

Cameroon

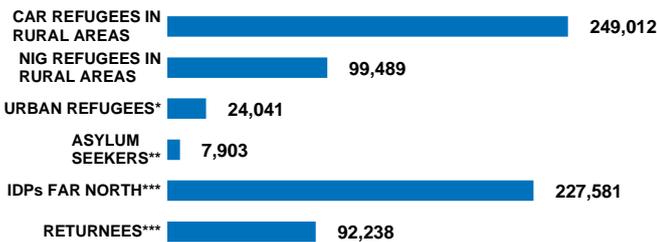
October 2018

Cameroon currently has **700,264** people of concern, including **267,813** Central African and **101,404** Nigerian refugees.

Activation of clusters to support humanitarian response scale-up in the South-West and North-West regions.

Preparations underway in the Far North region in order to begin **biometric registration of out-of-camp refugees**.

POPULATION OF CONCERN (700,264 AS OF 30 OCTOBER)



*Incl. 18,801 Central Africans and 1,915 Nigerian refugees living in urban areas.

**Incl. 6,398 Central Africans and 28 Nigerian asylum seekers living in urban areas.

*** Source: IOM DTM #14.

According to OCHA and local organizations, an estimated 438,000 people are displaced in the North West, South West, West and Littoral regions and are in need of humanitarian assistance.

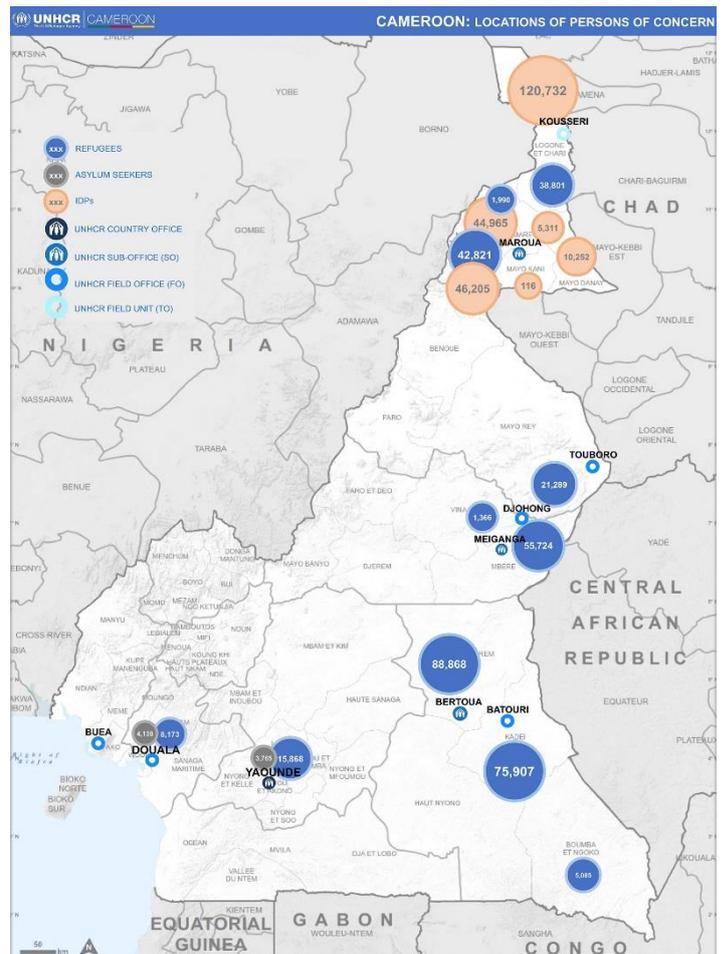
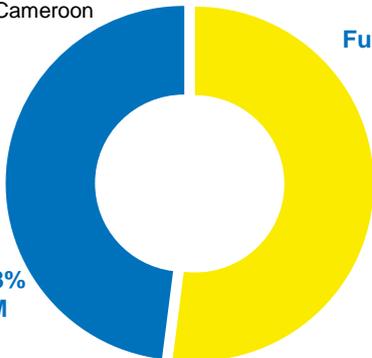
FUNDING (AS OF 30 OCTOBER)

USD 86.7 M

Requested for Cameroon

Funded: 52%
45.4 M

Gap: 48%
41.3 M



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff: 240

144 National Staff

51 International Staff

45 Affiliate workforce (9 International and 36 National)

10 OFFICES:

Representation – Yaounde

Sub Offices – Bertoua, Meiganga and Maroua

Field Offices – Batouri, Djohong, Touboro, Douala and Buea

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 Empowerment and 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

- On 17 October, following a request from the HCT in Cameroon, the Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC), Mark Lowcock, confirmed the activation of eight clusters to support scale-up of the humanitarian response in the South-West and North-West regions of Cameroon. This followed the deployment of a UNHCR Emergency Response Team (ERT) to Buea this month, to assist in the setting-up of the office and the cluster leadership arrangements for the two sectors that UNHCR will be leading; protection and Shelter/NFIs.
- A joint UNHCR, OCHA, WFP and IOM mission was undertaken on 19 October to Mokolo, Mozogo and Moskota in the Far North region within the framework of evaluating living conditions and the implementation of CERF funded projects in IDP sites. The mission met and held discussions with IDPs who raised the issues of lack of access to cultivable land to sustain a living, lack of access to health facilities due to lack of money to pay for medication, access to education as they often lack money to pay school fees.
- Preparations took place throughout the month in order to launch the biometric registration of out of camp refugees, scheduled to begin on 3 November in the department of Logone-et-Chari. UNHCR met with local authorities and partners in order to explain the various steps leading-up and during the registration activity. UNHCR and its partner, Intersos, also provided trainings to the registration team, some of whom have been specifically recruited for this activity.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- The first meeting of the protection cluster took place on 30 October in Buea. It provided a forum to sensitize participants on the role of coordination and the main tasks of UNHCR as cluster lead. Identified priorities of the cluster will include, amongst others, the development of a terms of reference (TORs), the mapping of protection actors, respective activities/interventions to be carried out until the end of the year, the identification and analysis of protection risks and the development of a comprehensive protection strategy to this particular context. UNHCR also stands ready to provide protection trainings to local NGOs should the need be identified. The first Shelter/NFI cluster meeting took place on 23 October. The TORs that had been prepared by Shelter/NFI Working Group in Yaounde, were discussed and the coordinator presented the structure of the strategy to be developed.
- Since May 2018, UNHCR has observed the steady return of Nigerians that had left Minawao camp spontaneously during the course of 2017. As of end October, UNHCR had registered and reactivated the refugee status of 1,121 individuals that have returned to Cameroon, including some 260 in October. They are essentially women, children, young men and elderly who say that they have returned due to continued insecurity in Banki.
- In the East and Adamaoua regions, UNHCR has been conducting preliminary discussions with Central African refugees about the possibility of voluntary return. Emphasis was made that UNHCR is not currently promoting voluntary return to the Central African Republic but stands ready to facilitate the return of any one interested in returning definitively. Return areas are limited to certain bordering towns including Berberati, Carnot, Bouar and Baoro in the western prefectures of Mambere Kadei et Nana-Mambere. Refugees raised various concerns and questions related to the modalities of return, particularly the type of assistance that would be received upon arrival to return areas. They also raised questions about the limited areas of return where it was explained that this was due to the more favourable security environment.

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