

Cameroon

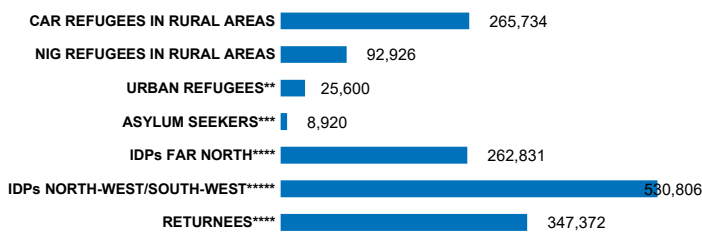
August 2019

Cameroon currently has **1,534,189** people of concern, including **286,052** Central African and **94,847** Nigerian refugees.

On 22 August 2019, **133 Nigerian refugees** representing **25 households** from Adamawa and Bauchi states were assisted to return home in safety and dignity.

Seven (07) new cases of measles have been reported at Minawao camp. **176 cases** have already been managed, released from isolation and unable to transmit the disease in the community.

POPULATION OF CONCERN (1,534,189 AS OF 31 JULY)

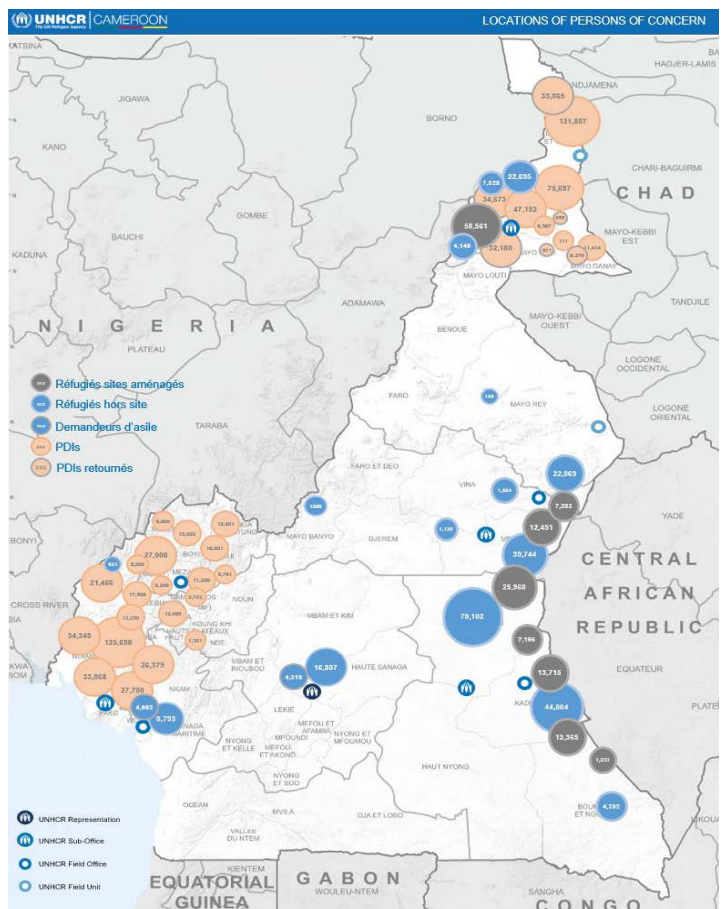
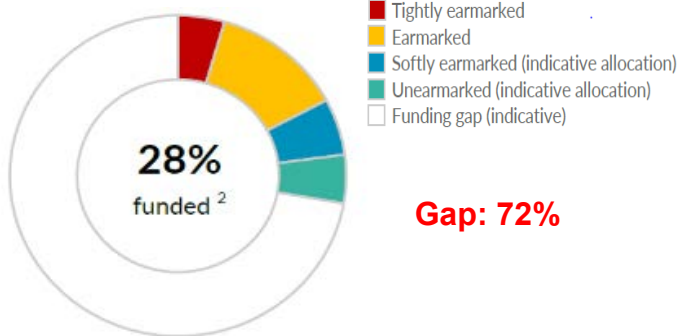


**Incl. 20,318 Central Africans and 1,921 Nigerian refugees living in urban areas.
 ***Incl. 6,961 Central Africans and 42 Nigerian asylum seekers living in urban areas.
 **** Source: IOM DTM #18. Including 237,349 estimated returnees in NW/SW regions.
 *****IDPs in Littoral, North-West, South-West and West regions, Source: OCHA.

FUNDING (AS OF 31 AUGUST)

USD 90.3 M

Requested for Cameroon



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff: 272

163 National Staff

48 International Staff

61 Affiliate workforce (15 International and 46 National)

11 OFFICES:

Representation – Yaoundé

Sub Offices – Bertoua, Meiganga, Maroua, Buea

Field Offices – Batouri, Djohong, Touboro, Douala and Bamenda.

Field Unit – Kousseri

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*. 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. 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.

MAIN HIGHLIGHTS

- **From 02 to up to the 13 September 2019**, the two weeks lock-down in the North-West and South-West regions. This has caused a general volatile and tense the security situation with lot of armed confrontations between the belligerents, Non-State Armed Groups (NSAGs) attacks, organised crimes and killings (reported in Bamenda, Bali, Ndop, Ako and other towns and villages). **The lockdown situation has affected the opening of schools year that started on 02 September in Cameroun.**
- **Humanitarian activities in the North West and south-West regions still remained grounded** as workers could not move out of their residences to carry out their various tasks from home while remaining vigilant and reporting any security incident. **Some staff members were being advised to go on leave, and to come back after the lockdown.** Government forces kept patrolling the main streets and some highways leading to other Divisions in the Regions. **The security situation remains very tense in Bamenda while in Buea, it is calmer.**
- **The security situation in Cameroon's Far North region remains precarious.** The terrorist group Boko Haram continue to increase incursions (**with killings, kidnappings, and lootings**) in villages in Logone and Chari, Mayo Sava and Mayo Tsanaga. Continued forced and preventive displacement were greatly hindered by heavy rainfall that resulted in flooding, worsening the already poor road conditions. **Civilian are scantily are concerned about the security situation despite the presence of the Security and Defence and Force (SDF).**

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- On 22 August 2019, **133 Nigerian refugees (25 households) were assisted to return home safely and in dignity in Adamawa and Bauchi states.** A military aircraft was availed by the government of Nigeria for their transportation. **The Nigerian Minister of Humanitarian Action for the Federal Republic of Nigeria**, the Governor of the Far North, the Director of Civil Protection of the Ministry of Territorial Administration, and UNHCR officials were present at the take-off of the first group of Voluntary returnees from Maroua.

- **Seven (07) Central African refugees, one (01) Cameroonian citizen visited the Songhai Farm Center in Porto Novo (Benin).** Supported by UNHCR, the beneficiaries (08), two (02) implementing partners (Plan Cameroon and LWF), and UNHCR Livelihoods Officer sojourned at the center from 4 to 14 July 2019. The objective of the action is **to assist refugees and local communities' in build self-reliance capacities**, and draw inspiration to become entrepreneurs, leaders of local development **and economically empowered**.
- On August 17, government donated security materials and equipment's (whistles, mobile phones, metal detectors, first aid kits and binoculars) for the reinforcement of the capacity of Vigilante Groups in the Logone and Chari to fight against Boko Haram insurgency. UNDP and Government is jointly carrying out an operation to identify and register the local vigilante committees in the region and ensure spot trainings for communal police officers. The Multinational Joint Taskforce has been working together with the Rapid Intervention Battalion, BIR, to protect the civilian population.
- **481 households (1,637 individuals)** have expressed the desire to return to their place of origin in CAR (**Baoro, Paoua, Bocaranga, Ngaoundaye, Bouar, Berbérati, Bozoum, and Bangui**). They are mainly from Toubouro areas 336 households (1,112 people) and 145 households (525 individuals) residents of Mbai-Mboum and Man-Rigara). Registrations for voluntary return applications continue.
- **12 awareness sessions on the Importance of Education for All** were organized to optimize enrolment and attendance rates for all school-age refugee children, especially girls in northern, Adamaoua and Eastern areas of intervention. **A door-to-door strategy was used with the support of community leaders and mobilizers** to convince heads of households to send all school-age children to school. **2,526 people were reached during the campaign.**
- **2019 DAFI scholarships** – Out of 202 candidates who passed the selection tests at all UNHCR Cameroon offices under the coordination of the MINESUP and the German Embassy in Cameroon, **38 were finally selected** based on the number of places allocated in Cameroon. **This brings the DAFI program to 98 beneficiaries of regular scholarship students this year in addition to 41 students who are to graduate**, at the end of the study cycle.

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