

# CAMEROON: COVID-19 SITUATION

As of 27 April 2020

## KEY FIGURES (source Min of Pub Health)

**1705** as of 27 April

Total number of confirmed cases in Cameroon.

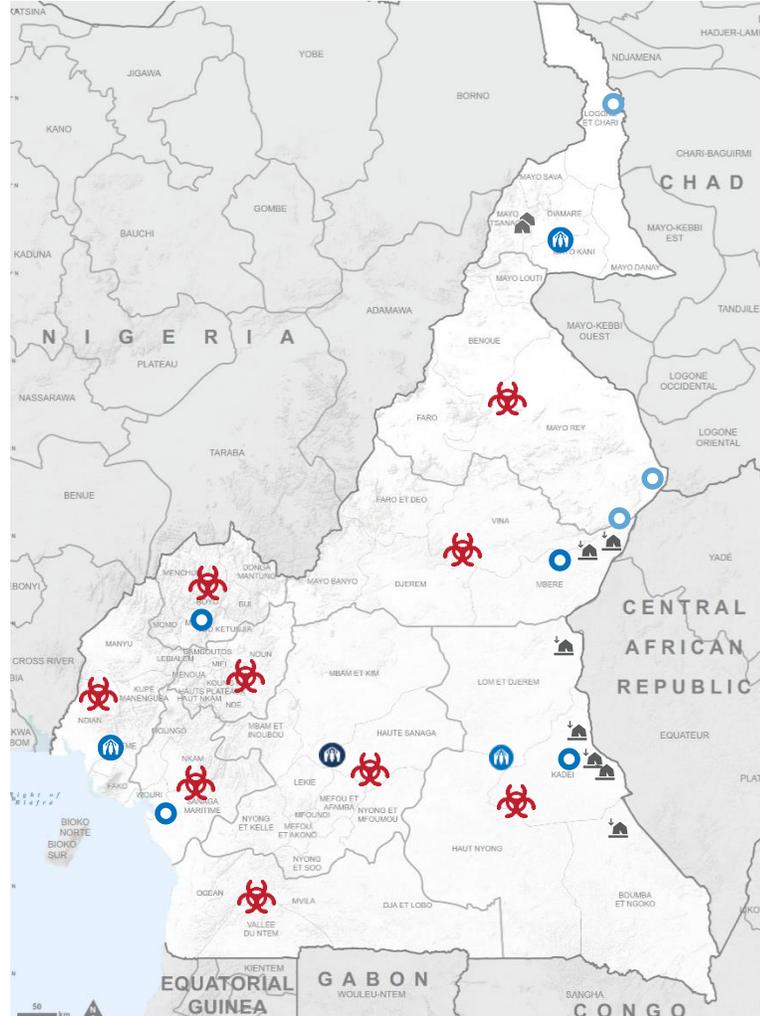
<b>805</b> Number of recovered cases	of	<b>58</b> Number of deaths recorded
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**09 Regions Affected** – Centre, Littoral, West, South West, South, East, Adamawa, North & North West.

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Reported Cases of Refugees Infected with the Covid-19

Zone/Camp /Sites	# de cas	# Guéris	# de décès
Borgop	00	00	00
Gado	00	00	00
Ngam	00	00	00
Lolo	00	00	00
Mbile	00	00	00
Ngarissingo	00	00	00
Timangolo	00	00	00
Yaoude	01	00	00
Douala	00	00	00
Minawao	00	00	00
Zone rurale	00	00	00



**Legend**

- COVID-19 Detection
- Minawao Camp
- Sites
- UNHCR OFFICES**
- Representation
- Sub Offices
- Field Office
- Field Unit

## I - OPERATIONAL RESPONSE

### Coordination

- UNHCR takes part in the national response Plan for COVID-19 and partakes in the weekly coordination meetings supervised by the Ministry of Public Health at the national, regional and local levels. UNHCR is working closely with the Ministry of Public Health to support government efforts against the spread of COVID-19 and its management by boosting the capacity of district hospitals and health centers especially in localities hosting persons of concern.

- The Secretary of State in the ministry of Public Health in charge of epidemics and pandemics was in the East region from 19 to 21 April where he assessed the regional response plan put in place by authorities with the support of UNHCR in the fight against COVID-19 at the level of health facilities. He also visited UNHCR structures set up in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. These included the Regional Hospital, the Gado Site where quarantine and isolation units have been set up for refugees, the Gado Integrated Health Centre and the Garoua Boulai District Hospital. He paid a similar visit to the Adamawa region also hosting a good number of refugees.
- UNHCR has been working with authorities to accompany the refugees who benefitted from the remission of prison terms following the presidential pardon as part of measures to limit the spread COVID-19 in prisons. In the Littoral, 02 refugees at the Douala prison are beneficiaries; 22 others benefited from the presidential measure in Batouri, East region, including 09 who were immediately released, and 13 with reduced sentences.



### Surveillance, Case Investigation, Emergency Response Team

- Four (04) refugees coming in from other localities were identified and placed under quarantine at the Minawao camp in the Far North region.
- Twenty (20) other refugees returning from other localities including the Central African Republic have been placed under quarantine at the Borgop, Ngam and Gado sites in the East and Adamawa regions. 1 in Borgop, 11 in Ngam and 8 in Gado.



### Entry Points

- Spontaneous and clandestine movement continue to take place around the borders in the Far North given that Cameroon has officially closed its borders as part of measures to contain the coronavirus. Although almost in insignificant numbers, similar movements are taking place at border localities around the country, including refugees.
- There is the systematic control of all new arrivals, notably temperature checks and medical assessments at entry points and especially for all refugees returning to the camps and sites.



### Laboratory

- COVID-19 screening has been made possible in the different regional hospitals in the country, thus facilitating management of any possible cases among the PoCs living in rural areas. These include the Bertoua, Maroua, Garoua and Ngaoundere regional hospitals in the East, Far North, North and Adamawa regions respectively where a majority of refugees in the country are settled. While the process is near complete in some hospitals, with the equipment being gradually deployed, the Bertoua regional hospital is already carrying out tests with results made available in 24 hours.



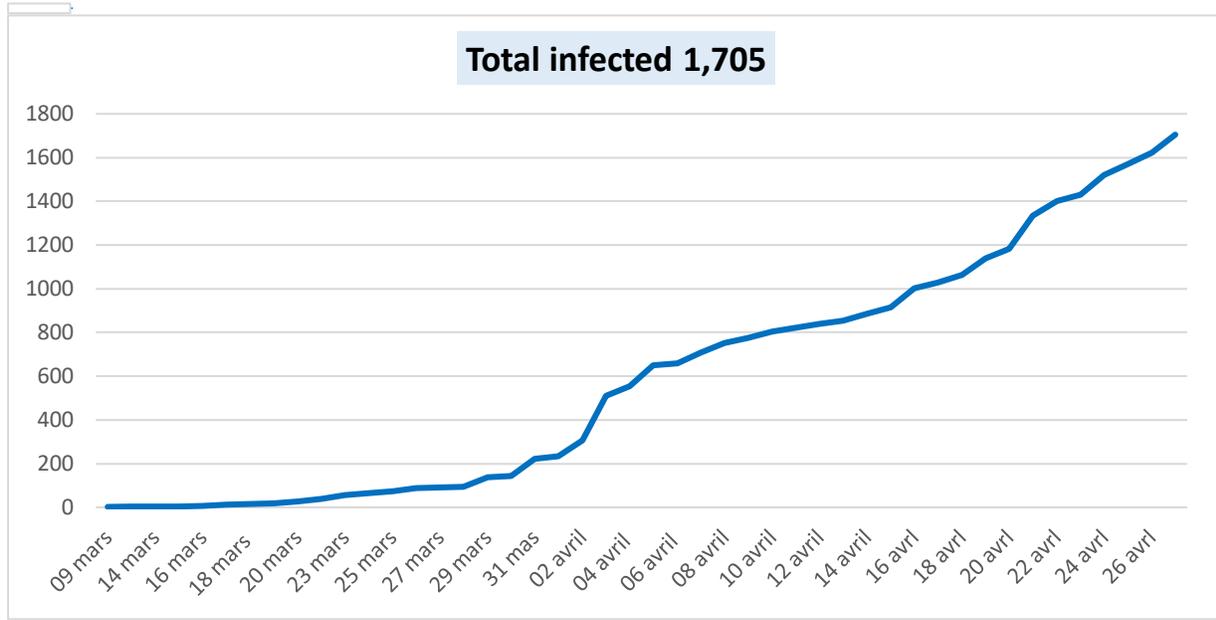
### Infection, Prevention & Control (IPC)

- 7,925 masks were distributed to 7,925 individuals in response to health measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 at the Minawao camp in the Far North region. The distribution of masks follows the recent decision by government ordering the compulsory wearing of masks in public places, with a fine of 6,000 XAF for defaulters.
- UNHCR through its partners International Medical Corps, IMC and Public Concern has set up 20 Refugee Housing Units, RHU, to serve as quarantine and isolation facilities in the Minawao camp and at the Mokolo District Hospital in the Far North. The construction work of the temporary structures is carried out by Public Concern (PC).
- In the East Region, UNHCR has set up 02 RHUs at the Bertoua regional hospital as part of its support to the national response plan by government. At the Mbile site in the East region, 05 RHUs have been completed for refugees. Similar work has been completed in the Lolo site where 03 RHUs have been set up, with accompanying facilities like toilets.

- The 14 day-quarantine required for all refugees and PoCs coming in from other parts of the country to refugee hosting camps and sites, is being respected. As of 24 April, 37 refugees in total had been placed under quarantine in the Ngam, Borgop and Gado sites in the East and Adamawa regions.



**Case Management**



**Water, Hygiene and Sanitation**

- As of 27 April, 60,083 individuals in the Minawao camp had each received soap to enable households continuously apply the measures related to covid-19 prevention such as handwashing.
- Thanks to the water-trucking system put in place in Minawao camp with the support of the national water company, the population in the camp received an additional water supply of 20 m3 of water per day increasing the ratio to 13 liters per person per day. At the level of 3 distribution sites of the camp, 18 handwashing stations have been installed with 06 handwashing station per site.
- UNHCR is working to improve on water supply across the different sites and host communities to ensure access to water for all PoCs.

**Pic 1;**  
During visit to the East region, the Secretary of State in the Ministry of Public Health assessing UNHCR's measures to protect PoCs against the spread of Covid-19



**Pic 2;**  
Secretary of State in the Ministry of Public Health visits one of the RHUs being set up in the Gado site.





### Communication Risk and Community Engagement

- Between 18 and 24 April, 138 households in the Ngam and Borgop sites were sensitized on preventive measures. The campaign was carried out with the support of 24 community relay workers, 20 community leaders and 34 members of different community groups. In Ngam, 11 community relays and 16 community leaders carried out sensitization in 130 households. Door-to-door sensitization campaigns on the importance of distancing and reporting of new arrivals especially those from at-risk areas, has continued in the 07 sites in the East and Adamawa regions.
- Proximity sensitization campaigns also being carried out among urban refugees with the use of WhatsApp, as is the case in Douala, for PoCs with smart phones.
- Outdoor sensitization has continued in the Minawao camp with the use of megaphones. Similarly, awareness-raising on COVID-19 prevention measures is being carried out at the Transit Centre.
- In the Far North, a micro-programme on COVID-19 prevention in the Mafa, Baitawara and Fufuldé languages has been produced and is being broadcast through the community radio “Echos des montagnes” located in Mokolo (Mayo Sava) of the Far North.
- Young people of the bilingual high school ‘News club’ in the Minawao camp have begun practicing their theatrical and musical performances to be used for outreach in the sensitization among their peers against COVID-19 in the camp.



### Internal Measures – UNHCR

- UNHCR is gradually implementing the Business Continuity Plan (BCP), in its different offices. All hygiene and sanitation measures have been reinforced for staff and partners including the use of masks which has been made compulsory by government and the setting up of hygiene and sanitation measures in the different offices for staff, POCs and visitors.