

Cameroon MCO

(Multi Country Operation - Cameroon, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, and Sao Tome & Principe)

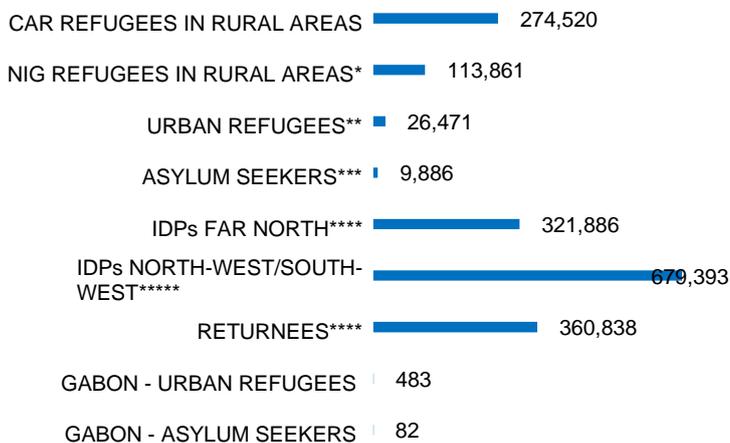
JULY 2020

Cameroon MCO currently has 1,787,420 people of concern, including 274,520 Central African Republic refugees, 113,861 Nigerian refugees, 36,357 urban refugees and asylum seekers of various nationalities, 1,001, 279 IDPs (321,886 in Far North and 679,393 in North West and South West regions) and 360,838 returnees (former IDPs) in the Far North, North West and South West regions, in addition to 476 refugees and 79 asylum seekers in Gabon.

1,396 refugee pupils and students sat the final year exams organised in July and August. These included 1,034 candidates for the First School Leaving Certificate, with 387 girls; and 362 candidates for GCE Ordinary Level, including 115 girls). This represents a performance rate of 82.39% (64.73% for boys and 35.27% for girls) of the total enrolment.

On 29 July 2020, twenty vulnerable refugee households in Douala, Littoral region received food donation from local authorities. The donation was made by a Cameroonian of goodwill, residing in the United States. UNHCR, local authorities and the beneficiaries, all appreciated the invaluable gesture in favour of refugees, which is sign of peaceful coexistence and hospitality in host communities.

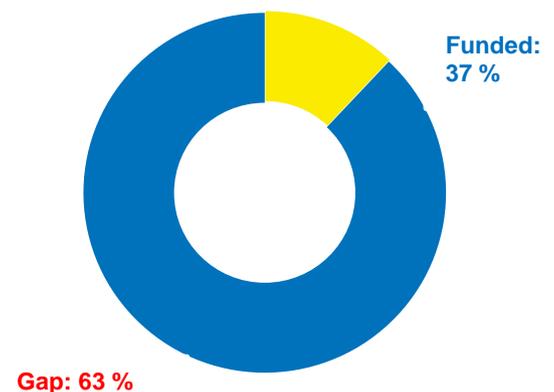
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FUNDING (AS OF 30 JULY 2020)

USD 100.1 million

Requested for Cameroon MCO in 2020



UNHCR PRESENCE

MCO Cameroon Staff:

218 National Staff
 63 International Staff
 05 Gabon staff

Offices:

01 Branch Office in Yaounde

03 Sub Offices: Bertoua, Maroua, Buea

06 Field Offices: Batouri, Meiganga, Djohong, Touborro, Douala and Bamenda

01 Field Unit – Kousseri

01 Gabon operation



Family photo of the handing over of donations to vulnerable refugees. City Hall of Douala 4th

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR coordinates protection and assistance for persons of concern in collaboration with:

- **Governmental 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, the *Secrétariat Technique des Organes de Gestion du Statut des réfugiés* and others.
- **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* and includes local authorities who are engaged in the management of the refugee operation. In the North West and South West regions, UNHCR ensures the leadership of the Protection and Shelter/NFI Clusters for the delivery of protection and assistance to IDPs. In the Far North, given the mixed situation (IDP, returnees and refugees), the Coordination is under the lead of the regional authorities with UNHCR as co-lead. As from early 2020, the operational responsibility of UNHCR Cameroon has been extended to cover UNHCR mandate activities in Gabon, Equatorial Guinea and Sao Tome & Principe. 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 as well as the Humanitarian Country Team and the United Nations Country Team.

MAIN HIGHLIGHTS

Non-State Armed Groups (NSAGs) attacks in the North West and South West regions, continue to cause insecurity and movements of civilian populations in several locations. **Multiple shooting incidents, torture, rape, abductions, demand for ransom, extrajudicial killings and roadblocks setup in multiple locations including areas in and around Buea and Bamenda cities were reported during the month. UN and other humanitarian agencies were also threatened by the NSAGs.** Consequently, displacement of civilians continued with limited humanitarian access and threats to humanitarian organizations. On 10 July, a community health worker, working with 'Doctors Without Border' was abducted and executed by presumed NSAG in Mbalangi-Kumba (Fako Division of South West Region). Again, **on 22 July, NSAG fighters attempted to disrupt the examination session for primary school pupils sitting the First School Leaving Certificate examination by carrying out sporadic shootings at a center in Bafut – Mezam division, when a local authority was on visit.**

In the Far North, the overall security situation at the borders with Nigeria remained tense. Several significant incidents involving armed groups were reported in Mayo-Sava, Mayo Tsanaga and Logone & Chari divisions. On 25 July, at least 18 people were killed in a spontaneous site for internally displaced persons in Nguetchewe. However, UNHCR's activities throughout the region had not experienced any major incidents. **Urban crime remains constant in both Maroua and Kousséri despite both pedestrian and motorized patrols through the various city arteries and closures.**

Meanwhile several cases of kidnappings for ransom continue to be reported in refugee and IDP hosting locations (Adamawa, North, Far North regions). **Access to humanitarian space remains a constant challenge, in the English-speaking regions and in the Far North both for humanitarian actors and for beneficiaries due to persisting insecurity.**

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

Protection Monitoring –The Monitoring of protection activities continue to be carried out in the English-speaking regions by INTERSOS, UNHCR's implementing partner. 133 protection incidents have been reported (representing 58.6% females (that is 78) and 41.4% were males (55) within the reporting period. **Majority of reported incidents are threat to life and personal security (37.6%), destruction of shelters (33.8%), and SGBV (6.8%).** There were also cases of partial destruction of habitat (5.3%), Extortion of property (4.5%), and Property destruction (3.8%). Other incidents accounted for 8.3%. **The increase of daily protection incidents is due to the continuous military operations on the camps of non-state armed groups.** NSAG fighters are seemingly fleeing towards townships and perpetrating attacks on security and defence forces and areas that had been earlier considered safe.

Health

as of 31 July 2020, a total of seven (07) cases had been recorded among refugees in Cameroon, the first case having been reported on in April (Yaounde). **UNHCR and partners continue to mainstream COVID-19 awareness-raising and sensitization activities in all protection and assistance to the benefit of refugees and IDPs. The training of community health workers continues with nutrition in COVID-19 crisis situations.** Approximately 75% of the targeted refugee children from the Central African Republic were vaccinated in a measles response vaccination campaign carried out in Ngam and Borgop sites in the Adamawa region and which ended on 12 July.

Livelihoods

On 27 July 2020, **UNHCR met the Divisional Delegate of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Civic Education, MINJEC of Douala II for a partnership to support young refugees in civic education, job training and certification in various self-employment opportunities.** The different sectors include crafts, agriculture, animal husbandry, aesthetics and hairdressing, refrigeration and air

conditioning. Considering the importance of socio-economic integration of refugees, resource mobilization becomes an urgency for such an action.

Water Hygiene and Sanitation, WASH

Quantity of water supply to Central African refugees during the reporting period stood at about an average of 16 litres per person per day in refugee sites while for Nigerian refugees in the Minawao camp, water supply decreased from 15 litres to 13 litres. The decrease is due to the halt in water trucking in June in the camp because of a lack of funds. **At the same time, 15 out of 30 boreholes were rehabilitated in host communities to support of COVID-19 prevention. There is also lack of adequate water storage containers in households, to reduce the frequency of visits to water points, thus exposing the refugees to risks of COVID-19 contamination.**

Shelter /Core Relief Items

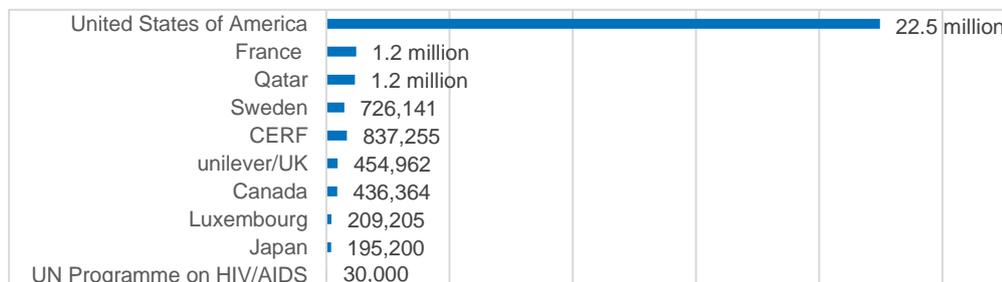
In the Far North, UNHCR and its partner, Public Concern (PC) have distributed 115 shelter kits to refugees, making a total of 291 out of 370 planned for year 2020. **IEDA (International Emergency and Development Aid) is also collaborating for the installation of tents for new arrivals. 163 tents and 335 Refugee Housing Units (RHUs) have been installed for vulnerable households.** In addition, 700 shelter kits were distributed to beneficiaries through Cash Based Interventions, CBI. The implementing partner **Plan International is collaborating in data collection in 10 communities in Kumbo, Bui division, North West region, for the distribution of 1,000 shelter kits and 800 core relief items to internally displaced persons.** During distribution sessions, beneficiaries are also educated on measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

GABON: From 19 to 29 July, UNHCR in Gabon organized a joint mission with the National Commission for Refugees to refugee hosting provinces (Ogooué-Ivindo, Haut-Ogooué, Ogooué-Lolo) to update and verify information on refugees; monitoring income-generating activities ; and assessed the impact of COVID-19 on beneficiaries. **Unfortunately, COVID-19 restrictions have limited data collection and update exercises. However, eight (08) out of 13 activities visited need to be strengthened; five (05) others have gone bankrupt.** Most of these activities are carried out by former refugees who were supported with residence permits.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD 27.7 million for MCO Cameroon



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