Highlights

On 21 and 22 April, Deputy Governor of Cross River state Ivera Esu visited Cameroonian refugees in Agbokim, Ikom, Etung, and Ikom LGAs respectively. Mr. Esu announced the decision to provide free healthcare and education to refugees in Cross River state henceforth. The Deputy Governor also announced the donation of a new building in Ikom with the capacity to host some 200 refugees.

According to a media report, on 20 April, a Cameroonian army vehicle went over a mine in Eyumedjock, southwest Cameroon killing two soldiers during clashes with separatists, which also caused internal displacements in Cameroon. There are increasing reports of the presence of Cameroonian armed forces at borders with Nigeria and arbitrary arrests of Cameroonians fleeing Cameroon amidst clashes between security forces and separatists.

UNHCR met with local authorities in Makurdi LGA, Benue state, for discussions on establishing a state level refugee relocation committee on 17 April. The committee will be made up of Nigeria Immigration Service, National Emergency Management Agency and State Emergency Management Agency, the Police and state representative. Majority of refugees in Benue state are hosted in villages that are less than 50 km from the border. Relocation will ensure better protection and services to refugees.

UNHCR Response

In Cross River state, UNHCR and partner, Rhema-Care, assessed two plots of land for refugee relocation in Obanliku LGA. Assessment of two proposed plots of land was also carried out in Ogoja LGA. Joint Shelter/WASH assessment was conducted for a potential new site in Ogoja, 100 km north of Ikom.

Rhema-Care distributed 45 motherhood kits to 30 pregnant women and 15 lactating mothers in Obanliku, Ikom, Boki and Etung LGAs.

Communities in Nigeria have been stretched hosting the refugees for the past seven months. Hence, there is increasing cross-border movement of Cameroonian refugees into Cameroon due to lack of food. Some refugee families are going to their farmlands in Cameroon in search of food. Some Cameroonian refugees in Nigeria reported that they were attacked by Cameroon security forces in Cameroon.

UNHCR partner Caritas organized peaceful co-existence talks with refugee groups in Danare and Blajuw villages in Boki LGA, where tensions have grown due to insufficient food and non-food items distributions.

In Benue, Kwande LGA, two refugee children with orthopaedic conditions at the Abande, Kwande LGA refugee shelter were referred to secondary healthcare services in Makurdi LGA. Also, seven pregnant refugees were referred for antenatal care at the Abande health centre. Meanwhile, 11 refugees were identified with severe medical conditions. Unfortunately, referral hospitals in Benue are on strike.

UNHCR WASH Officer and WASH partner, Norwegian Church Aid (NCA), have commenced WASH works at the relocation site in Anyake, Kwande LGA including, borehole assessment, water trucking, and setting up of latrines with septic tanks. At the site, water resources, such as surface water or existing boreholes, are not available and thus water trucking will have to be carried out until a borehole is drilled and a reservoir is constructed. Meanwhile, other road and shelter works to prepare the refugee settlement site continue including, construction of multipurpose house and installation of concrete culverts on the access road.
NIGERIA: Registration of Asylum Seekers

18 March 2018

REGISTRATION OF ASYLUM SEEKERS FROM CAMEROON
AS OF 18 MAR 2018

20,485

REGISTERED ASYLUM SEEKERS

20,485

REGISTERED ASYLUM SEEKERS PER MONTH

Registered Asylum Seekers

CAMEROON

MAJORITY OF THE REGISTERED ASYLUM SEEKERS ORIGINATED FROM AKWAYA

STATE

CROSS RIVER

BENUE

AKWA-IBOM

GRAND TOTAL

NIGERIA

REGISTRATION POINTS

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AGE AND GENDER BREAKDOWN OF ASYLUM SEEKERS

REGISTERED ASYLUM SEEKERS FROM CAMEROON AS OF 18 MAR 2018

GRAND TOTAL

1,794 3,479 2,773 5,959 3,672 2,888