

Situation report on the arrival of new refugees from Cameroon

CHAD, Province of Chari-Baguirmi

11,000

Estimated number of new arrivals from Cameroon at the first assessment

8,749

Number of individuals registered (L1) by UNHCR
(2,248 households)

93%

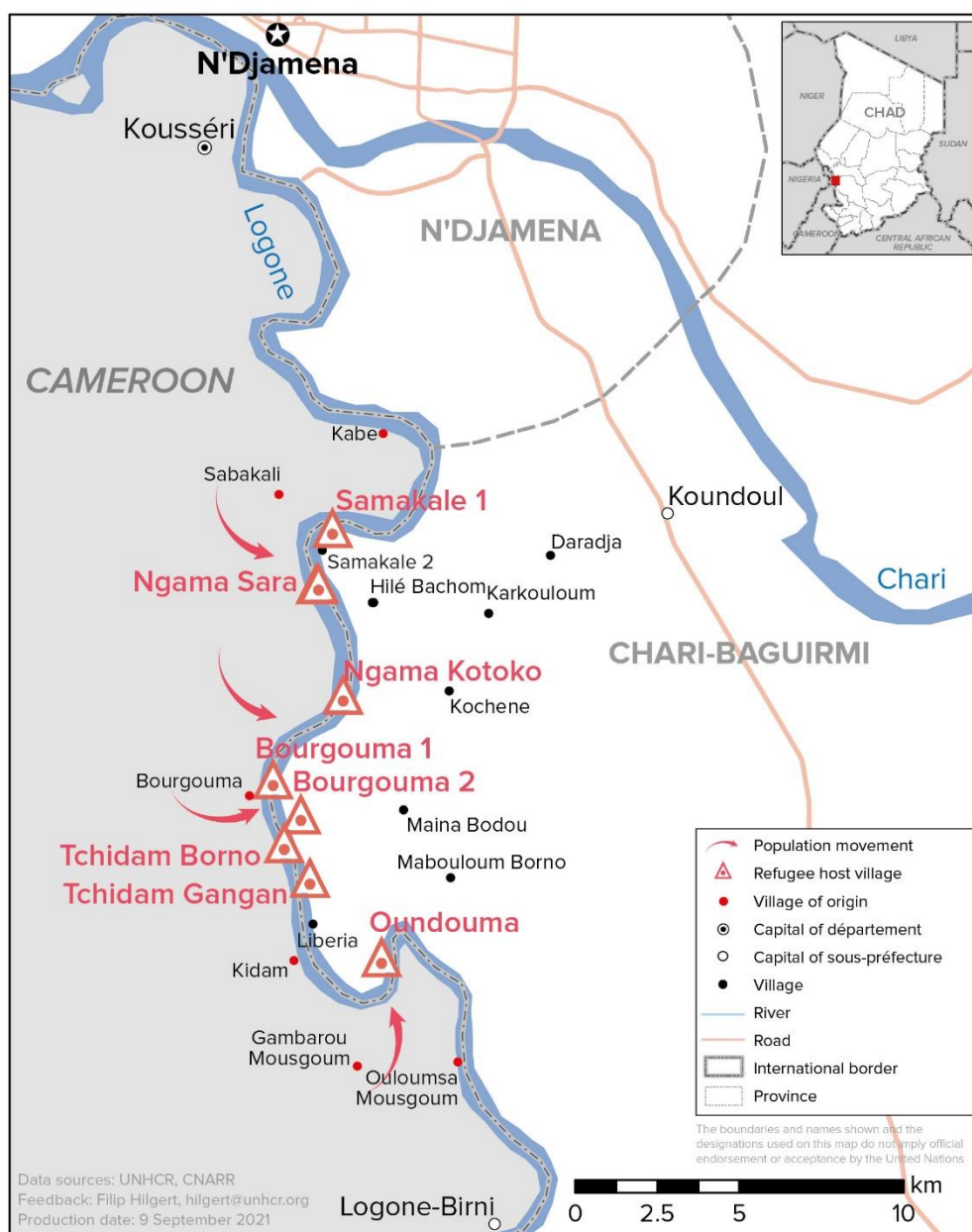
Percentage of women and children

3,023

Number of medical consultations

209,023

Number of hot meals distributed at 5 sites



OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

- Pre-registration of refugees has been completed. Currently, **8,749 individuals, or 2,248 households, have been registered.**
- Since the beginning of the intervention, the Red Cross of Chad (CRT) has distributed **209,023 hot meals** (124,865 more since the last report). The mobile clinics have treated **3,023 patients** (768 more since the last report).
- **30 latrines and 30 showers** have been set up, 20 in Oundouma, 6 in Ngama Kotoko and 4 in Bourgouma-01.
- **10 community hangars** were built, 8 in Oundouma, 2 in Ngama Kotoko and 2 in Bourgouma-01.
- **4 midwives** are providing assistance to pregnant women and **1,000 dignity kits** have been distributed.
- Children's play activities were organized in Oundouma and Ngama Kotoko, and **195 toys** (balloons, cars, animals, etc.) were distributed to refugee children.

COORDINATION:

On 4 September a **cross border visit and meeting between the authorities of Cameroon and Chad** took place, in the presence of the CNARR, UNHCR, the First Counsellor of the Embassy of Cameroon in Chad, Cameroonian local authorities, and partners. During this meeting, the Cameroonian authorities announced that the security conditions for the refugees to voluntary return to their country of origin were favourable.

An ECHO mission focused on the activities organized by IRC was carried out in Oundouma and Ngama Kotoko on 8 September 2021.

A **mapping of health and nutrition interventions and needs** has been revised with partners on the ground.

Every Thursday coordination meetings with UNHCR and partners are held, chaired by UNHCR and co-chaired by CNARR to share updates and exchange information.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE BY SECTOR:



REGISTRATION

Level 1 registration (pre-registration) of refugees who had received a wristband completed on 9 September. The refugees responded to a short questionnaire on specific needs, as well as their intention to return.

In one week, **8,749 people were registered** in 9 villages, of which 59% were women (5,135) and 41% men (3,614).

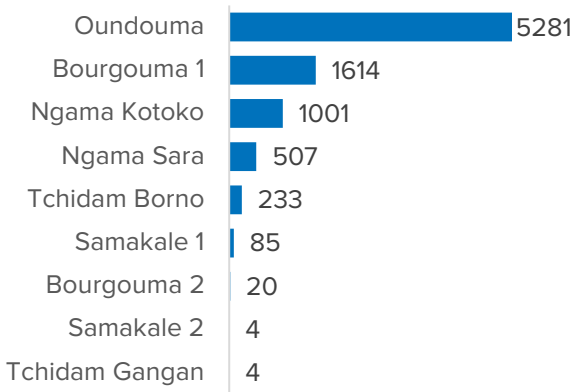
Among women, 65% are minors under the age of 18 (3,350) and 35% adults (1,785).

Among men, 82% are minors under the age of 18 (2,977) and 18% adults (637).

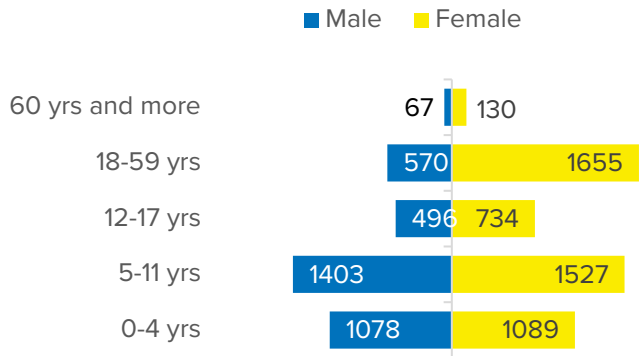
Adult males represent only 7% of the population. Therefore, **93% of all persons registered are women and children.**

Of the 2,248 households identified, **80% (1,793) announced their intention** to return to their country of origin as soon as security conditions permit, and 20% (455) said they are not ready to return yet.

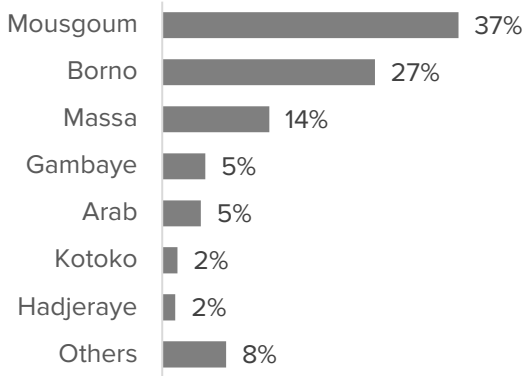
Pre-registered refugees by site



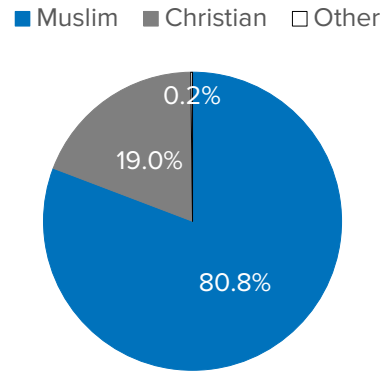
Sex and age pyramid



Ethnic groups



Religions



Child protection, including recreational activities

UNHCR and CNARR jointly conducted a rapid identification of children at risk through a preliminary assessment of their urgent needs.

So far 24 unaccompanied children have been identified, including 17 girls. Arrangements have been made with community leaders to temporarily entrust these children into foster care.

The NGO CHAILD distributed games and recreational materials to children at different sites. On 8 September 2021 a meeting between this NGO and UNHCR took place to coordinate further assistance actions.

A joint Education-Child Protection mission is planned for 10 September to the refugee sites to assess the general child protection situation, the prospects related to the start of the school year and the priority educational needs to be considered.

UNICEF is planning child protection activities in collaboration with the CRT in the coming weeks. On 13 September 2021 a coordination meeting between UNHCR and UNICEF is scheduled to discuss joint activities.



HEALTH / NUTRITION

The system set up to meet the urgent needs in the health and nutrition sector for Cameroonian refugees in Chari Baguirmi remains active.

Two temporary health posts located in Ngama Kotoko and Oundouma cover sexual and reproductive health needs. These posts are assisted by 4 midwives employed by UNFPA support pre- and post-natal consultations, curative consultations, household planning, as well as the preparation and management of GBV, PMTCT.

Two mobile clinics of the NGO ADES offer curative care and ensure the surveillance of diseases with epidemic potential. Awareness-raising activities, psychosocial care, consultations in the fields of reproductive health, in particular in the following areas:

- pre- and post-natal consultations
- curative consultations
- household planning
- prevention and management of GBVs
- prevention of mother-to-child transmission
- nutritional screening and referral if necessary

Two IRC health posts, located in Ngama Kotoko and Oundouma, offer a wide range of primary and preventive curative care, as well as the management of malnutrition.

The Mandalya District Hospital, supported by the NGO IRC, provides care for medical, surgical and obstetric referrals.

Since the first health interventions, on 5 September 2021, the following has been recorded:

- 3,023 medical consultations
- 209 antenatal consultations
- 16 postnatal consultations
- 10 deliveries
- 40 new people joining household planning
- 1,466 children whose nutritional status was checked by measuring the circumference of the mid-upper arm (MUAC)
- 104 new admissions to the supplementary nutrition unit
- 84 new admissions to the outpatient nutrition unit
- 2 people referred to the therapeutic nutritional unit



FOOD SECURITY

Food distribution by the Chadian Red Cross (CRT) continued with more than 209,023 hot meals distributed between 19 August and 7 September 2021.

- 10 4895 hot meals in Oundouma (including Tchidam Gangan and Liberia)
- 55,218 hot meals in Ngama Kotoko
- 38,814 hot meals at Ngama Sara (including Samakale 2)
- 43,125 hot meals in Bourgouma 1 (including Bourgouma 2, Tchidam Borno)

A tripartite agreement between UNHCR, WFP and CRT provides for the distribution of dry food rations by WFP and CRT starting 10 September 2021. Food distributions are individual and will only concern people who have been registered. Each person will receive the following food ration (equivalent of 1,050 calories): rice 250 gr; vegetables 25 gr; oil 15 gr.

Hot meal distribution activities by the CRT will cease as soon as beneficiaries have received the WFP ration.



COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

The construction of 10 community hangars in the various sites has been completed. 8 are installed in Oundouma and 2 in Ngama Kotoko. 2 additional hangars are still under construction in Bourgouma 1.



WATER, HYGIENE AND SANITATION

The construction and installation of the 30 latrines and 30 community showers has been completed.

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