NIGERIA

FACTSHEET

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HIGHLIGHTS

453 Cameroonian refugees were assisted for voluntary repatriation to their country. 16Asylum seekers were registered in February 2015,

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Population of concern

A total of **2,133** people of concern

By country of origin

Nigeria	Refugees	Asylum Seekers	Total PoC
Congo DRC	534	361	895
Cameroon	162	11	172
Mali	117	241	358
Cote d'Ivoire	109	54	163
Chad	79	31	110
Others	243	192	435
Total	**1,244**	**890**	**2,133**

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) **981,416**

UNHCR Presence

Staffing:
20 National Staff   08 International Staff
Offices:
01 Branch Office in Abuja   01 Field Office in Lagos and 01 Sub Office in Bauchi

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

In order to ensure the protection of refugees and coordinate their assistance, UNHCR works closely with **governmental partners**: National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons (NCFRMI), National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), as well as other **UN Agencies**. UNHCR also works with **implementing partners**: Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN) National Red Cross Society (NRCS), Justice Development and Peace Commission (JDPC); **NGOs**: CARITAS, Jama'atul Nasarul Islam (JNI), Action Aid and IDP-**related working groups,** namely the Emergency Preparedness and Response Working Group (EPRWG) the Protection Sector Working Group **(PSWG)** and the Camp Coordination Camp Management Working Group **(CCCM)**. UNHCR collaborates with **ECOWAS** through the framework of a MoU signed in 2001.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

- Asylum seekers**:** A total of 16 asylum seekers were registered in February 2015,
- Durable solutions: The US Resettlement pre-screening mission was in Lagos from 27 January- 3 February 2015 to interview 19 cases for the US Refugee Resettlement Programme.
- 102 refugee children in primary school were assisted with cash allowance for second term of 2014/2015 academic session while 70 refugee children in secondary school were assisted with cash allowances for the same academic session.
- 14 persons with specific needs were assisted with 2 (January and February) months subsistence allowance
- An assessment mission on start-up kits to refugees was conducted to Ijebu Ode on 26 February 2015. A number of refugees were assessed to be progressing in their various petit businesses.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- UNHCR in conjunction with NCFRMI had one-day working session with refugee youths to prepare a budget proposal for the 2015 Youth Initiative Fund. Standard Operation Procedures (SOPs), on medical referrals were finalized.

Operation management:

- Series trainings in CCCM and protection monitoring have been scheduled for the days and weeks ahead in line with the exigencies ongoing emergency.

Collaboration with ECOWAS Commission

- At the end of a ministerial conference in Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire organised by UNHCR, representatives of 15 member states of the Economic Community of West African States, ECOWAS, on 26 February adopted a declaration on the prevention, reduction and elimination of statelessness.

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