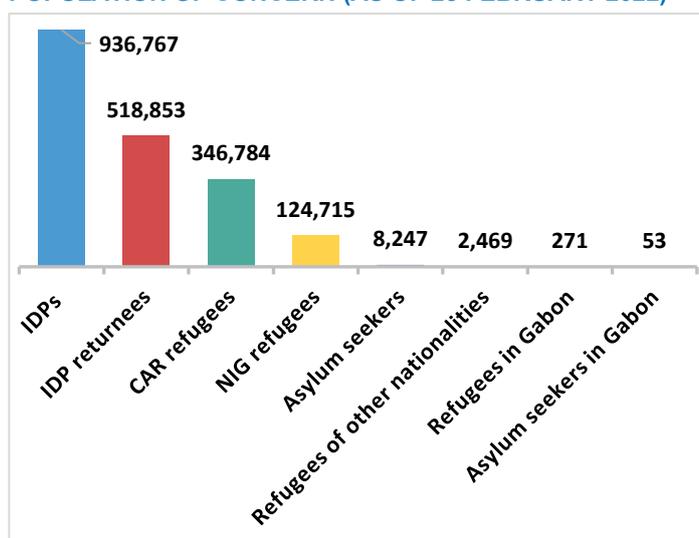
In the **Far North** region, a protection needs assessment confirmed the difficult living conditions and **protection needs** of IDPs displaced during the intercommunal conflict between farmers/fishermen and herders in the Logone and Chari. **Funding** for the response remained critically **low**.

Humanitarian **access** in the **North West** and **South West** regions remained difficult due to the prevailing security situation marked by clashes between state and non-state armed groups, kidnappings, arson attacks, and killings, including the killing of a health worker by NSAGs.

Statistics Figures Sources & Dates

- Cameroon refugee & asylum seeker figures, UNHCR Cameroon, 28 February 2022
- Gabon refugees & asylum seeker figures, UNHCR, 28 February 2022
- IDP & returnee figures, IOM & OCHA, 28 February 2022

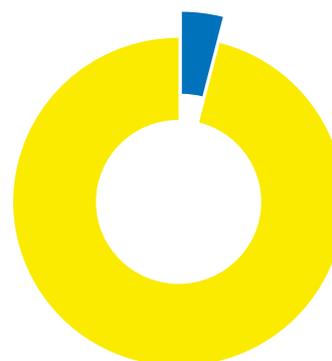
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FUNDING (AS OF FEBRUARY 2022)

USD 154 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2021



Funded: 4%

Gap: 97%

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



IDPs in the Far North have urgent protection needs ©UNHCR/Moise Amedje

Working with Partners

- The joint needs assessment mission in the Logone and Chari in the Far North region conducted by UNHCR, along with other UN agencies and humanitarian organisations revealed great protection needs of IDPs, including access to legal counselling and assistance, child protection, prevention of and response to sexual and gender-based violence, as well as housing, land and property (HLP) rights. In Logone and Chari division, among the 6,718 IDPs surveyed, over 90 percent were without civil documents, with many reporting them destroyed or lost during their flight. UNHCR is identifying an additional new local protection partner, to reinforce the protection response.
- Logone Birni was selected as one of the prioritised municipalities for the implementation of the Nexus approach in the Far North. In collaboration with local authorities, the Nexus approach, which combines humanitarian, development and peace efforts is expected speed up the search for solutions to the root causes of the farmer/herder conflict. In the Eastern façade, UNHCR introduced the HDP Nexus approach to mayors of the priority areas of Kentzou, Garoua Boulai and Kette in the East, Djohong and Meiganga in the Adamawa, and Touboro in the North.
- In the Eastern façade, UNHCR conducted an impact evaluation of the 2018 “Support Plan” developed jointly with municipalities hosting a large number of refugees, to consolidate humanitarian and development efforts in the affected areas. The evaluation recognised the positive contribution of the plan to prioritise the implementation of several activities including the construction of basic school infrastructure, the recruitment and training of teachers, the rehabilitation of roads, the construction of boreholes, the solar electrification of villages, the construction of water supply infrastructure, and cash transfers through the Social Safety Nets project.
- UNHCR has reinforced its Shelter/NFI response thanks to the new partnership with CARITAS in the North West and South West regions. In Yaounde and Douala, urban refugees have begun benefiting from healthcare under a new service contract signed between UNHCR and the CBC Health Services during reporting period.

Main Activities



Protection

- In the Far North region, UNHCR identified 17 children at risk during the reporting period, while 27 old cases received home visits, psychosocial support and counselling. 171 children, including 82 boys and 89 girls, participated in learning, socio-recreational and emotional support activities in child friendly spaces.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR documented a total of 26 new cases of SGBV in the Far North (24) and East (02) regions, including cases of physical aggression (17), rape (02), denial of resources (05) and psychological violence (12). UNHCR provided psychosocial support in all cases. In Mandjou in the East, UNHCR organized 36 awareness sessions reaching 736 persons (250 Cameroonians and 486 refugees). The sessions focused on promoting gender and protecting women's rights, the importance of reporting SGBV incidents (especially rape) within 72 hours, the importance of using existing community reporting mechanisms, and the importance of women's participation in decision-making.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR facilitated the delivery of a total of 161 birth certificates in Mokolo (139) in the Far North and Kentzou (22) in the East.
- UNHCR provided legal assistance in seven (07) cases involving 18 refugees in the East region. During its regular detention monitoring activities, UNHCR identified 30 persons of concern in detention facilities in Meiganga in the Adamawa region.



Durable Solutions

- In the East region, UNHCR verified the return intentions of 111 Central African refugees (83 households), bringing the number of verified intentions to 1,304 (435 households) in the current year. In Douala, UNHCR organised the voluntary repatriation of a refugee household of five (05) persons to the Ivory Coast.
- UNHCR facilitated the resettlement of 32 persons during the reporting period and submitted 78 persons for resettlement consideration.



Education

- In the East region, UNHCR handed over to the Ministry of Basic Education (MINEDUB) 13 equipped classrooms constructed by UNHCR partner ADES, as part of the Educate a Child project in 2021.



Health

- In Minawao in the Far North Region, a total of 7,428 medical consultations were carried out against 6,733 last month. 2,488 of all new consultations were children under five. The main pathologies recorded were respiratory tract infections, malaria, intestinal worms, non-communicable diseases, skin infections and diarrhoea. 20 suspected measles cases were detected, all of them in newly arrived refugees at the transit centre in Minawao.
- UNHCR donated medical equipment to three (03) health facilities serving refugees and host communities in Touboro in the North region. The donation included oxygen concentrators, PPE, and other consumables. In the South West region, UNHCR supported the response to a cholera outbreak in the South West region with a donation of 200 cartons of UNILEVER soap to WHO. The soap is expected to be distributed in health districts affected by the outbreak.



Food Security and Nutrition

- The UNHCR targeting assistance mechanism allowed food distributions to 64,533 persons in the Far North, 12,331 in the Adamawa region and 9,135 in the East region.



Shelter and NFIs

- In the Far North region, UNHCR partners IEDA Relief and ADES installed 150 emergency tents and NFIs kits at the Minawao camp. 658 transitional shelter kits including tarpaulin and rope were distributed to 578 households/3,444 person. UNHCR and IOM constructed 50 temporary shelters at the Bogo IDP settlement for those displaced by the farmer/herder conflict in the Logone and Chari, bringing the total number of completed shelters to 200 (out of 300 planned for the site).



Camp Management and Coordination

- In the Far North region, UNHCR conducted 14 working sessions with the community management committees of the Bogo and Maroua IDP settlements. The sessions focused on the shelter strategy, the importance of community coexistence, the participation of committees in the management of the sites, and community engagement in child protection. UNHCR relocated 426 persons (84 households) from makeshift shelters to 106 emergency shelters with the community participation of IDPs (self-management committees).



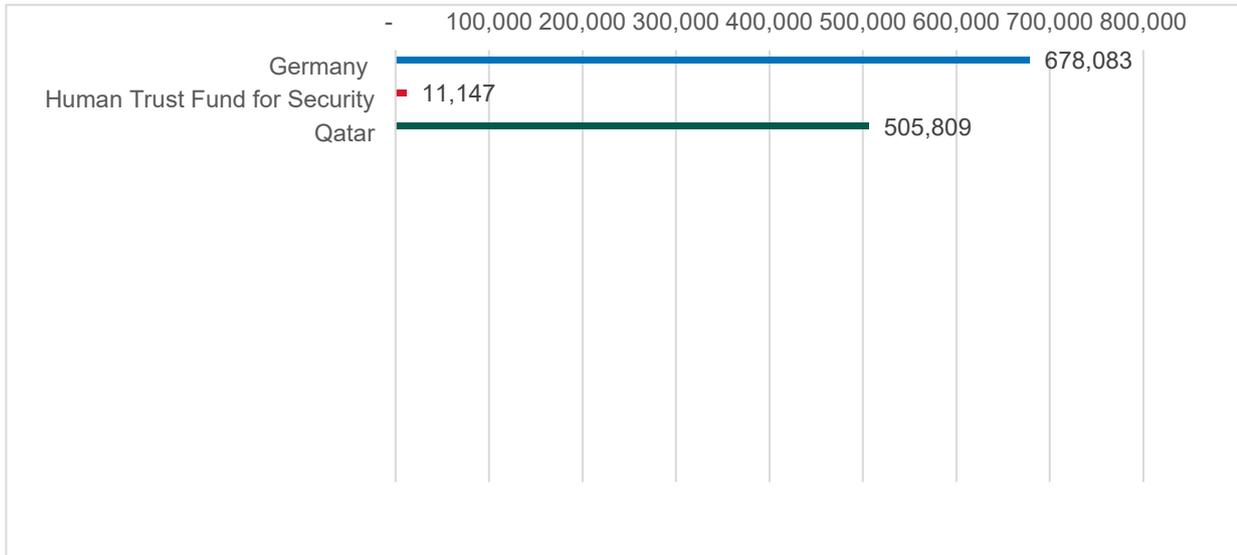
Community Empowerment and Self-reliance

- In the East region, 30 young people from Kette, Timangolo, Boubara and Gbiti (21 refugees and 09 Cameroonians) received starter kits for sewing (12), motorcycle mechanics (10), barbing (04) and knitting (04), after completing a course managed by UNHCR partner LWF and the Ministry of Employment and Vocational Training (MINEFOP).

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