Situation report on the emergency of new refugees in Cameroon

CHAD, Province of Chari-Baguirmi

- **8,749**
  - Number of individuals registered (L1) by UNHCR (2,248 households)

- **93%**
  - Percentage of women and children

- **7,787**
  - Number of curative consultations

- **289,991**
  - Number of hot meals distributed
COORDINATION:

On 23 September 2021, the National Commission for Assistance to Refugees and Returnees (CNARR) and the UNHCR, accompanied by local authorities, visited the sites of Cameroonian refugees settled in the Chari-Baguirmi region, including Oundouma, Bourgouma 1 and 2, Ngama-Kotoko and Ngama-Sara.

The mission’s objective was twofold:

1. To inform the refugees of the organisation of a “go and see” visit to the villages in Cameroon.
2. To ask the refugees to designate representatives who will accompany the CNARR, the UNHCR and the local authorities to inform themselves on the security and humanitarian conditions in the areas of return to Cameroon.

This visit will allow refugees to report back to their communities after their return to Chad and to ensure that the decision to return voluntarily to the country of origin is well informed.

 Twelve people were identified in three different sites - two women and two men from each site - in Oundouma, Bourgouma and Ngama Kotoko.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE BY SECTOR:

PROTECTION

Child welfare, including recreation

Of the 24 unaccompanied children (including 17 girls) who have been previously identified, 7 have been subject to a best interest determination in view of the voluntary repatriation process. A UNHCR-UNICEF-ICRC meeting is scheduled for this week to discuss the modalities of re-establishing family links for children who have lost track of their family members.

Continued discussions with UNICEF regarding specific assistance activities that this agency plans to provide to unaccompanied and separated children. However, the joint UNHCR-WFP and UNHCR-CNARR mission reports indicate that many school-age children have returned to Cameroon to resume school.
HEALTH / NUTRITION

Key figures:

- 7,787 Number of curative consultations provided to refugees and nationals at the sites, including 5,369 consultations for refugee women and 2,420 for nationals;
- 4,460 consultations were due to malaria, i.e. 57.27% of consultations;
- 450 prenatal consultations and 36 postnatal consultations were carried out by the 4 midwives deployed by UNFPA;
- 33 births were recorded, 33 of which were to refugee women and 8 to indigenous women;
- 90 new members in family planning.

The current emergency health and nutrition response for Cameroonian refugees in Chari Baguirmi remains:

- Two health posts offering sexual and reproductive health activities, located in Ngama Kotoko and Oundouma, with 4 midwives deployed by UNFPA (prenatal consultations, postnatal consultations, curative consultations, family planning, prevention and management of GBV, PMTCT ...);

- Two mobile clinic teams from the NGO ADES with a multipurpose team providing curative care, surveillance of diseases with epidemic potential, awareness raising, psychosocial care, reproductive health (prenatal consultations, postnatal consultations, curative consultations, family planning, prevention and management of GBV, prevention of mother-to-child transmission, nutritional screening and referral of cases covering the Ngama Sara, Samak and Ngama Sara sites, curative consultations, family planning, prevention and management of GBV, prevention of mother-to-child transmission, nutritional screening and referral of cases covering the sites of Ngama Sara, Samakale, Bourgouma 1, Bourgouma 2, Tidam Borno, Liberia;

- Two IRC health posts, offering a wide range of primary curative and preventive care and the management of malnutrition, located in Ngama Kotoko and Oundouma, with a multipurpose team;

- Mandelia District Hospital, supported by the NGO IRC for medical, surgical and obstetric referrals.

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