

Cameroonian refugee situation, Nigeria

16 - 31 August 2018

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KEY INDICATORS

25,537

Cameroonian refugees registered with Level 1 and Level 2 registration

[As of 31st August 2018]

6,796

Cameroonian refugees registered with biometrics

[as of 31st August 2018]

2,296

Cameroonian refugees living in Anyake settlement, Benue State [as of 31st August 2018]

802

Cameroonian refugees living in Adagom settlement, Cross River State [as of 31st August 2018]



A refugee from Calabar, Cross River state awarded certificate of completion of vocational training © UNHCR/C. Cavalcanti

Update On Achievements

- **Livelihoods** – On 20th and 24th August 2018, 231 Cameroonian refugees among the most vulnerable living in Calabar and Ikom (Cross River state) completed their entrepreneurship and vocational training and were awarded certificates from the Switch Academy, supported by UNHCR partner Mediatrix Development Foundation. The training program started on 10th July 2018 and refugees chose their preferred specialization among tailoring, pastry and catering, hairdressing or barbing, poultry or small scale trade. Upon completion of the training, start-up capital will be provided to refugees to initiate their business activities.
- **Relocation** – On 24th and 30th, August 2018, UNHCR and its partners supported the relocation of 161 refugee households (485 individuals) from the border localities of Amana and Utanga (Obanliku Local Government Area, Cross River state) to Adagom settlement (Ogoja Local Government Area, Cross



Refugees preparing to relocate to Adagom settlement, Cross River state ©UNHCR/C. Cavalcanti

River state). Moreover, other 20 refugees arrived spontaneously to the site. Following physical verification, 802 refugees were living in Adagom Settlement as of 31st August 2018. On 24th August 2018, 80 refugee households (243 individuals) were also supported to relocate from the border locality of Abande to Anyake settlement (Kwande Local Government Area, Benue state), and 97 spontaneous arrivals were recorded during the reporting period. As of 31st August 2018, the total population of refugees living in Anyake settlement accounted to 2,296 individuals.

■ Upon arrival, refugees in both

settlements received food (rice, beans, oil, sugar and salt) and non-food items (including mats, blankets, buckets, soap, detergents and kitchen sets) and were provided with temporary shelters, access to water, hygiene and sanitation facilities available at the sites.

- **Registration** – UNHCR and National Commission for Refugees (NCFRMI) continued verification and registration of refugees with biometrics (including new arrivals) in the locality of Up Ranch (Obanliku Local Government Area), Cross River state.
- As of 31st August 2018, 8,020 Cameroonian refugees were verified using ProGres database; and 6,796 of those verified had their biometric data captured. Among the verified population, 4,040 were new registrations (including new-born babies, new arrivals and people living in remote locations not attended by level 1 registration).
- As of 31st August 2018, 2,487 Individual Identification (ID) cards were distributed to refugees in the states of Cross River and Benue.
- **Protection/SGBV** – 17 cases of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) including sexual assault, attempted rape, physical abuse and forced marriage were identified by UNHCR protection partner Foundation for Justice Development and Peace (FJDP) during protection monitoring visits to the border localities of Agbatse, Abande, Ugugu and in Anyake settlement. The survivors in need of medical attention were referred to UNHCR partner Health Initiative for Safety and Stability in Africa (HIFASS) for appropriate care and all of them received psychosocial counselling and support from UNHCR and partner FJDP.
- **Child Protection** - Best Interest Assessments (BIA) were carried out for ten unaccompanied and separated children by UNHCR in Adagom settlement, and all of them have been placed in foster care. Moreover, ten minors have been successfully reunited with their families in Anyake settlement (Benue state).
- **Protection Monitoring** - On 27th August 2018, UNHCR conducted protection border monitoring in Akampka Local Government Area (Cross River state), reaching about 83 refugees. Main protection issues reported include need for registration, inadequate food and access to education for children whose parents remain unregistered. The issuance of birth certificates to new born babies remains a concern to Cameroonian refugees. UNHCR is advocating with the National Population Commission and collaborating with UNICEF to address the issue and is carrying sensitizations among persons of concern to collect their certificates before leaving the hospital after delivery.

- **Education** – Summer classes started in Anyake settlement for 404 refugee children (193 girls and 211 boys) from primary school, in the multi-purpose hall of the settlement during the reporting period, with the support of UNHCR partner Foundation for Justice Development and Peace (FJDP) and 11 refugee volunteers who were teachers or university students back in Cameroon.

- During the reporting period, 254 refugee children and young adults from 4 to 23 years of age were profiled for placement into primary and secondary schools, after an assessment conducted by UNHCR in Adagom settlement (Ogoja Local Government Area, Cross River state). This is to ensure access to education for all Cameroonian refugee children and young adults.



Refugees from vocational training on tailoring showing their realizations in Calabar, Cross River state © UNHCR/C. Cavalcanti

- **Shelter** – During the reporting period, 42 emergency shelters were constructed in Anyake settlement (Kwande Local Government Area, Benue state) and 35 rehabilitated to welcome the newcomers. In Adagom settlement, 350 emergency shelters were constructed for newly relocated refugees.
- Construction of permanent shelters continued in Anyake settlement: 18 refugee households received shelter kit materials and cash grant to start construction and other 18 received the material and the cash grant to complete construction (roof, windows and door). In the site, 117 permanent shelters were completed and inhabited as of 31st August 2018. The project, funded by EU Humanitarian Aid, will support the construction of permanent shelters for 4,000 Cameroonian refugees.
- **Healthcare** – on 18th August 2018, medical supplies (including cotton wool, stethoscope, gloves, weighing scale and thermometer) were distributed to three Primary Healthcare Centres (PHC Oban, PHC Mfaminyen and PHC Akor) in Akamkpa Local Government Area, Cross River state, with support from UNHCR partner Health Initiative for Safety and Stability in Africa (HIFASS). The supplies will help improve healthcare services available for refugees and host community.
- On 29th August 2018, 41 children (0-9 months) and 24 pregnant women received vaccinations in Anyake settlement (Benue state).
- **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)** – During the reporting period, WASH facilities were installed in Adagom settlement, including 32 latrine blocks, 19 hand washing systems, 10 soak pits, 3 water tanks and 85 bathing shelters with support from UNHCR partner Norwegian Church Aid (NCA). Water was supplied through water trucking, refugees received 20l/person/day on average, in line with UNHCR standard. The WASH facilities increased access to water and improved sanitation and hygiene for refugees living in the site.
- On 29th August 2018, menstrual hygiene kits were distributed to 88 women and girls of reproductive age in Adagom settlement by UNHCR partner NCA, to improve dignity and personal hygiene. Moreover, NCA distributed hygiene kits (including bucket, jerry can, potty, soap and towel) to 588 households in Anyake settlement.
- **Camp Management** - Elections for refugee community leaders took place in Anyake settlement from 27th to 29th August, organized by State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and partners and observed by UNHCR. Refugees elected one chairman, one vice-chairman, a secretary and two representatives (m/f) of the youth for the whole settlement and also for each community (camp districts). Refugee leaders will oversee the activities conducted on site, handle complaints and attend coordination

meetings. The electoral process unfolded peacefully and ended with the ceremony of investiture for the new leaders. Scarce number of woman candidates was observed: at settlement level and for community chairmen, no female candidacy was presented. UNHCR is sensitizing refugees to include at least a women representative in the leaders' board.

Critical needs and priorities

- **Camp Management** - In Anyake settlement, 123 refugee households including the spontaneous arrivals and the ones of the last relocation convoy were in need of emergency shelters, due to unavailability of space to construct additional shelters.
- **Non-food items** – In Adagom settlement (Ogoja Local Government Area, Cross River state) most of the children lack proper clothing.

Working in partnership

- Together with the Nigerian Government, through the National Commission for Refugees (NCFRMI), and State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), UNHCR ensures international protection and delivery of multi-sectoral assistance to the Cameroonian refugees and has established a monthly coordination meeting in Calabar to foster closer collaboration with other UN agencies and humanitarian actors. The following partners implement specific sector activities in this situation: Benue State NGO Network - BENGONET, Catholic Caritas Foundation Nigeria – CCFN, Catholic Diocese of Makurdi – Foundation for Justice Development and Peace – FJDP, Health Initiative for Safety and Stability in Africa – HIFASS, MEDATRIX Development Foundation, National Commission for Refugees – NCFRMI, Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) and RHEMACARE. Other partners also deliver services to the Cameroonian refugees with their own resources such as ADRA, ICRC, MSF and Save the Children.

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