WFP Leverages Partnerships to Overcome Logistical Challenges in Cameroon

In Cameroon, November food distributions were hampered by heavy rains which make transport on badly deteriorated roads difficult. In addition, two damaged bridges in Tocktoyo and Nyabi in the East region hindered the passage of trucks to distribution sites.

WFP managed to overcome these challenges and initiate distributions with the help of pickup trucks provided by its partners. A total of 86,367 refugees were assisted during this round.

Since the onset of the crisis, WFP has distributed 8,700 mt of mixed food commodities through nine distribution rounds in Cameroon.

WFP Response

- WFP is preparing a new regional emergency operation (EMOP) for people affected by conflict in C.A.R. The new EMOP, which is slated to start in January 2015, will replace country-specific responses.

Cameroon

- Requirements for one year in Cameroon are estimated at USD 35 million – WFP still needs to mobilize USD 23 million to meet these requirements (65 percent of total needs). Additional contributions are urgently needed to cover funding gaps in 2015 considering long lead times in arrival of food in the country.
- Food distributions are provided on a monthly basis to refugees in and around seven existing UNHCR sites, entry-points and in host villages. One in two refugees are still living out of camp settings and continuous efforts are needed to reach out to these populations.
- Support has been gradually scaled-up for each month, from assisting 30,255 refugees in March, to 86,000 people in November. To deal with the increased needs, WFP has taken various measures, including establishing two new sub-offices, recruiting additional staff, and increasing storage capacity.
- At the onset of the crisis, WFP put in place a large-scale response to prevent and treat moderate acute malnutrition. A total of 24,791 children and 3,779 women have been assisted under the blanket supplementary feeding programme and 13,607 children aged 6-59 months and 8,553 pregnant and nursing mothers were reached through the targeted supplementary feeding programme.

Chad

- WFP reached 78,518 returnees in Doyaba, Sibo, Doba and Danamadjia through the eighth cycle of voucher transfers.
- The extension of the EMOP in Chad until the end of 2014 aims to maintain the current set of activities.
- During this period, 2,200 children were assisted under the Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme in three sites.
- WFP continued moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) support activities in the six sites in the South.

DRC

- In-kind food assistance was provided on a regular basis to refugees in camps in the form of dry rations; wet rations were provided in transit camps. Following feasibility assessments, as of May, food assistance has been partially provided through cash transfers in two camps in the Equateur Province.
- As of June 2014, food assistance is provided exclusively through cash or food vouchers.

RoC

- Following recent outbreaks of the armed conflict in C.A.R., Betou is currently receiving an influx of new refugees. Approximately 1,000 new refugees have arrived in Betou since September.
- In November, 773,929 mt of food were distributed to 26,866 C.A.R. and DRC refugees for two months through general food distribution, covering the needs until the end of the year.