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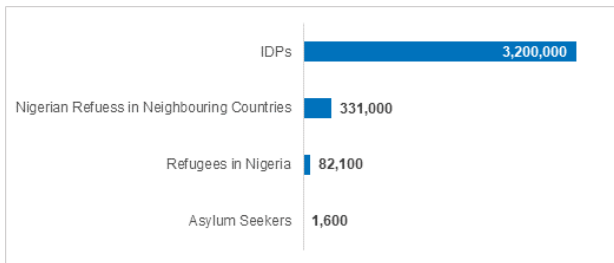
January – March 2022

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Some 129,000 people - 122,000 IDPs and 7,000 refugees - benefitted from awareness raising campaigns on Gender Based Violence (GBV) and prevention and response to the **COVID-19 pandemic**.

More than **24,000 Cameroonian refugees** benefitted from **cash assistance** to buy their daily **food as well as food assistance** between January and March 2022.

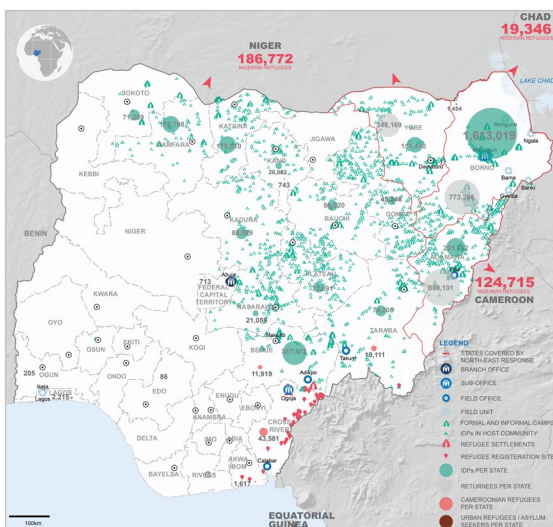
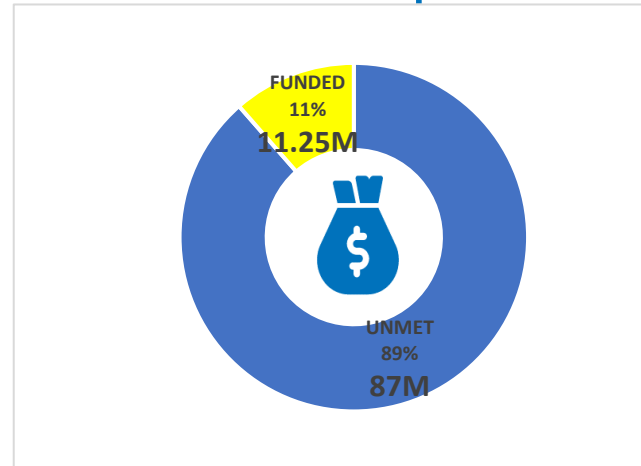
AFFECTED POPULATION



- IDP figure refers to displaced people in North-East, North-West and North-Central Nigeria due to insurgency, communal clashes, and farmer-herder conflict.
- Nigerian refugees in asylum countries: Cameroon, Chad and Niger.
- Registered refugees: Cameroonians in South-East Nigeria and different nationalities in urban areas.
- Refugee returnees only covers spontaneous refugee returns since 2019

FUNDING (AS OF 31 MARCH 2022)

USD 98M Required



UNHCR is present in Abuja, Maiduguri, Ogoja, Adikpo, Calabar, Takum, Mubi, Lagos, Banki, Gwoza, Bama, Monguno, Ngala, Markudji, Gembu, and Yola

A refugee living in El-Miskin IDP camp in Maiduguri, fries corn cakes which she sells to educate her two granddaughters. UNHCR @Francis Garriba

Working with Partners

- As part of the follow up on the implementation of the Global Compact of Refugees (GCR) Roadmap for Nigeria, and upon request of the Cross River State Government, UNHCR supported a joint visit comprising of Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development (FMHADMSD), National Commission for Refugees Migrants And Internally Displaced Persons (NCFRMI), Ministry of Health and UNHCR, to the Cross River State (CRS). The mission, led by the Director of Humanitarian Affairs, FMHADMSD, visited a number of refugee-hosting locations in the State including Ikang, Bakassi, Calabar, Ogoja, Ikom, and Agbokim. Discussions held with the State government counterparts, Local Government Area (LGA) officials, refugees and host community members, led to a number of recommendations in the areas of refugee protection, education, health, and livelihoods in order to advance GCR implementation and encourage further support of development partners in the State.

Protection

- **Refugees** - UNHCR has been providing access to asylum and territory, registration and documentation; relocation of refugees from border areas for safety; access to education, healthcare, water and sanitation facilities; identification and support to individuals with specific needs through community-based approaches; protection of vulnerable individuals and groups against gender-based violence (GBV), abuse and exploitation; child protection, including identification and foster care for unaccompanied and separated children; empowering refugees through self-reliance and sustainable livelihood activities. In the first quarter of 2022 a total of 4,215 refugees were registered, bringing the total number of registered Cameroonian refugees to 76,577 as of 31 March 2022. Over 7,000 refugees benefitted from awareness campaigns on GBV and COVID-19, and over 35,000 refugees received cash for food assistance in the first quarter of 2022.
- **In March, 3,710 IDPs** (343 households including 2,597 children) were relocated from Government Senior Science Secondary School Bama camp to Soye village in Bama LGA. The humanitarian community was not involved in this relocation exercise. The government stated that this action aims to decongest the overcrowded camp.
- **Internally displaced persons (IDPs)** - In the **North-East**, UNHCR as part of the humanitarian response, works with the authorities to ensure that IDPs in camps or outside live in safety. UNHCR established a community-based structure, comprising of **150 protection coordinators and protection monitors, 37 human rights monitors, and 457 protection action groups** members to deliver protection monitoring, vulnerability screening, capacity building and access to justice, while mainstreaming age, gender, and diversity. About 122,187 individuals benefitted from COVID-19, flood, fire, and GBV awareness campaigns. Across North-East, 30 Protection Desks have been operationalized across the Borno, Adamawa and Yobe (BAY) States, where affected people (IDPs, returnees, and host community members) continue to access seeking solutions.
- **Camp Closure and secondary displacement** – In Borno State, **closure of camps** were reported as part of the State government's return plan. As of 10 January 2022, the government had closed Farm Centre, Bakasi, Teachers village, and Stadium IDP camps in Maiduguri Metropolitan Council that were hosting a total of **106,388 individuals** (21,995 households).
- **Returnees** — **Voluntary**, safe, and dignified return is a priority for UNHCR, the government and the humanitarian community. UNHCR signed a tripartite agreement with Nigeria and Cameroon for a refugee repatriation framework. So far, a total of **3,880 Nigerian refugees** (1,038 HHs) returned from Minawao camp in Cameroon, with 1,195 (309 HHs) arriving in Banki and 2,685 (729 HHs) to Bama. These returns were an initiative of the two governments, based on the desire of refugees to return home, which is monitored and assisted by UNHCR. In Borno and Yobe States, UNHCR's partner Nigeria Immigration Service registered **8,400 individuals** (2,817 HHs) **spontaneous refugee returnees** from Cameroon, Niger, and Chad. Over 84 per cent of these spontaneous refugee returnees were reportedly not registered in the countries of asylum.
- **Urban Refugees** – As of 31 March 2022, a total of **5,160 registered refugees and 1,559 asylum-seekers** were reported from Niger, Central African Republic, Cameroon, Syria, Mali, Democratic Republic of Congo, Turkey, Cote d'Ivoire and other countries.
- Four Town Hall meetings were organized by UNHCR in collaboration with NCFRMI and with including the Justice Development and Peace Commission (JDPC) with refugees living in Abuja, Ijebu-Ode, Ikorodu and Lagos Island. **The Town Hall meeting held in Abuja is its first** and was represented by the Honorable Federal Commissioner of NCFRMI and the UNHCR Deputy Representative.
- The Lagos State Ministry of Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation (WAPA) commenced **vocational training** through its Vocational Training Centers in Adeniji, Ikorodu and Surulere. The refugees were provided training to acquire skills

in hairdressing, make-up, fashion design and adult literacy. Education grant was provided to **185 refugee children in primary school** and **147 in secondary schools** across Abuja, Lagos and Ijebu Ode.

- The security situation in Sokoto State continues to be volatile with the attacks by Non-State Armed Groups and Organized Crime Groups as well as communal clashes between farmers and herders for control over natural resources, **displacing 71,000** within the state.

Coordination

- A coordination meeting was held with NCFRMI to discuss pending issues and to plan for the next quarter of the year. Some important updates were discussed/planned on the adoption/implementation of the draft SOPs on Maintaining the Civilian Character of Asylum, upcoming Eligibility Committee (EC) and Appeal Board (AB) sessions and renewal of the temporary protection status for Cameroonian refugees; and NCFRMI Protection/RSD workplan for 2022.
- UNHCR in collaboration with NCFRMI organized a two-day retreat to strengthen partnership and covered key issues affecting the refugees such as access to territory and freedom of movement, the civilian character of asylum, registration, RSD and the new IDP policy with few more issues related to the returns of IDPs and refugees and recommended initiatives in the multi-year planning context.
- UNHCR participated in a meeting with the NCFRMI and the State Comptroller of Nigerian Immigration Service, Taraba State to discuss on the Taraba State Government's request for the relocation of Cameroonian refugees from the border areas. A joint mission was agreed to be carried out by May 2022 comprising of NCFRMI, Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Federal Ministry of Health and UNHCR, to assess the capacity of and support required by the relevant stakeholders (NIS, Taraba officials, etc.) to support registration exercise and delivery of protection services.
- UNHCR and NCFRMI participated at the inauguration event of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on the Repatriation, Return and Resettlement of Displaced Persons and Restoration of Livelihood which was inaugurated by His Excellency the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. The TWG is expected to recommend a three-year action plan aimed at restoring peace and development in the North-East that could be incorporated with the State and National level plans.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- UNHCR provides material assistance such as shelter and non-food items such as blankets, mats and jerry cans to cover the basic needs of vulnerable refugee and IDP families. Protection safety nets/livelihoods have been tailored as part of the protection and mixed solutions approach for the most vulnerable people, in response to identified priority needs. UNHCR and partners also assist women and girls with dignity kits. To reduce dependence on humanitarian assistance, improve self-reliance and support solutions, refugees and IDPs are provided with skills, entrepreneurial training and support to set up trades. During the reporting period, 200 refugees received NFIs and 80 refugees who were trained earlier on poultry farming received chicken feeds to continue with their livelihood. A total of 18,000 refugees received cash for food and some 6,000 refugees received food assistance.

Integration of Refugees

- UNHCR local pilot integration project for IDPs and host community members, including shelter, NFI, and livelihood components started in in Labondo community, Girei LGA of Adamawa State. Under the shelter component, the project aims to construct 226 semi-detached durable houses for 452 households and has secured a 15-hectare land for the construction of the settlement given by the Girei District Council, with the support of the Adamawa State Emergency Management Agency.

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