

# Cameroon MCO

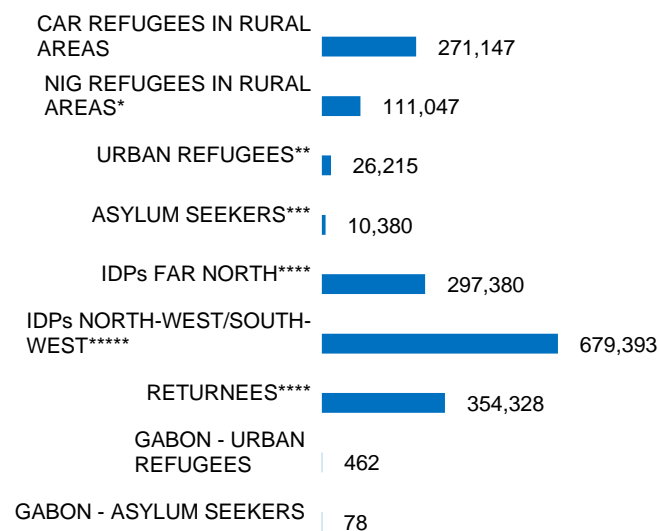
(Multi Country Operation Cameroon, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, and Sao Tome & Principe)

**February 2020**

Cameroon currently has 1,749,080 people of concern, including 292,787 Central African, 110,627 Nigerian refugees, 976,773 IDPs (297,380 in the Far North and 679,393 in the North West and South West regions) and 354,328 returnees in the Far North region.

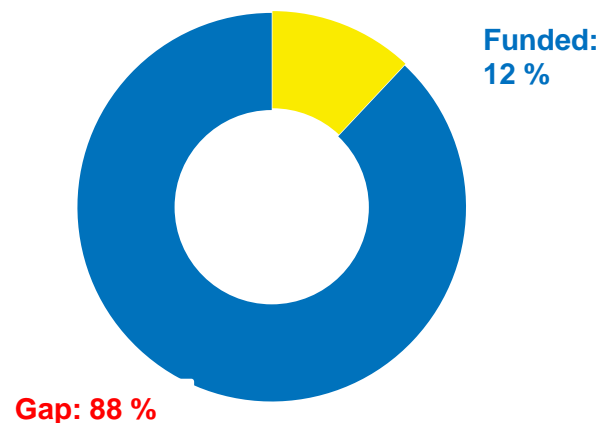
On 26 February, 250 Central African refugees returned home in the framework of facilitated voluntary repatriation. This first convoy for 2020 brings the total number of refugees who have returned so far to 3,559. UNHCR plans to facilitate the process for 10,000 of them this year.

The month was marked by a series of violent incidents in the English-speaking regions. On 14 February, an attack in Ngarbuh, Ntumbaw in the Donga Mantung Division of the North West region resulted in the death of more than 20 people including women and children

**POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF 28 FEBRUARY 2020)**

**FUNDING (AS OF 10 MARCH 2020)**

## USD 89.7 million

Requested for Cameroon MCO in 2020


**UNHCR PRESENCE**
**MCO Cameroon Staff:**

206 National Staff  
 64 International Staff  
 05 Gabon staff

**Offices:**

- 01 Branch Office in Yaounde
- 03 Sub Offices: Bertoua, Maroua, Buea
- 06 Field Offices: Batouri, Meiganga, Djohong, Touborro, Douala and Bamenda
- 01 Field Unit – Kousseri
- 01 Gabon operation



Technicians fixing the new high- pressure water pump for Mokolo-Minawao water supply network - UNHCR @ Djarmatna Kadessou

## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR coordinates protection and assistance for persons of concern in collaboration with:

- **Government Partners:** Ministries of External Relations, Territorial Administration, Economy, Planning and Regional Development, Public Health, Women's Empowerment and the 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)*, 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, Red Deporte, IEDA Relief, *Action Contre la Faim (ACF)*, *Solidarités International* and CARE International.
- **UN Agencies:** WFP, UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA, UN Women, FAO, UNESCO, IOM, UNDP and UNOCHA.
- **Operational coordination:** The response for Central African refugees is managed in line with the *Refugee Coordination Model* and includes local authorities who are engaged in the management of the refugee operation. In the North West and South West regions, UNHCR ensures the leadership of protection and shelter/NFI Clusters for the delivery of protection and assistance to IDPs.

As from early 2020, the operational responsibility of UNHCR Cameroon has been extended to cover UNHCR mandate activities in Gabon, Equatorial Guinea and Sao Tome and Principe. 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 as well as the Humanitarian Country Team and the United Nations Country Team.

## MAIN HIGHLIGHTS

- The general security situation in the English-speaking regions and mostly in the North West remains volatile. Non-State Armed Groups (NSAG) continued to disrupt daily activities. Post-local election tensions continued as former candidates and winners of the parliamentary and municipal election remained targets of NSAGs.
- The Humanitarian space continues to be threatened as access to affected areas has become complicated due to the recurrent clashes between the military and NSAG. **On 14 February, 24 people including men, women and children were killed and a dozen houses burnt** following an attack in Ngarbuh – Ntumbaw village in Ndu subdivision – Donga Mantung of the North West. In the South West, the week of 15 to 21 February was marked by several raids 'by government defence forces on NSAG in Fako (Muyuka and its environs) and Manyu Division (Tinto). **This new development in the two regions has caused more displacement and killing of civilians (in Kuk Village, Subdivision of Fungom Subdivision, Menchum Division) between 17 and 20 February.**
- In the Far North region, the security situation is of concern in the Mayo Sava, Mayo Tsanaga and the Logone and Chari divisions. The uninterrupted pace of predation and other militant attacks suggest a strong infiltration or presence of accomplices of the Boko Haram group in the Mayo Sava division. **On the night of 03 to 04 February, some 50 suspected Boko Haram members attacked Mozogo in the Mayo Tsanaga division.** Two (02) people were killed, four (04) shops looted, four (04) vehicles and 127 houses burnt, and considerable livestock and other properties carried away.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

### Protection

- **Registration** –The insecurity in Nigeria and along the Cameroonian borders in the Far North continues to generate displacements in the Mayo Sava, Mayo Tsanaga and Logone and Chari divisions. UNHCR continues to register new arrivals either from Nigeria or out-of-camp refugees heading to the camp. **As of 29 February, 111,047 Nigerian refugees were registered in Far North region (64,533 in Minawao refugee camp and 46,514 in host communities).**

The overall refugee population in Cameroon is made up of 419,789 individuals including 272,147 CAR refugees (78,554 in sites and 193,593 in host communities) in addition to 36,595 refugees and asylum seekers in urban areas (Yaounde and Douala).

- **SGBV** - UNHCR participated in the Gender-Based Violence Sub-Cluster Meeting and workshop organised by UNFPA in Bamenda, North West region on 19 and 20 February.

**Gabon** - Unlike in Gabon, there is no known person of concern to UNHCR in Equatorial Guinea and Sao Tome & Principe. **As of 29 February 2020, the refugee and asylum seekers' population in Gabon stands at approximately 540 persons of various nationalities (Chad, DRC, Republic of Congo and CAR, for the majority).** They are mainly in a protracted situation. UNHCR is assisting them either to be integrated in Gabon or for those who express their intention to return, to voluntarily repatriate to their countries of origin.

### Environment and Energy

From 03 to 07 February, UNHCR's implementing partner, the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) monitored the production of eco-friendly briquettes at the two manufacturing centres in Minawao refugee camp. **A total of 1,361 kg of the briquettes were produced by a group of 100 women including 70 refugees and 30 Cameroonians).** 6,887 kg were produced by 387 heads of households that have been trained for their self-production. A total of 532 households have been trained since the beginning of the year and are being monitored and guided on the use of this alternative source of energy as it contributes to the protection of the environment and to the reduction of wood cutting,

### Water and Sanitation

**The new high-pressure water pump for Mokolo-Minawao refugee camp water supply network has been operational since the beginning of February with a production capacity of 14 litres of water per person per day which corresponds to an increase of 24%.** However, there are on-going repairs on the supply network caused by high pressure of the engine on the installation with Polyethylene High-Density (PEHD) which are being changed to **Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)**, also by the breaking of the pipeline by herders in order to provide water to their cattle. The quantity of water provided per day per person is expected to gradually increase when the overall water distribution will be complete.

### Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

From 04 to 06 February 2020, the UNHCR Office in Bertoua organized a workshop on the operationalization of the partnership agreement with the Lutheran World Federation (LWF). The workshop, that brought together 30 participants representing state services, private sector, local partners and UNHCR, aimed to share a better **understanding on the new directions of planning livelihoods and economic inclusion that could have a real impact on beneficiaries.** The three days' workshop led to recommendations to implement concrete actions that meet minimum standards for the economic recovery of beneficiaries.

### Durable Solutions

Voluntary repatriation of CAR refugees resumed for the year 2020 with **a convoy of 88 households of 250 individuals from Lolo refugee site, taking off on 26 February 2020.** The main destination was Berberati in CAR. By the end of February, a total of 3,259 CAR refugees had returned home following the signing of the tripartite agreement between the governments of Cameroon, CAR and the UNHCR in June 2019. As of end February, 1,215 individuals (368 households) from Mandjou site in Bertoua in the East region have registered for voluntary repatriation, and **177 households of 571 individuals have already confirmed their intention to return,** including 102 children Central African refugees born in Cameroon who do not have birth certificates yet. 1,226 individuals from other refugee sites notably in Gado; 37 individuals in Man-Rigara, 245 individuals in Mbai-Mboum, 495 individuals in Borgop and 281 individuals in Ngam have as well confirmed their intention to return to the two prefectures of Nana-Mambéré and Mambéré-Kadey in CAR. **500 people are planned to be repatriated in March, with an overall goal of assisting 10,000 return to the CAR by the end of 2020.**

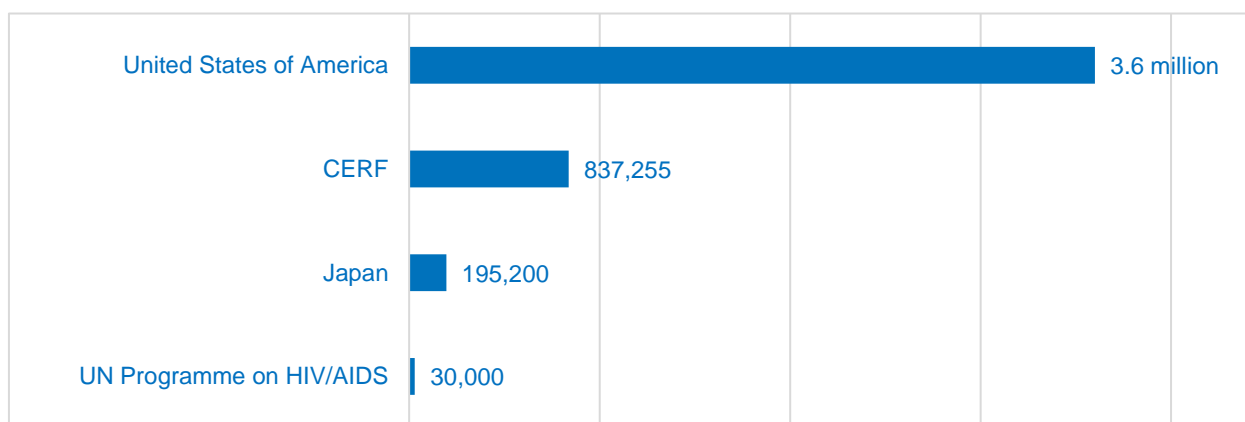
### Coordination

On 18 and 19 February, a joint inter cluster field mission was carried out by UNOCHA, UNHCR, WFP, WHO and partners including INTERSOS in Kumba, South West region for humanitarian coordination meeting and assessment. **The Protection cluster coordination used this opportunity to monitor and provide guidance on UNHCR protection monitoring project to partners.** At the same time, On the week of 18 February, CARITAS (Catholic Church) and AIRD assisted with the distribution of **130 shelter kits to the newly displaced and vulnerable persons in Bali, in the North West region.**

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

UNHCR is grateful for the enormous support provided by donors who have contributed to its operation in Cameroon as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with broadly earmarked and unearmarked funds.

### EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD 4.3 million



### BROADLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

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