

Cameroon

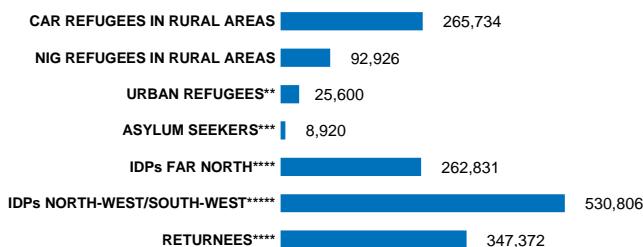
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Cameroon currently has **1,534,189 people of concern**, including **286,052 Central African** and **94,847 Nigerian refugees**.

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The **19th Edition of World Refugee Day was celebrated on 20 June under the theme "Inclusion"** with the slogan, *Take A step With Refugees.*

POPULATION OF CONCERN (1,534,189 AS OF 30 JUNE)



**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.

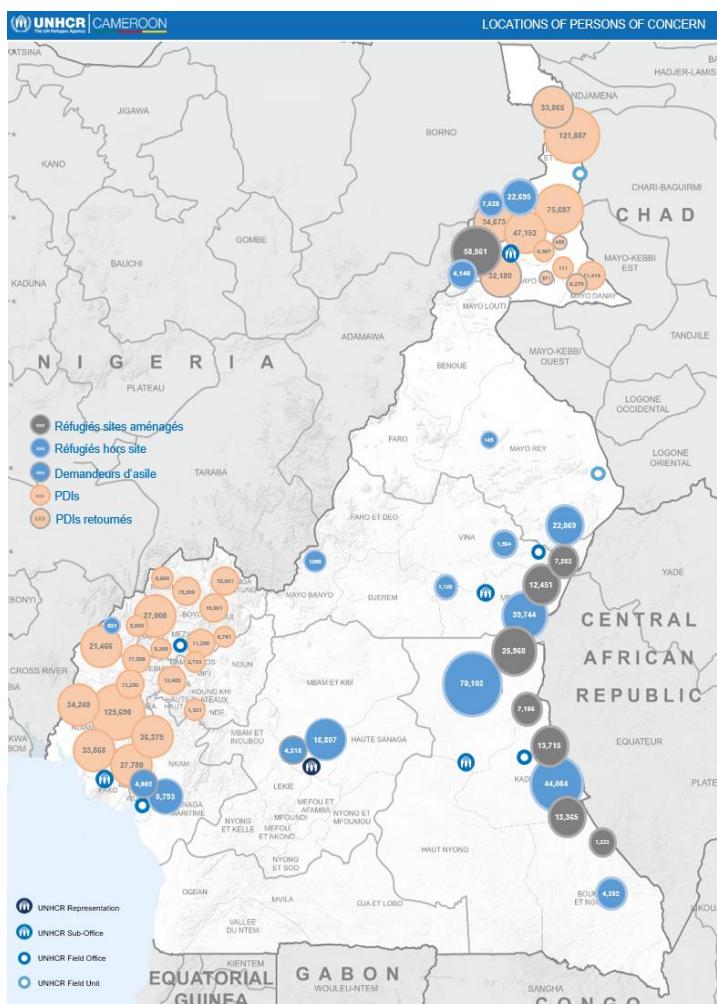
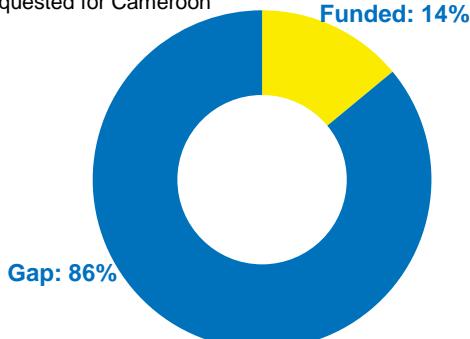
**** Source: IOM DTM #18. Including 237,349 estimated returnees in NW/SW regions.

*****IDPs in Littoral, North-West, South-West and West regions, Source: OCHA.

FUNDING (AS OF 30 JUNE)

USD 90.3 M

Requested for Cameroon



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff: 251

167 National Staff

42 International Staff

42 Affiliate workforce (8 International and 34 National)

11 OFFICES:

Representation – Yaounde

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 Internationales 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

- The **security situation in Cameroon's Far North Region has remained unstable and unpredictable** in light of the resurgence of Boko Haram attacks in the Logone and Chari, Mayo-Tsanaga, Mayo-Sava divisions and particularly the Lake Chad area. Latest attacks in these areas include one on the military base in Darak in Logone and Chari division on 9 to 10 June 2019, resulting in the death of 17 soldiers, 7 civilians and over 60 assailants according to official sources. Meanwhile, 40 Boko Haram members are reported to have been arrested during the reporting period. Suicide bombings and abduction of civilians have taken an upward trend in recent weeks. The group has continued with pillaging and burning of villages, and the population in border villages continues to live in fear of possible attacks.
- On June 29, the Governments of **Cameroon, the Central African Republic and UNHCR jointly signed a Tripartite Agreement for the voluntary repatriation of Central African refugees living in Cameroon**. The document defines the legal framework and sets out the modalities for the voluntary return of the about 280,000 refugees from CAR currently in Cameroon, living in the East, Adamawa and North regions, as well as in urban areas like Yaounde and Douala. The tripartite agreement guarantees that all repatriation will be voluntary and carried out as the conditions permit in safety and dignity. By 29 June in the East region, 203 households of 662 individuals had expressed the wish to return home, representing 202 households of 659 individuals from Lolo and 01 household of three individuals from Kentzou.
- The **19th edition of the World Refugee Day under the theme "Inclusion"**, with slogan "*Take a Step with Refugees*" was commemorated in Cameroon on 20 June, like elsewhere in the world. A series of activities was organized throughout the different offices of the country operation before, during and after the day in collaboration with the refugee community, government authorities and partner organizations, to celebrate their resilience. These included solidarity walks, football matches, photo and art exhibitions, community clean up campaigns and official ceremonies on the day, marked by the massive turnout of refugees, UN agencies, donors, and partner organisations.
- The **security situation in the North West and South West regions has remained volatile** with ensuing violence as fighting continues between the military and non-state armed groups. Between 11 and 15 June, a total of 190 households were affected by the violence in the localities of Bali, Bafut, Wum, Njikwa and Batibo in the North West region, causing people to move into Bamenda 1, 2 and 3 in Mezam division and in the South West, 178 households were affected with 100 in Ndekwa Manyu and 78 in Lebialem, with recorded movement of persons into Mamfe centre. Meanwhile the Minister for Territorial Administration, Paul Atanga Nji launched the Centres for the Coordination of Emergency Humanitarian Assistance in the North-West and South-West in Bamenda and Buea on 03 and 05 June respectively.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- **UNHCR's High Profile Supporter, Alexandre Song** visited the Gado and Lolo refugee camps in the East region and Borgop in the Adamawa, hosting Central African refugees from 03 - 06 June. While there, the international footballer sought to understand the challenges these persons of concern face on a daily basis. He was particularly moved by the issue of early pregnancies and marriages, and advocated the need for education especially for the girl child, the importance of birth certificates and access to health services. He visited schools, health centres and had meetings with partner NGOs and local authorities on their day-to-day work in providing assistance to this vulnerable population.
- **300 young girls and women aged 15 to 25 in the Minawao camp** who are either school dropouts or have never been to school, have begun vocational training to facilitate their socio-economic integration. The project is placed under the 'Second Chance Education' initiative which was launched on 11 June 2019 by UN Women in partnership with the Ministries of Women's Empowerment and the Family, and of Employment and Vocational Training. During the launch, UN women proceeded to the donation of 25 sewing machines and two computers. The different domains for skills acquisition include Information and Communication Technologies - ICTs, tailoring, agriculture, livestock rearing and petty trading.
- **31 medical staff attending to persons of concern to UNHCR in the East, Adamawa and North regions** have received training on the management of common non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, hypertension and asthma which are prevalent among the population in these areas. The training was carried out by two (02) consultants from Primary Care International – UK, and participants included 13 doctors and 18 nurses. Focus was paid on early diagnosis, care and management as well as medical follow-up of non-communicable diseases among others. The participants were trained as trainers and will be expected to transfer knowledge gained to their peers and community relay agents in the field.
- On 27 June, **150 young trainees made up of 81 girls and 69 boys aged 14 to 25 in Mokolo, Far North region, received work equipment to facilitate their socio-economic integration**. The donation of the equipment follows a training they received in varied domains like woodwork, welding, carpentry, auto mechanics, sewing, electronics and computer studies under the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) project, implemented by Plan International for the economic empowerment of young people. The beneficiaries include both refugees and members of the host communities who received the kits during an official ceremony in Mokolo attended by administrative authorities, partners and UNHCR.
- A **19-year old female refugee was in June selected by refugee youths in Cameroon to represent them at the Global Youth Advisory Council, GYAC**, which got underway on 29 June in Geneva. Quality education and the protection of persons of concern from sexual and gender-based violence especially among girls were some of the issues of concern flagged by the young representative who alongside peers from other countries met with UNHCR's High Commissioner. The Global Youth Advisory Council offers a platform for young refugees to share perspectives and input on their communities.

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