

Cameroon

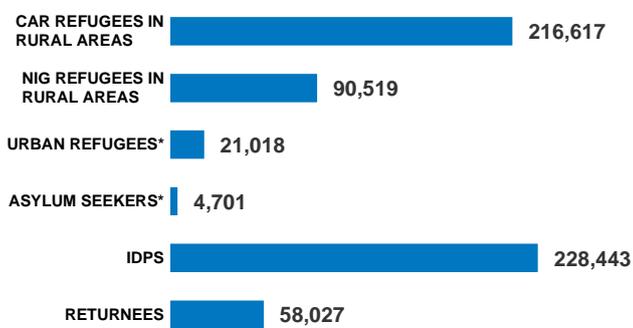
July 2017

Cameroon currently has **619,325 people of concern**, including **232,572 Central African refugees** and **92,427 Nigerian refugees**.

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POPULATION OF CONCERN (619,325 AS OF 31 JULY)

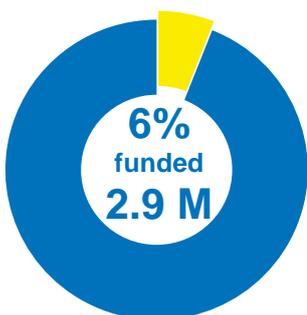


*Incl. 15,955 CAR and 1,908 Nigerian living in urban areas

FUNDING (AS OF 31 JULY)

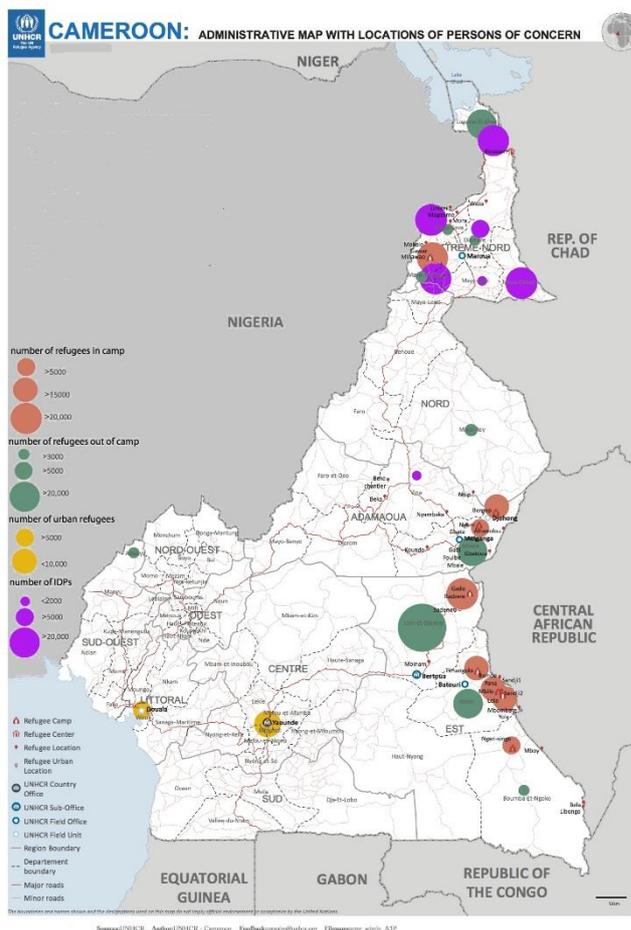
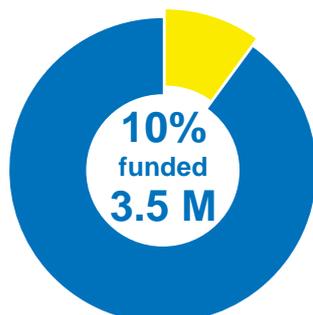
USD 46 M

requested for the CAR situation



USD 35 M

requested for the Nigeria situation



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

- From 18-19 July, Volker Türk, UNHCR’s Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, undertook an official visit to Yaounde, Cameroon. During his mission, he met with the Secretary-General at the Presidency, Ferdinand Ngoh Ngoh, the Minister of External Relations, Lejeune Mbella Mbella, and the Minister for Territorial Administration and Decentralization, René Emmanuel Sadi. The exchanges focused on UNHCR’s protection assistance for Nigerian refugees living in the Far North region. It was also a matter of discussing our concerns about forced return of Nigerian refugees from Cameroon, during which Mr. Türk stressed that it was essential for UNHCR to ensure that returns were made in a manner that respected international standards.
- On 20-21 July, UNHCR, in collaboration with the Government and its partners, organized a consultation workshop in Yaounde as part of its multi-annual multi-partner protection strategy (MYMP). The objective of the workshop was to further mobilize national and international institutions through the MYMP plan in order to address a strategic and inclusive response to the situation of persons under UNHCR’s mandate, including host communities. It was an occasion to present the preliminary results of the multi-annual planning process (2018-2020) and multiple partners, to collectively review the main points of the strategy and approve them, and to identify concerned parties by strategic objective.
- The district of Touboro, in the North region of Cameroon, has seen the arrival of thousands of Central Africans since 10 July. They had fled recent clashes between anti-Balaka and ex-Seleka elements in the town of Ngaoundaye and surrounding areas (Ouham-Pende prefecture) in the North West of the Central African Republic (CAR). As of 31 July, UNHCR had screened and pre-registered a total of 6,885 individuals (1,817 households), predominantly women and children and located essentially in the localities of Mbaiboum, Helbao and Wakassao. The new Central African arrivals were able to enter Cameroon via the entry points of Mbaiboum, Ouro-Souley, Gui-Gui and Mini in

Chad, as well as the surrounding villages located between 2 and 7 km from Mbaiboum. They come mainly from Ngaoundaye, Bang, Mann, Bozoum and Degaule in CAR, and some say they have transited through Chad. The new arrivals are hosted amongst host communities with whom they share certain ties, and with refugees who have been in the country for some years. Their needs are essentially in terms of health, documentation, shelter, food and non-food items, water and sanitation. In terms of protection, the registration of new refugees and their biometric verification are ongoing. In terms of health and nutrition, a general screening was carried out and cases of malnutrition and other diseases.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- In Cameroon's Minawao camp, awareness-raising activities on the modalities of the Tripartite Agreement and on the current conditions in the return areas of Bama, Banki, Gwoza and Pulka (Nigeria) continued to take place. No new self-organized return movements from Minawao camp to Nigeria were reported during the month.
- The registration exercise for refugees residing outside of camps ended in the Logone-et-Chari Department with a total of 16,184 registered refugees. The operation in the Mayo-Tsanaga Department only resumed at the end of the month following authorization from the authorities; a total of 2,266 refugees had been registered prior to suspension of the exercise.
- From 17-22 July, UNHCR and the Government of Cameroon undertook a joint mission to the Far North region in the context of designing activities to reduce the risk of statelessness. The mission looked at the assessment and identification of persons at risk of statelessness, met with members of the Joint Protection Committees, local and traditional authorities, and the affected populations in the Departments of Mayo-Sava and Mayo-Tsanaga. It is planned to extend the process to the Logone-et-Chari Department and to train authorities and partners involved in working against statelessness.
- From 7-14 July, UNHCR and the Civil Protection Directorate (DPC), attached to the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization (MINATD), undertook a mission to the Northwest and Adamaoua regions of Cameroon following the arrival of Nigerian nationals from Taraba state in Nigeria. They had fled the agro-pastoral conflict between the essentially Mambilas farming community and Fulani cattle-herders. Approximately 3,500 people, mostly women and children, were assisted and accommodated within the host population and in public buildings (schools). Children between the ages of 0 and 5 years were vaccinated against polio and communal authorities, as well as the host populations, provided them with food and other basic needs.

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