

CAMEROON MCO

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

Cameroon hosts **1,941,349 persons of concern to UNHCR**: 485,729 refugees and asylum seekers, 936,767 internally displaced persons, and 518,853 returnees (former IDPs). Gabon hosts **271 refugees and 53 asylum seekers**.

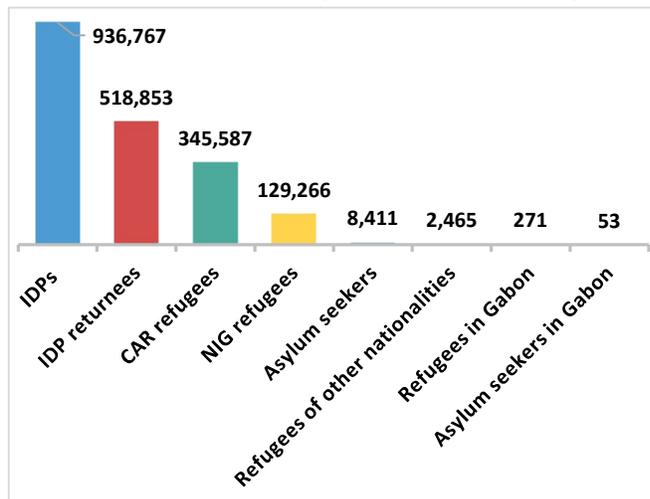
In the **Far North** region, UNHCR carried out a protection needs assessment in **Logone Birni** following a significant number of spontaneous returns, identifying **7,102 returnees** (1,506 households) in 19 villages. A total of 9,654 returnees have been registered in 34 villages since February 2022.

In the **North West** and **South West** regions, the security situation continued to be volatile, and was marked by clashes between state and non-state armed groups, the use of IEDs, kidnappings, arson attacks and killings. Humanitarian **access** remained difficult.

Statistics Figures Sources & Dates

- Cameroon refugee & asylum seeker figures, UNHCR Cameroon, 31 March 2022
- Gabon refugees & asylum seeker figures, UNHCR, 31 March 2022
- IDP & returnee figures, IOM & OCHA, 31 March 2022

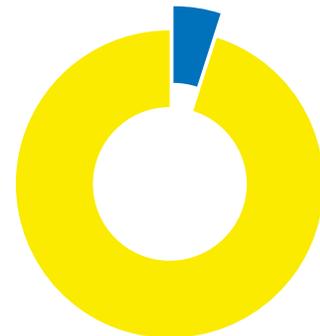
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FUNDING (AS OF MARCH 2022)

USD 154 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2021



Funded: 5%

Gap: 95%

UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff

- 188 National
- 54 International
- 41 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



UNHCR is supporting returnees in Logone Birni to rebuild ©UNHCR/Justin Ngotang

Working with Partners

- UNHCR supported the updating of the Prevention and Resilience Allocation (PRA) monitoring framework – a collective monitoring process of Government commitments made during the eligibility process for IDA-19 covering 2022, 2023 and 2024. The framework has 15 indicators and 24 milestones, including special indicators around decentralisation and the inclusion of marginalised groups. UNHCR provided an overall update on the efforts undertaken with MINEPAT and DGSN for the issuance of ID cards for refugees and informed about the capacity building for security forces on international protection and refugee rights, which contributes to the objectives identified by the Government under the PRA.
- UNHCR facilitated the participation of officials from the Ministry of Higher Education (MINESUP) and one (01) refugee student from Cameroon in a roundtable discussion co-hosted by UNHCR and the Connected Learning in Crisis Consortium in Dakar, Senegal. Discussions were centred on increasing access to higher education for refugees in West and Central Africa (currently at 1.2 percent) through connected learning.
- UNHCR facilitated the participation of refugee and IDP women in events marking International Women’s Day organised by MINPROFF in Bertoua, Yaounde, Douala, and Kousseri. On Women’s Day in Kousseri, UNHCR distributed 40 community toolkits to 40 women heads of households (144 people) to support the improvement of their shelters.
- In Batouri, UNHCR and ILO held a working session on the implementation of the KOICA-funded project “Empowering Women for Resilient Economies and Peaceful Communities” targeting 5,000 refugees, IDPs and members of host communities in the East and Adamawa regions. The project aims to support economic recovery and social cohesion between refugees and host communities through the development of female entrepreneurship in certain agricultural value chains. UNHCR is supporting the project with market evaluations and the identification of beneficiaries.
- In Gabon, UNHCR and the National Commission for Refugees organised a symposium on “Prevention and Reduction of statelessness in Gabon”. Experts in civil and nationality law and technical staff from Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Ministry of Foreign Affairs attended the event and highlighted normative and regulatory obstacles and opportunities for the prevention of statelessness. The recommendations will be shared with the National Technical Committee for the Eradication of Statelessness (CONERA).
- In Gabon, under the overall coordination of the office of the Resident Coordinator, UNHCR, IOM, UNICEF and UNODC officially established the UN Thematic Group for Mixed Movements of Population. UNHCR will be chairing the group for the first six months.
- UNHCR MCO Cameroon organised a donor briefing to present its 2022-2025 multi-year and multi-partner strategy (MYMP strategy), highlighting the search for solutions, inclusion and enhancement of the protection space as key strategic priorities.

Main Activities



Protection

- UNHCR monitoring in 43 villages hosting refugees in the North Region revealed the presence of 2,500 asylum seekers from CAR who arrived between 2018 and 2022 and are in need of verification and registration. UNHCR registration and verification exercise is ongoing in the Easter Facade and 15266 refugees have been verified out of 26658 targeted.

- During the reporting period, a total of 37 new cases of SGBV were documented in the Far North (16 by UNHCR partner IMC) and in the East (21), including rape, sexual assault, denial of resources and opportunities, physical violence, forced/early marriage, and psychological violence. UNHCR provided psychosocial follow-up in all cases. Three (03) cases were referred other service providers for additional support. UNHCR provided follow-up and support to 23 old SGBV cases in Kousseri.
- In the Far North, UNHCR identified 72 children (56 refugees and 16 IDPs) in need of protection services. UNHCR carried out home visits for 62 cases and referred them to specialized services. 340 children took also part in recreational and protection activities in child-friendly spaces.
- UNHCR reinforced its SGBV response in the North West region thanks to a new partnership with the local NGO BIHAPH, which will strengthen the community-based protection mechanisms to prevent and respond to gender-based violence and sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA). The project foresees psychosocial support to 200 persons and provision of income generating activities for 100 women and girls. UNHCR also reinforced its capacity to respond to civil documentation needs through a partnership with the local NGO RAGJ in the Northwest and South West regions.
- During its regular detention monitoring activities, UNHCR identified 109 persons of concern in detention facilities in Yokadouma (18), Batouri (50), Tcholliré (41). UNHCR distributed 30 cartons of soap to detainees in Tcholliré. UNHCR provided legal assistance for 79 cases in the Eastern façade.



Durable Solutions

- The collection of return intentions for Central African refugees continued in settlements in the Eastern façade, with a total of 1,021 persons (256 households) in Timangolo, Ngam and Borgop confirming their return intentions for Baoro, Gallo, Bouar, and Baboua in CAR. In the Far North, 12,669 Nigerian refugees in Minawo camp and 25,342 outside camp have expressed their intention to return to their country of origin.
- From 1 January to 31 March 2022, UNHCR submitted 180 persons for resettlement consideration to France. During the same period, UNHCR facilitated the resettlement of 101 persons to France and Canada.



Community Empowerment and Self-reliance

- In Douala, UNHCR and stakeholders including Plan International, the CBC Health Services, the Ministries of Social Affairs (MINAS) and Women's Empowerment and the Family (MINPROFF) constituted a panel to select refugees eligible for UNHCR cash assistance for the first quarter of 2022. 60 beneficiaries were eligible for a regular assistance of 75,000frs per quarter. Five (05) beneficiaries were awarded a one-off assistance of 30,000frs.



Health

- In Minawao Camp, Far North Region, refugees received 7,300 medical consultations, including 2,704 consultations for children under five. The main pathologies recorded were respiratory tract infections, malaria, intestinal worms, diarrheal infections, and skin infections. Non-communicable diseases accounted for 4.7 percent of consultations. Fifty-six (56) patients requiring secondary care were referred to specialized government health facilities.
- During the reporting period, a total of 8,400 refugees were vaccinated against Covid-19 in the Far North (2,239) and Eastern façade (6,161). UNHCR donated a total of 16 oxygen concentrators to hospitals facilities in the Far North (10), North (05) and North West (01) regions.



Food Security and Nutrition

- In Minawao camp, 1,924 children aged 6 to 59 months were screened for malnutrition with 329 cases of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) and 87 cases of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)

detected. 32 SAM cases were admitted into the outpatient treatment programme during the reporting period. 9,488 persons were reached through Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) awareness sessions.



Shelter and NFIs

- In Minawao, UNHCR partners IEDA Relief and ADES installed 200 emergency tents and distributed NFI kits to 249 refugee households (751 persons). Since the beginning of the year, 350 emergency tents have been installed for 392 households (1,459 persons) in the camp. UNHCR distributed 1,517 transitional shelter kits made up of tarpaulins and ropes to 1,402 households (4,444 persons) to improve emergency shelters.
- Thanks to the construction of 300 emergency shelters in the IDP settlement in Bogo, 1,400 persons displaced by the intercommunal conflict in the Logone and Chari have access to shelter. In Logone Birni, UNHCR identified Public Concern and ADES as shelter partners. Public Concern distributed 732 NFI kits, 425 shelter kits and three (03) community tool kits to returnees during the reporting period. As part of UNHCR response for Logone Birni, a total of 1,114 NFI kits, 480 shelter kits, and 14 community tool kits have been distributed since February 2022, benefiting 5,558 persons.



Camp Management and Coordination

- UNHCR facilitated a PRM/USA mission to the Bogo IDP settlement in the Far North, to assess the quality of available shelter facilities, including makeshift shelters occupied by IDPs, emergency shelters under construction by UNHCR, WASH facilities such as boreholes, washrooms and latrines. UNHCR also facilitated a focus group discussion with IDPs to collect information about their socio-economic situation before and after the conflict.



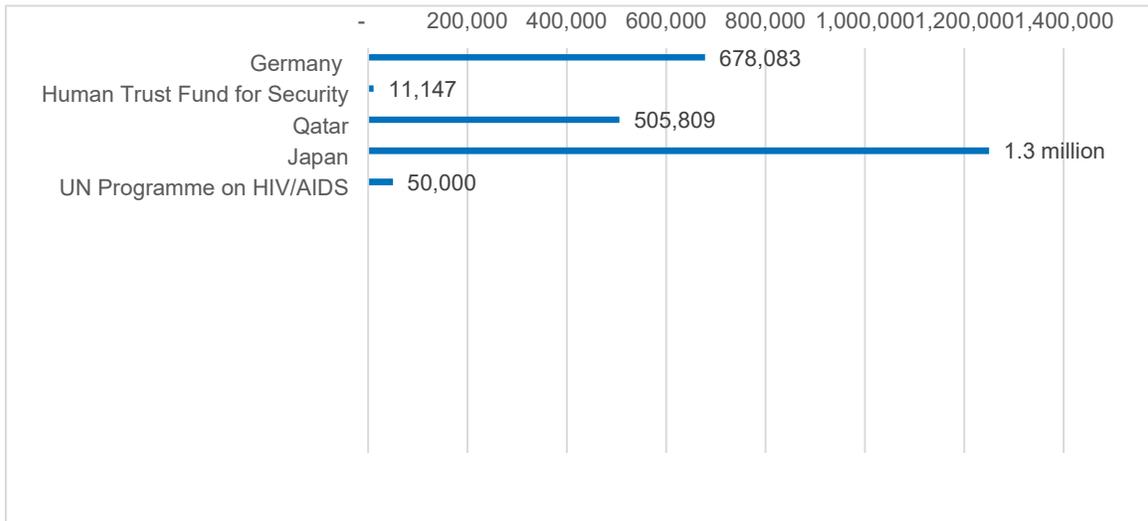
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

- In 20 villages in Logone Birni in the Far North, UNHCR partner LWF completed the distribution of 400 latrine construction kits for 400 households and rehabilitated five (05) boreholes. In Alamagoche and Firkiliwa, UNHCR added extensions to two (02) boreholes consisting of drinking troughs, water towers, and solar panels. In Fotokol in the Logone and Chari, UNHCR constructed two (02) boreholes in Lyamagra and Buelguede.
- The installation of solar plants to power water pumping and distribution systems in Minawao camp and in the Gado and Mbile settlements was completed. The plants serve over 150,000 persons and have increased to 40 percent the number of solar powered boreholes, with a reduction of fuel consumption to an estimated 35 percent.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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Other Softly Earmarked Contributions | USD

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