

Cameroon

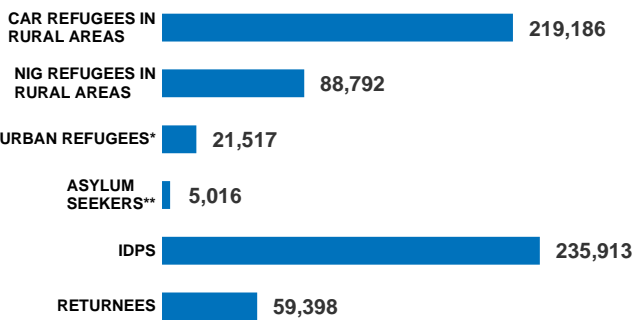
September 2017

Cameroon currently has **629,822** people of concern, including **235,618 Central African refugees** and **90,701 Nigerian refugees**.

Conclusion of **registration of out of camp refugees in the Logone et Chari and Mayo Tsnaga departments** of the Far North region.

ONE UN mission undertaken to the East Region. Various donors, partners and national and international media also took part.

POPULATION OF CONCERN (629,822 AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER)

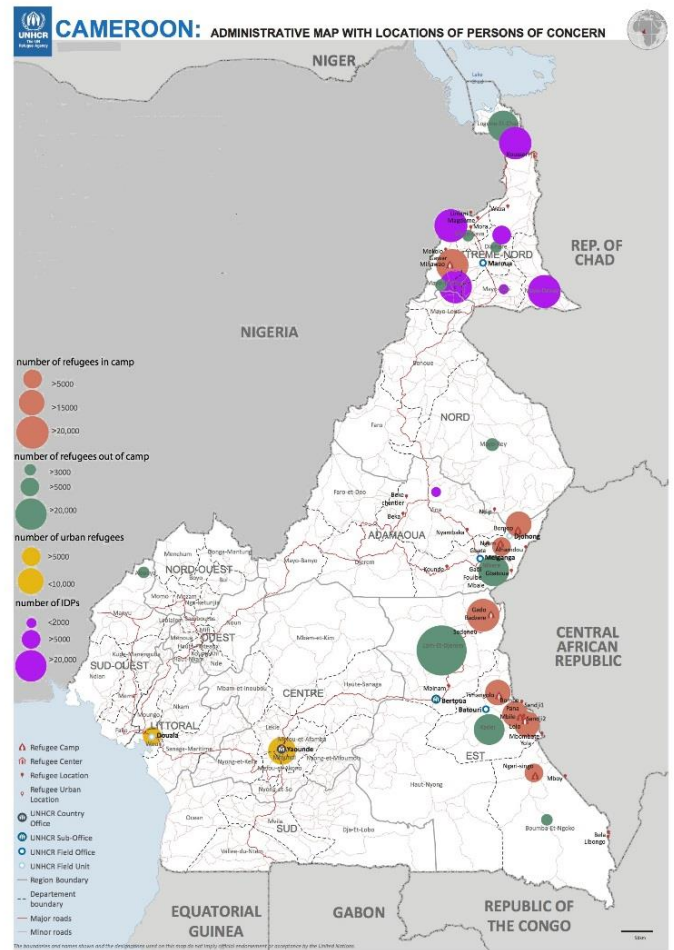
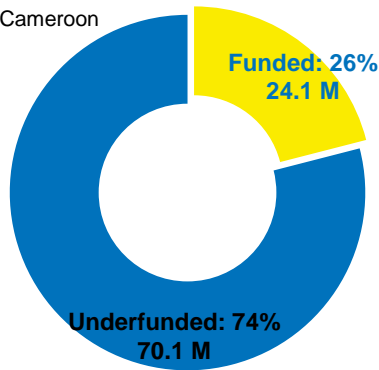


*Incl. **16,432** Central Africans and **1,909** Nigerian refugees living in urban areas.
Incl. **4,045 Central Africans and **12** Nigerians living in urban areas.

FUNDING (AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER)

USD 94.2 M

Requested for Cameroon



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff: 230

133 National Staff

53 International Staff

44 UN Volunteers (9 International and 35 National)

7 OFFICES:

Branch Office – Yaounde

Sub Offices – Batouri, Meiganga and Maroua

Field Offices – Djohong

Field Unit – Douala

Liaison Office - Bertoua

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

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 Civic Education, the National Employment Fund and others, Secrétariat Technique des Organes de Gestion du Statut des réfugiés.
- **Implementing Partners:** Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), African Initiatives for Relief and Development (AIRD), Agence pour le Développement Economique et Social (ADES), CAMWATER, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), FAIRMED, International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC), InterSos, International Medical Corps (IMC), Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Plan International, *Première Urgence - Internationale* (PUI) and Public Concern.
- **Operational Partners:** ; ICRC, Adventist Relief Agency (ADRA), ASOL and Red Deporte, IEDA Relief, *Action Contre la Faim* (ACF) and CARE International.
- **UN Agencies:** WFP, UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA, UN Women, FAO, UNESCO, IOM, UNDP and UNOCHA.
- **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 UNHCR-chaired Multi-Sector Operations Team meeting in Maroua, bringing together more than 40 humanitarian partners intervening in the region. The response for Central African refugees is managed in line with the Refugee Coordination Model. Sectorial groups have been established by UNHCR, covering the whole operational area. Local authorities have been very engaged in the management of the refugee operation. UN agencies and international NGOs have been instrumental in implementing activities for Central African refugees and host populations. At the 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

- The security situation in the Far North region remains of concern, as attacks, incursions and kidnappings took place throughout the month, resulting in several civilian casualties. In the North-West region, two explosions occurred during the month, resulting in several injuries, followed by another bomb explosion in the Littoral region. Cameroonian authorities have strongly recommended safety and vigilance directives as the terrorist threat remains a concern.
- On 27 September in Yaounde, UNHCR organized a validation workshop as part of the process of elaborating its Multi-Year and Multi-Partner (MYMP) strategy. The workshop was a continuation of the workshop that took place on 20-21 July in Yaounde, addressing a strategic, inclusive and suitable response to the situation of persons of concern to UNHCR, including host communities. Representatives from various ministerial departments, UN agencies, humanitarian and development partners, the private sector and civil society were present to validate the five main objectives of the strategy: protection delivered in line with international standards, basic service delivery capacity progressively built in collaboration with government and other stakeholders in refugee-hosting areas, to ensure that refugees and the host population have equal access to public services and infrastructure; self-reliance and social cohesion improved in refugee and IDP-hosting areas through a community-based approach to sustainable livelihoods, enhanced environmental protection and conflict management; implementing comprehensive durable solutions for the greatest numbers of refugees and IDPs; and prevention and reduction of risks of statelessness reduced.
- As part of the 2018 response planning for Nigerian refugees, UNHCR organized in Maroua on 13-14 September, a consultation workshop on the Regional Response Plan for Nigerian Refugees (RRRP 2018) living in the Far North Region. The workshop assembled over 150 participants (administrative, judicial and traditional authorities, members of the Joint Protection Committees, representatives of UN agencies, national and international NGOs and civil society actors). The objectives of the workshop was to determine and validate planning parameters and strategic objectives, as well as to review and validate sectoral response plans with contributions from all key actors.

- On 17 September, military forces surrounded the town of Kolofata for security reasons. As a result of the military operation, 43 Nigerians were arrested, of whom 8 were handed over to UNHCR, and transferred to Minawao camp after reporting the presence of their families in the camp. The remaining 35 individuals were returned to Banki on 18 September.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- On 21 September, UNHCR undertook a mission to Mokolo to assess the situation of more than 1,500 displaced persons in the village of Guistnad in Mokolo District and 300 people from the locality of Babangolo in Mayo-Moskota district following an attack by Boko Haram insurgents during the night of 16 to 17 September 2017. The mission met with administrative authorities where it was determined that, the most urgent needs of this displaced group of people were food and non-food items (shelter, blankets, mats, sanitary napkins, etc.). An inter-agency mission is scheduled to assess the situation on field.
- Following a joint Government and UNHCR mission to the Far North in July 2017 within the context of the prevention of statelessness, UNHCR organized a workshop in Maroua on 7 and 8 September on the prevention and risks of statelessness. Participants included judicial, administrative and police authorities. The objective of the training was to strengthen the capacities of participants on the fight against protracted statelessness and the prevention of new cases of statelessness as well as to disseminate the procedures for determining stateless persons in order to improve the various identification and prevention mechanisms. The 30 participants were also trained on the legal instruments and tools for the identification of stateless persons, as well as what could lead to statelessness. This training is part of the continuation of decennial campaign towards the eradication of statelessness launched by UNHCR in 2014.
- From 19-21 September, the UN Resident Coordinator led a “ONE UN” mission to the East Region, and was accompanied by the Ambassadors of Switzerland and the Central African Republic in Cameroon, various donors (Germany, KOICA, DFID), Representatives of UN agencies, the World Bank, representatives of the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization and Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development of the Territory, and the national and international media. The objective of the mission was to visit and evaluate projects carried out by the various agencies, and to understand the major challenges on the ground. The mission visited projects implemented in Garoua-Boulaï, Gado, Bertoua, Yokosire and Abo Boutilla and exchanged with refugees on their needs. The mission ended with the prospect of encouraging empowerment initiatives and sustainable self-reliance activities.
- The registration of out of camp refugees was concluded this month with a total number of 21,189 refugees registered in the departments of Logone-Et-Chari (16,848) and Mayo Tsanaga (4,341). Registration of out of camp refugees in the department of Mayo Sava is to begin next month.
- Following the cholera epidemic in North-Eastern Nigeria, particularly in Borno State, UNHCR and its partners reinforced preventive measures in Minawao; the population of the camp is predominantly from that State with some conducting regular pendula movements between the two countries. All medical personnel were sensitized on the risks of cholera within the camp. In addition, the response plan and standard operational procedures in case of transported cases were disseminated; a site was identified for the construction of a cholera treatment centre and mass awareness campaigns are underway. All WASH actors were mobilized and were involved in prevention activities.

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