

Cameroon

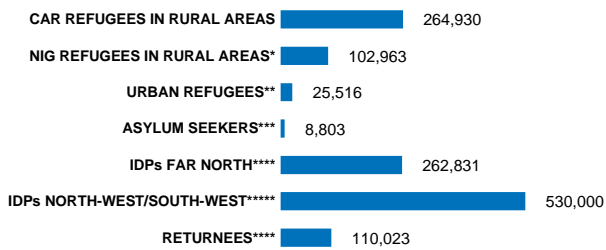
May 2019

Cameroon currently has **1,305,066** people of concern, including **285,173** Central African and **104,884** Nigerian refugees.

From 05 -11 May, **UNHCR led a Go-and-See visit to Yola, Adamawa state in Nigeria for the voluntary repatriation** process of Nigerian refugees

UNHCR has **opened a Field Office in Bamenda, North West Region, to better protect persons of concern** affected by increased internal displacement

POPULATION OF CONCERN (1,305,066 AS OF 31 MAY)



* Verification exercise still in progress

**Incl. 20,243 Central Africans and 1,921 Nigerian refugees living in urban areas.

***Incl. 6,917 Central Africans and 41 Nigerian asylum seekers living in urban areas.

**** Source: IOM DTM #18.

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

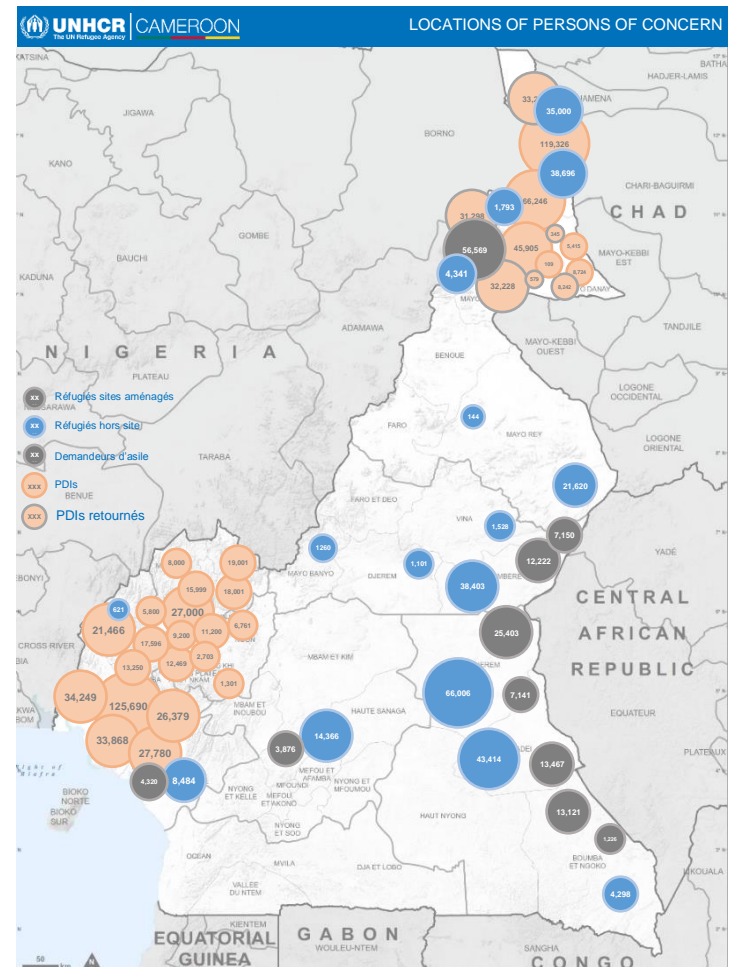
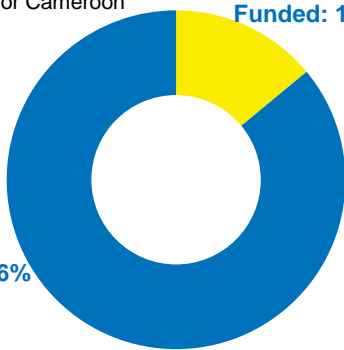
FUNDING (AS OF 31 MAY)

USD 90.3 M

Requested for Cameroon

Funded: 14%

Gap: 86%



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff: 257

164 National Staff

46 International Staff

47 Affiliate workforce (10 International and 37 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 Internationale* 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 unpredictable, characterised by attacks by the Boko Haram group.** The Logone and Chari, Mayo Tsanaga and Mayo Sava divisions have remained the most affected. Between 27 and 31 May in Logone and Chari for instance, a series of attacks resulted in the death of 06 persons. The modus operandi of the group has continued to be the burning of villages, pillaging and looting, kidnapping and of recent, the use of young female suicide bombers. Amid fears of increased attacks during the period for the Ramadan feast especially along border areas, Cameroon's Minister of Defence was in the region on 23 and 24 May to remobilise soldiers and strengthen the security of persons in the area.
- **UNHCR led a Go-and-See visit including 6 Nigerian refugees to Yola in the Adamawa state in Nigeria from 05 to 11 May 2019 within the framework of the voluntary repatriation of Nigerian refugees in the Minawao camp.** Discussions centred on the level of preparedness for both the Nigerian and Cameroonian sides in relation to the process. Meanwhile the registration of candidates for voluntary repatriation is continuing with a permanent team stationed at the camp. By 31 May, **698 households had been registered, representing 2726 candidates.**
- **UNHCR has opened a new field office in Bamenda, North West Region to step up its protection and assistance mechanism for persons forcefully displaced** there due to violence in the two English speaking regions. The office comes to strengthen the one in Buea in terms of managing the internal displacement situation that has forcefully moved some 530,000 persons. In follow-up, **a UNHCR mission from Geneva was in Bamenda and Buea between 20 and 24 May 2019.** The team met with administrative authorities and humanitarian actors in the regions to discuss the socio-political and humanitarian situation. Acknowledging efforts made by government and local authorities to foster assistance and protection activities in these areas, UNHCR advocated more collaboration with government.
- **Modalities for the implementation of an 18-month project to promote quality basic education for refugee children** in the East, Adamawa and Far North Regions are being examined by UNHCR, UNICEF, administrative and municipal authorities and partner agencies in the regions. The project funded under the **Global Partnership for Education, GPE** through UNICEF is evaluated at 7.76 million USD. It will consist of the construction of 200 fully equipped classrooms in 16 schools, with sanitary facilities, capacity-building for teachers and promotion of community action towards the education of children, especially the girl child and the implementation of alternative programmes for uneducated children etc.
- **The security situation in the North West and South West Regions has remained unpredictable and volatile.** The month of May was marked by increased violence as fighting between the military and non-state armed groups continued, coupled with killings, kidnappings and burning of property. Meanwhile the usual ghost towns, were amplified with imposed lockdowns notably during episodes of national holidays like 1 May (Labour Day) and 20 May (National Day).

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- **The World Bank, UNHCR and the national coordination unit of the IDA 3 funded National Community-Driven Development Programme, PNDP conducted a joint mission from 21 to 24 May in the East and Adamawa regions.** The overall objective of the mission was to contribute to the mid-term evaluation of the project, via a performance review of its main operations in these regions, with focus on forced displacement-related issues in the perspective of the coming IDA 18 refugee and host communities' sub-window financing. The mission had discussions with administrative and local authorities as well as with humanitarian partners, mayors of visited councils and representatives of refugee and host populations to better understand their needs and how refugees can contribute to the development of the host communities. The team was also interested in assessing the different sectors such as Education, WASH and civil status registration which are to benefit from the World Bank's IDA 18 funding. The programme entails a development approach to forced displacement, supporting commitments by host governments to enact policy change and addressing the social and economic dimensions of refugee situations.
- **Biometric registration for out-of-camp refugees in the Mayo Sava Division, Far North region, is continuing. As of 31 May, more than 1,782 households of 5329 individuals had been registered** in the Division. Meanwhile at the transit centre, 188 individuals representing 77 households were received during the reporting period.
- **On 14 May, UNHCR handed out 225 civil status registers to 15 centres for civil registration in Douala, in collaboration with the National Civil Status Registration Office (BUNEC).** The donation was preceded by a working session on statelessness at the UNHCR office in Douala. Similarly during the reporting period, **UNHCR collected 358 child birth declarations with supplementary judgements from the camp in Mbile, East region** to facilitate the establishment of birth certificates. The project is in partnership with government with the aim of providing all refugees born in Cameroon with birth certificates.
- The first draft of a **proactive and inclusive contingency plan to enable and facilitate an efficient response in case of an influx of Nigerian refugees in the Far North Region is being developed.** This is the first time UNHCR with government and local authorities, partner agencies, humanitarian and development actors are working together on such a plan. In this light, UNHCR's Senior Emergency Coordinator from headquarters, Bernadette Castel-Hollingsworth and the Senior Development Officer in Yaounde were in Maroua from 29 April to 03 May to support the process.
- **A total of 35 Central African refugees have been fully assisted for voluntary repatriation in safety and dignity to Bangui, in the Central African Republic.** The first group of 20 persons, 10 from Yaounde and another 10 from Douala, were voluntarily repatriated between 13 to 17 May. The second group made up of 15 persons, 13 from Douala and 02 from Yaounde were assisted in the process between 20 and 24 May 2019.

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