**Overview**

In 2017, security conditions in the Lake Chad Basin (LCB) region improved moderately in inland Niger and Chad but remained volatile across the region’s border areas. The Nigerian refugee population fluctuated slightly in Cameroon with a steady flow of new arrivals, but also self-organized returns. However, most refugees engaged in and back and forth movements as a result of worsening security sub-standard living conditions in Nigeria. In many areas, humanitarian access and presence increased but not enough to counter the conflict’s incrementally damaging socio-economic impact on refugees and their hosts, resulting in an alarming rise of food insecurity and malnutrition throughout the region. In 2018, RRRP partners will focus on implementing durable solutions and supporting access to asylum and protection for persons fleeing the conflict. They will continue to provide life-saving humanitarian assistance and in parallel, implement interventions that support local integration for refugees wishing to stay.

**Cameroon**

RRP partners will assist 100,000 refugees and 45,000 Cameroonian hosts. It is expected that approximately 25,000 refugees may wish to return to Nigeria during the course of the year (20,000 assisted and 5,000 self-organized). Ensuring access to asylum and maintaining its civilian and humanitarian character will constitute key protection priorities. Activities carried out for hosts will include livelihood interventions, ensuring the upkeep of infrastructures and providing basic services. Still, the key operational priority throughout the 2018-2020 period lies in providing durable solutions for Nigerian refugees, such as local integration or facilitated return, in accordance with the Tripartite Agreement signed on 2 March 2017.

**Chad**

In Chad, 10,000 Nigerian refugees and 15,000 host community members will receive assistance. Key among protection activities will be the improvement of civil registration and documentation to prevent statelessness, assistance to persons with specific needs and assistance to separated and unaccompanied children. Secondly, given the Lake region’s sub-standard immunization rate and poor general health coverage, partners will focus on improving health infrastructures, referrals and basic services such as maternity care. To address growing food insecurity, the use of cash vouchers will be prioritised where possible and support for livelihood activities and access to land will be reinforced to improve peaceful coexistence and self-sufficiency.

**Niger**

Overall, 108,000 refugees and 15,000 hosts will be assisted in Niger and an estimated 30,000 refugees may opt to return voluntarily. Further to ensuring biometric registration, additional staff will be deployed to monitor pendular population movements. Partners will support Niger authorities to ensure durable infrastructure is established at key displacement sites (there are currently 147 sites hosting refugees in the region). These interventions will be coupled with investments in the provision of alternative energy to refugee households and legal access to land through the Urbanization programme. In order for RRRP partners to be able to focus on emergency response, they will seek the support of development actors, who will focus on transitioning out of the emergency.
### PROTECTION

**Access to asylum and protection is enhanced**
1,600 representatives of Government authorities, international organizations and civil society trained on refugee protection

**Refugees are registered and receive appropriate documentation, and access to civil registration and documentation is enhanced**
Over 95% of refugees registered on an individual basis and received appropriate documentation

**The civilian and humanitarian character of refugee hosting areas is maintained and humanitarian access as well as civil-military coordination are strengthened**
550 military and security force elements trained on protection, human rights and humanitarian principles

**Persons with specific needs are safe and receive appropriate preventive, responsive and restorative services**
1,796 UASC identified and supported (placed in alternative/ad interim care and/or monitored and/or reunified)
100% of reported SGBV survivors received appropriate support

**Refugees are assisted through a comprehensive solutions approach**
12 analyses related to durable solutions conducted, including return intention surveys

### EDUCATION

**Population has optimal access to education**
69,213 children have access to formal and non-formal education

### FOOD SECURITY

**The food needs of populations are met**
161,985 individuals received food assistance

### HEALTH

**Access to and quality of health care is improved**
100% of refugee children vaccinated against measles

### NUTRITION

**The prevention of and response to malnutrition is strengthened**
26,200 children screened, identified and admitted into MAM and SAM treatments

### SHELTER & NFIs

**Population is provided with adequate shelter**
20,384 households provided with shelter (constructed and/or maintained)

**Sufficient amounts of basic and domestic items are provided**
27,067 households received NFIs

### WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

**Population has access to a minimum amount of clean drinking water**
20L of water are available on average per person, per day

**Population lives in satisfactory conditions of sanitation and hygiene**
6,729 household sanitary facilities constructed/improved

### LIVELIHOODS

**Self-reliance and livelihoods are improved**
14,300 households received production kits or support for agriculture/livestock/fisheries

### ENVIRONMENT

**Populations have sufficient access to energy and natural resources and their impact on the environment is reduced**
14,671 households received fuel, energy saving stoves and equipment

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