

# Cameroonian refugee situation, Nigeria

1 - 15 September 2018

**1,050** Cameroonian refugees were **voluntarily relocated** to **Adagom** settlement (Cross River state) with support from UNHCR and its partners.

UNHCR facilitated a **training** on **International refugee protection** for 36 **Government security officials** in Ogoja (Cross River state).

**370** Cameroonian **refugees** and **40** **host community** members were **trained** on **Entrepreneurship** and **business skills** in Adagom and Anyake refugee settlements.

## KEY INDICATORS

**26,891**

Cameroonian refugees registered with Level 1 and Level 2 registration

[As of 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018]

**6,796**

Cameroonian refugees registered with biometrics

[as of 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018]

**2,401**

Cameroonian refugees living in Anyake settlement, Benue State [as of 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018]

**2,295**

Cameroonian refugees living in Adagom settlement, Cross River State [as of 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018]



*Refugees preparing to relocate to Adagom settlement Cross River state © UNHCR/C. Cavalcanti*

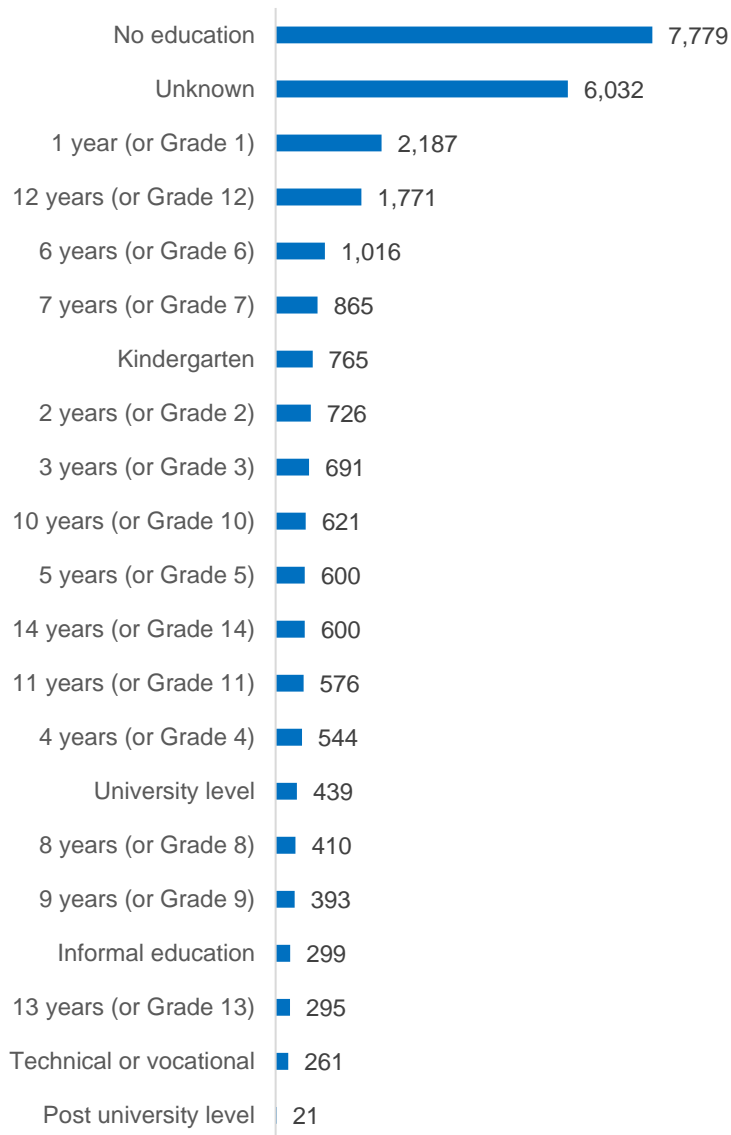
## OCCUPATION OF REFUGEES

Number of Persons by Type of Occupation

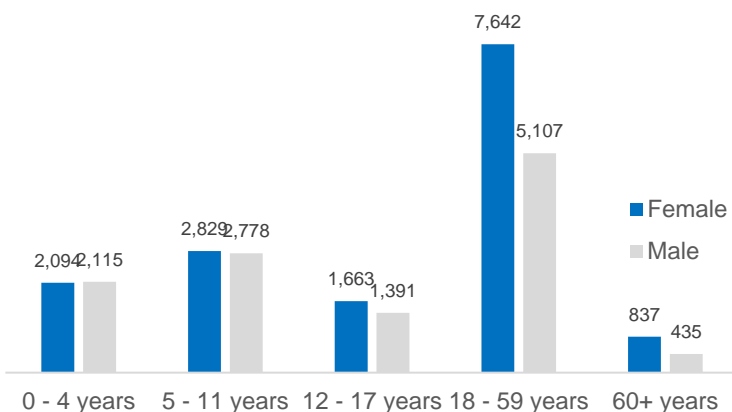


## EDUCATION LEVEL OF REFUGEES

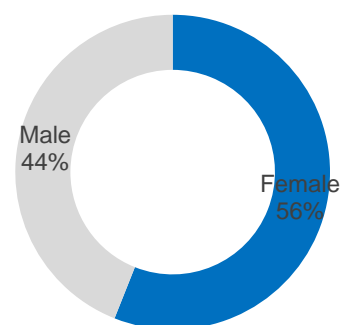
Number of Persons per Level



## REFUGEES BY AGE AND GENDER



## REFUGEES PER GENDER



## Update On Achievements

- **Protection** – UNHCR conducted a two-day training on refugee protection for 36 Government Security Officials including immigration and police in Ogoja (Cross River state), during the reporting period. The training was aimed at enhancing understanding of protection principles such as *non-refoulement* and government responsibilities in refugee protection; to raise awareness on the Cameroonian refugee situation in Nigeria; and to strengthen partnership with the different government agencies.
- **Community-based protection** – In Calabar, Cross River state, a community-based protection group comprising of 12 members representing the refugee communities of Calabar urban area, plus a member for Akampka Local Government Area was established on 7 September 2018 with technical support of UNHCR in Calabar (Cross River state). Members were taken through the UNHCR Code of Conduct, undertaking of confidentiality and training on specific needs codes. The group run on a voluntary basis will provide in helping to identify protection risks, explore their causes and effects, and jointly decide how to prevent and respond to them.
- **Prevention and protection against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV)** - During the reporting period, 197 adolescent girls in Adagom settlement (Ogoja Local Government Area, Cross River state) were sensitized by UNHCR protection partner Catholic Caritas Foundation of Nigeria on prevention and protection against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (S/GBV) and child protection in order to raise their awareness on prevention and reporting mechanism of SGBV cases in the settlement. Refugee adolescents face the risk of sexual exploitation and abuse if specific programs are not included in the overall protection and assistance delivery.
- **Child Protection** - On 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018, a child protection committee with 20 members (15 refugees and five from host community) was set up by UNHCR partner Caritas in Adagom Settlement to identify cases of child exploitation and abuse and facilitate referral to appropriate structures.
- **Relocation** – A total of four relocation convoys of 387 refugee households (1,050 individuals) was organized from the border localities of Ikom, Biajua, Abo Police and Ajassor to Adagom settlement (Cross River state) to Adagom settlement. Upon arrival, refugees received food (rice, beans, oil, sugar, and salt) and non-food items (including mats, blankets, buckets, soap, detergents and kitchen sets) and also benefited from temporary shelters, access to water, hygiene and sanitation facilities available at the site. Moreover, 406 spontaneous arrivals were recorded during the reporting period, bringing the total population of refugees living in Adagom settlement to 2,295 as of 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018.
- During the reporting period, 105 refugees arrived spontaneously to Anyake settlement (Benue state). As of 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018, a total of 2,401 individuals were living in the settlement.
- **Livelihoods** – On 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018, UNHCR partner Mediatrix Development foundation started a five-day entrepreneurship and business skills training for 370 refugees and 40 host community members (281 women and 132 men) in Anyake and Adagom settlements. Households fostering unaccompanied and separated children, women head of households, and individuals with specific needs were prioritized during the selection of beneficiaries in order to promote their self-reliance and dignity.
- **Registration** – As of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018, 8,020 Cameroonian refugees have been verified using ProGres database; and 6,796 of the verified population had their biometric data captured. Among those verified, 4,040 were new arrivals (including new-born babies, new arrivals and people living in remote locations not attended by level 1 registration).
- From 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018, UNHCR and National Commission for Refugees (NCFRMI) embarked on a registration mission to the border localities of Takum, Ussa and Kumi Local Government Areas (Taraba state) with the aim to register and profile new arrivals as well as sensitize refugees on voluntary relocation. A total of 1,355 Cameroonian refugees were registered, a majority of whom are women and children. Refugees living in these remote locations reported lack of food, relief items, health care and

shelter as a primary concern, as dependence on host community has overstretched community resources.

- A total of 2,487 Individual Identification (ID) cards were delivered to refugees in Cross River and Benue state as of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018.
- **Shelter** – 295 emergency shelters were constructed in Adagom settlement (Ogoja Local Government Area, Cross River state) during the reporting period with support from UNHCR partner Rhema Care. So far, 545 emergency shelters including family tents have been constructed in the site to accommodate relocated refugees.
- **Food and non-food items** - On 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018, the NGO Save the Children International (SCI) distributed non-food items (blankets, plastic cups, mosquito nets, buckets, jerry cans, cooking pots, frying pan, water guard and soap) to 215 households with vulnerable children in Anyake settlement, including households headed by minors, foster families for unaccompanied and separated children and households with children under five years of age.
- **Healthcare** – During the reporting period, 11 pregnant women and 23 children (0-5 years) were vaccinated in Adagom settlement. Moreover, 281 refugees received medical consultations, and ten deliveries were recorded in Primary Health Centre Adagom, Santa Maria Clinic, and Maternal and Child Hospital (Ogoja, Cross River state).
- In Anyake settlement (Benue state), 146 refugees accessed primary, secondary and tertiary health care services including 6 deliveries in Primary Health Centre Igyom, St. Monica Hospital Adikpo and Benue state Teaching hospital (Benue state) during the reporting period. The most recurrent diseases in both settlements include malaria, typhoid, urinary infections, ulcer, and hypertension.
- **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)** – Distribution of hygiene kits continued for 196 refugees (including buckets, jerry can, potty, soap and towel) in Adagom settlement during the reporting period. Moreover, menstrual hygiene kits were also distributed to 131 women and girls of reproductive age by UNHCR partner Norwegian Church Aid (NCA). The hygiene and menstrual kits will help promote dignity and personal hygiene of refugees in the site.
- 16 additional latrine blocks and 9 bathing shelters were set up in Adagom settlement by NCA during the reporting period. The WASH facilities improved sanitation and hygiene for refugees in the site.
- UNHCR partner Rhema Care improved the road access to Adagom settlement (Ogoja Local Government Area, Cross River state), allowing daily water trucking of 40m<sup>3</sup> of water.
- **Camp Management** – Anyake traditional chief and leaders of the host community allocated land for burial of refugees from Anyake settlement, after advocacy conducted by UNHCR.

## Critical needs and priorities

- **Registration** – In both refugee settlements, the backlog of refugees waiting for biometric registration represent a challenge for the planning and delivery of assistance.
- **Food and relief items** – In Taraba state, refugees are in need of food, relief items, shelter and protection from Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) particularly sexual exploitation, as majority of women are head of households.

## Challenges

- The Cameroon Refugee situation remains underfunded and this has a negative impact on the overall assistance available for refugees.
- Allocation of land for additional settlements remains a major challenge in refugee hosting states.

## Working in partnership

- Together with the Nigerian Government, through the National Commission for Refugees (NCFRMI), and State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), UNHCR ensures international protection and delivery of multi-sectoral assistance to the Cameroonian refugees and has established a monthly coordination meeting in Calabar to foster closer collaboration with other UN agencies and humanitarian actors. The following partners implement specific sector activities in this situation: Benue State NGO Network - BENGONET, Catholic Caritas Foundation Nigeria – CCFN, Catholic Diocese of Makurdi – Foundation for Justice Development and Peace – FJDP, Health Initiative for Safety and Stability in Africa – HIFASS, MEDATRIX Development Foundation, National Commission for Refugees – NCFRMI, Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) and RHEMACARE. Other partners also deliver services to the Cameroonian refugees with their own resources such as ADRA, ICRC, MSF and Save the Children.

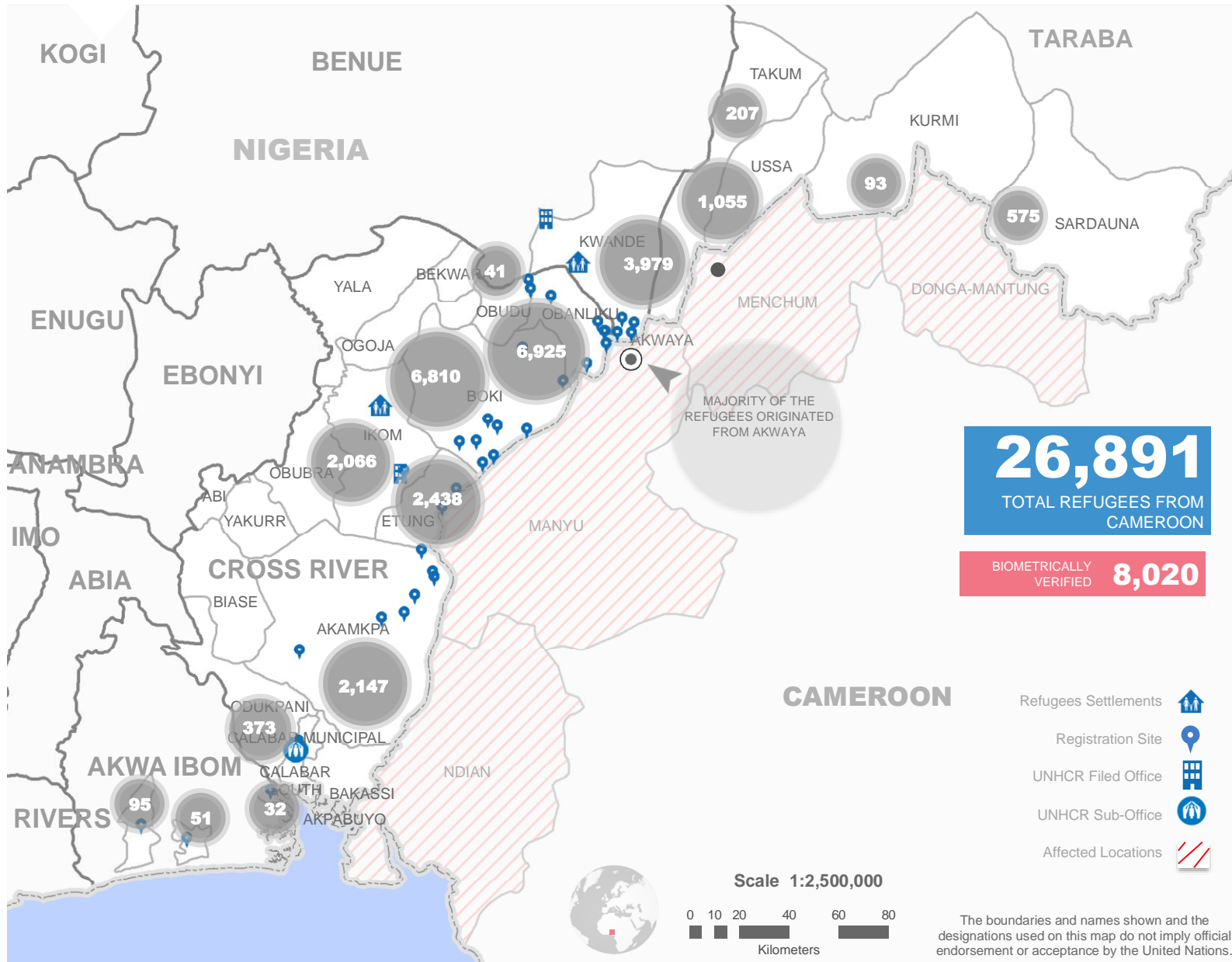
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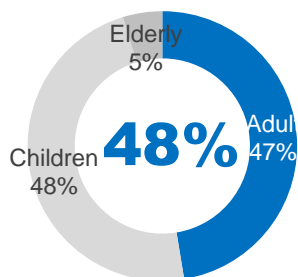


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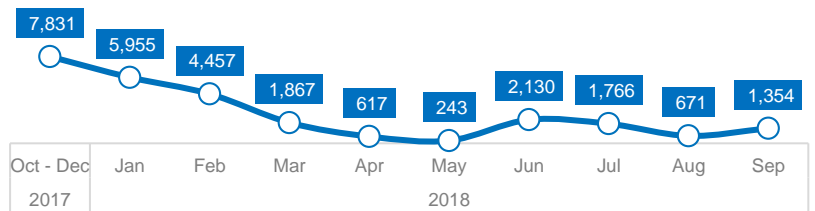
30% (8,020 individuals) of the total refugees counted at household level has been registered/verified through biometric capture of iris, fingerprints (10) and photo. Refugee information were also validated through amendment of their existing information, litigation and support of national documentations. Provision of Refugee ID cards will ensure that credible information will effectively and efficiently provide protection to refugees.

**REFUGEES PER AGE CATEGORY**



48% of registered Cameroonian refugees are under the age of 17

**COUNTED REFUGEES PER MONTH**



**COUNTED REFUGEES PER DEMOGRAPHICS**

