



# CAMEROON FACTSHEET

June 2016

## Highlights

**259,145**

CAR refugees registered by UNHCR in rural areas in the East, Adamaoua and North regions, of which 158,418 arrived since December 2013

**65,172**

Nigerian refugees in the Far North region (of which 56,921 are registered at Minawao camp)

**190,591**

Internally Displaced Persons in the Far North region (source: latest DTM by IOM)

## Population of concern

**574,382** people of concern to UNHCR

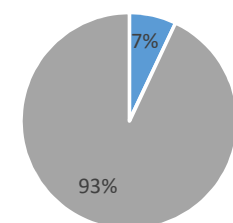
### By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
CAR	259,145
Nigeria	65,172
Urban refugees*	23,678
Asylum seekers	5,211
IDPs	190,591
IDPs returnees	30,585
<b>Total</b>	<b>574,382</b>

\*Incl. CAR and Nigerian refugees living in urban areas

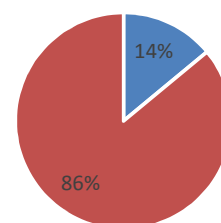
## Funding situation (including UNHCR's regular country programme, the operation is 21% funded (US\$ 20.2 m received out of 98.6 m requested))

**CAR Situation**  
UNHCR Cameroon  
budgetary requirements:  
US\$ 27.9 million  
27 June 2016



■ Funded ■ Unmet needs

**Nigeria Situation**  
UNHCR Cameroon  
budgetary requirements:  
US\$ 55.5 million  
27 June 2016



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## UNHCR Presence

**Staff: 240**

**61** International staff

**136** National staff

**43** UN Volunteers (7 International and 35 National)

### Offices:

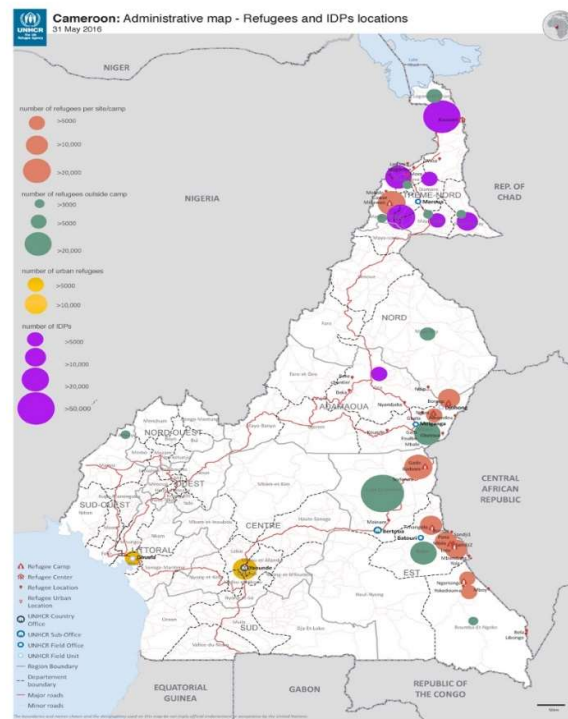
**7** offices:

Branch Office – Yaoundé

Sub Offices – Bertoua and Maroua

Field Offices – Meiganga, Batouri and Douala

Field Unit – Djohong



## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

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- UNHCR coordinates protection and assistance for refugees in collaboration with:
  - **Government Partners:** Ministries of External Relations, Territorial Administration and Decentralization, Economy, Planning and Regional Development, Public Health, Women Empowerment and Family, Social Affairs, Justice, Basic Education, Water and Energy, Youth and the National Employment Fund.
  - **Implementing Partners:** *Action Contre la Faim* (ACF), Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), African Initiatives for Relief and Development (AIRD), *Agence pour le Développement Economique et Social* (ADES), CARE International, Croix Rouge Française (CRF), FAIRMED, International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC), InterSOS, International Medical Corps (IMC), Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Plan International, *Première Urgence - Assistance Médicale Internationale* (PU-AMI), Public Concern and Solidarités International.
  - **Operational Partners:** *Médecins Sans Frontières* (MSF); ICRC, Adventist Relief Agency (ADRA), ASOL and Red Deporte.
  - **UN Agencies:** WFP, UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA, UN Women, FAO, UNESCO, IOM, UNDP and OCHA.
  - **Operational coordination:** In accordance with the “*Joint OCHA-UNHCR Note on Mixed Situations – Coordination in Practice*” the responsibility to coordinate the overall humanitarian response in the Far North has been delegated to UNHCR. UNHCR sectors are utilized to deliver assistance to IDPs and other affected groups. All sectors are operational holding regular meetings. Each sector is led by a Government entity and co-led by UN agencies. There is also a bi-monthly regional Multi-Sector Operations Team meeting in Maroua chaired by UNHCR, which brings together more than 40 humanitarian partners intervening in the Far North region.

The response for CAR refugees is managed in line with the *Refugee Coordination Model*. Sectorial groups have been established by UNHCR, covering the whole operational area, and region-based coordination mechanisms exist, although mostly in the East region. Local authorities have been very engaged in the management of the refugee operation, in particular the Governors of the North, East and Adamaoua regions, the administrative authorities at the *département* and *arrondissement* levels, armed forces and delegates from line ministries at the regional level. UN agencies and international NGOs have been instrumental in implementing activities for CAR refugees and host populations.

At 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.

## MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

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- On 16 June, UNHCR Representative briefed members of the Law and Foreign Affairs Committees of the National Assembly of Parliament, on UNHCR's activities targeting refugees, internally displaced persons and host populations, as well as the challenges UNHCR is facing. He also seized this opportunity to make a plea towards members of parliament to encourage the Cameroonian government to proceed with the signing and ratification of the 1954 Convention on Statelessness and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of the Risks of Statelessness. The Representative also urged for the legal domestication of the African Union (AU) Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention), which Cameroon ratified in 2014.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Further to the clashes that occurred at the beginning of June in Ngaoundaye (CAR) between ex-Seleka and anti-Balaka, UNHCR deployed a border monitoring team on 11 June to the Cameroonian border town of Touboro. UNHCR registered 76 persons, including 2 men, 54 children and 20 women, that fled from Ngaoundaye because of due to the violence and who are currently living with host families in Touboro. According to sources in both Cameroon and CAR border areas, the intervention of MINUSCA in Ngaoundaye allowed for a return to calm and order, preventing further displacement to Cameroon. Nevertheless, UNHCR border monitoring activities in the area. In addition, 555 CAR asylum seekers left their villages of Bawé, Kaeta and Boyangou in the sub-prefecture of Bocaranga in mid-June and sought refuge in the Cameroonian border town of Yamba. They are mainly of the Gbaya ethnic group and are afraid of reprisals from the ex-Seleka following cattle raids by the anti-Balaka belonging to Fulani breeders. Among the new arrivals, 152 expressed the wish to be transferred to the refugee site of Ngam, the others opted to stay in Yamba and to return as soon as the situation improves.
- On 9 June, in Abuja, the Ministerial delegations of Cameroon and Nigeria agreed upon and initialed the draft Tripartite Agreement on the return of Nigerian refugees living in Cameroon. This followed a three day regional Protection Dialogue on the Lake Chad Basin. The content of the draft Tripartite Agreement is to be reviewed by their respective governments. The agreement is due to be signed by all parties by the end of July 2016. The Tripartite Agreement aims at providing a framework for the potential repatriation of Nigerian refugees but does not imply that the conditions for return in safety and dignity are met at this point in time.
- UNHCR and the Cameroonian Government continued to conduct the biometric verification and registration exercise of all refugees and asylum seekers living in the East region of Cameroon. During the month of June, the exercise was carried out in the refugee sites of Mbile and Lolo where 14,453 refugees were verified. Since the beginning of this year, 77,529 refugees have already been verified in Yaoundé and Douala and in the refugee sites of Gado, Borgop, Ngam, Timangolo, Mbile and Lolo. The biometric verification and registration exercise aims at ensuring better protection and assistance of refugees by verifying and updating their profiles, including information on specific needs. For refugees, this exercise will include the delivery of new and standardized refugee certificates, new ration cards and the renewal of identification cards. In the longer term, biometric registration will be critical for obtaining reliable data on refugee needs, movements and statistics, and will serve as a crucial protection tool. The exercise is ongoing.

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### Links:

<http://data.unhcr.org/car>

<http://data.unhcr.org/NigeriaSituation>