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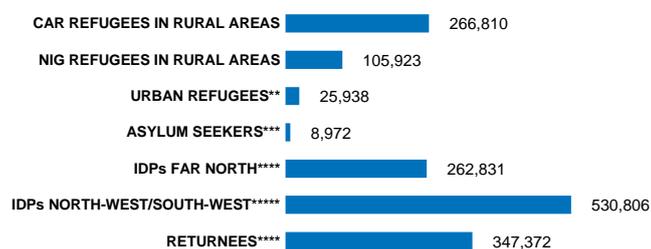
July 2019

Cameroon currently has **1,548,652 people of concern**, including **287,467 Central African** and **107,840 Nigerian refugees**.

On 25 July, UNHCR organized a preparatory workshop in Bertoua ahead of cross-border meeting on voluntary repatriation of CAR refugees.

A **US Congress delegation** visited UNHCR in Yaoundé on 01 July and had an exchange with refugees and humanitarian actors on situation in the country.

POPULATION OF CONCERN (1,548,652 AS OF 30 JULY)

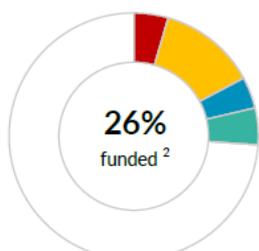


**Incl. 20,657 Central Africans and 1,917 Nigerian refugees living in urban areas.
 ***Incl. 6,917 Central Africans and 42 Nigerian asylum seekers living in urban areas.
 **** Source: IOM DTM #18. Including 237,349 estimated returnees in NW/SW regions.
 *****IDPs in Littoral, North-West, South-West and West regions, Source: OCHA.

FUNDING (AS OF 30 JULY)

USD 90.3 M

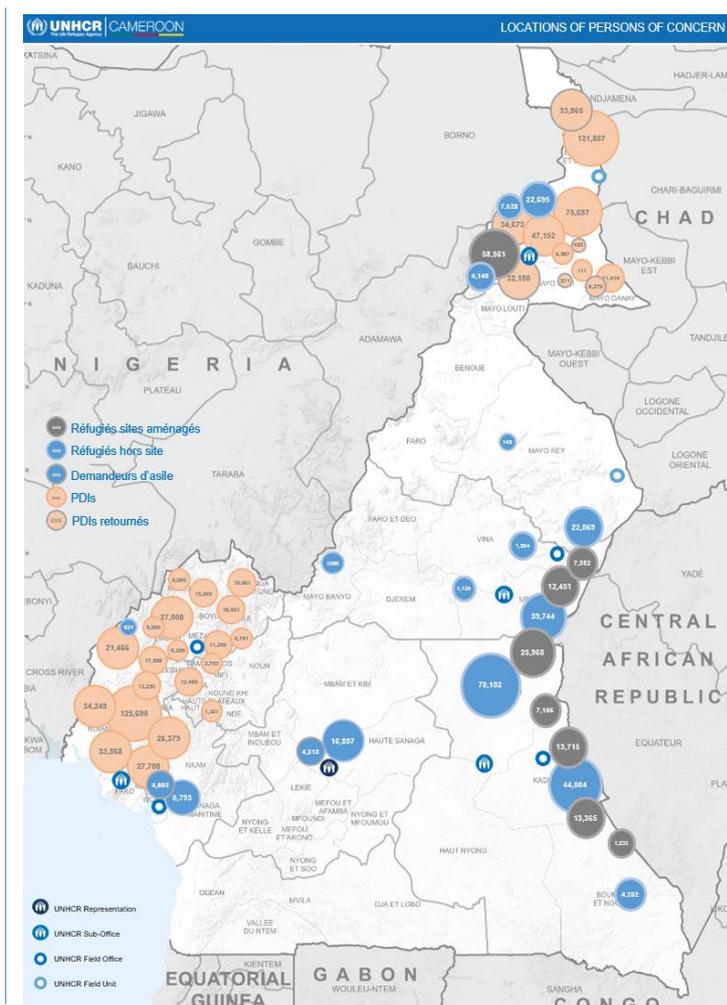
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Gap: 74%



CAMEROON
as of 30 July 2019



Refugees from Cameroon and UNHCR staff on a training visit to Songhai Farming Complex, Porto Novo-Benin

UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff: 251

167 National Staff

42 International Staff

42 Affiliate workforce (8 International and 34 National)

11 OFFICES:

Representation – Yaounde

Sub Offices – Bertoua, Meiganga, Maroua, Buea

Field Offices – Batouri, Djohong, Touboro, Douala and Bamenda.

Field Unit – Kousseri

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR coordinates protection and assistance for persons of concern in collaboration with:

- **Government Partners:** Ministries of External Relations, Territorial Administration, Economy, Planning and Regional Development, Public Health, Women's Empowerment and the Family, Social Affairs, Justice, Basic Education, Water and Energy, Youth and Civic Education, the National Employment Fund and others, Secrétariat Technique des Organes de Gestion du Statut des réfugiés.
- **Implementing Partners:** Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), African Initiatives for Relief and Development (AIRD), *Agence pour le Développement Economique et Social* (ADES), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), FAIRMED, International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC), Intersos, International Medical Corps (IMC), Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Plan International, *Première Urgence - Internationale* (PUI) and Public Concern.
- **Operational Partners:** ICRC, Adventist Relief Agency (ADRA), ASOL, Red Deporte, IEDA Relief, *Action Contre la Faim* (ACF), *Solidarités International* and CARE International.
- **UN Agencies:** WFP, UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA, UN Women, FAO, UNESCO, IOM, UNDP and UNOCHA.
- **Operational coordination:** The response for Central African refugees is managed in line with the *Refugee Coordination Model*. Sectorial groups have been established by UNHCR, covering the whole operational area. Local authorities have been very engaged in the management of the refugee operation. At the capital-level, UNHCR leads the Multi-Sector Operations Team for the Refugee Response and the national Protection Working Group, and actively participates in other relevant humanitarian coordination mechanisms and the Humanitarian Country Team.

MAIN HIGHLIGHTS

- The **security situation in Cameroon's Far North region remained precarious with several attacks by the Boko Haram including killings, plundering of villages and kidnappings**. Although the Logone and Chari Division was relatively calm during the reporting period, the Lake Chad Islands and localities like Fotokol, Hilé Alifa and Darak along the border with Nigeria witnessed many of such attacks. The Mayo Tsanaga division also recorded similar assaults including the ransacking of the Kerawa Mafa Health Centre and the looting of its pharmacy. On 09 and 10 July, the attacks forced 1,533 persons to move from Zheleved to Moskota, some 30 kilometres away still in the Mayo Tsanaga division.
- **On 01 July, a high level delegation of US Members of Congress led by California Congresswoman, Ms Karen Bass, had an exchange with representatives of urban refugees in Yaounde** at the UNHCR office. The delegation primarily sought to evaluate the situation of refugees in the country, understand their needs and how they can be assisted. The US congress members also had round-table discussions with the country humanitarian team on the crises in the two English speaking regions and the rising humanitarian needs in the country.
- **The situation in the North West and South West regions remained tense in July, with many localities being destroyed and persons displaced as fighting continues between security forces and non-state armed groups**. This, added to the continuous lockdowns in the afflicted areas and use of explosives by fighters have increased population movements with few people only returning for short periods to check on family, property or harvest crops. Between 22 and 26 July, hostilities forced an estimated 50 households of about 300 individuals in Bafmeng, NW region to move to nearby bushes. Meanwhile, on 03 July, **a delegation of UN Agencies and Cluster Leads led by OCHA visited the Regional Humanitarian Coordination Centre to discuss on modalities for the distribution of humanitarian assistance** and on 26 July, heads of Agencies met in UNHCR-Bamenda to finalise on the procedures put in place in partnership with government through the Regional Humanitarian Coordination Centres (RHCC) for humanitarian assistance to persons of concern in these areas.
- **On 25 July, UNHCR organised a preparatory workshop in Bertoua East region**, to discuss practical measures for the voluntary repatriation of Central African Refugees **in follow-up of the Tripartite Agreement signed on June 29**. The workshop was in prelude to the cross-border meeting in Bangui, CAR, on the first week of August, to further strengthen the mechanisms in place and ensure that all is in line with ensuring that returns take place in dignity and safety. Similarly from 24 to 25 July, officials from the Ministry of External Relations, MINREX visited the Borgop and Ngam refugee sites at Djohong in the Adamawa. The mission was to update CAR refugees on the Tripartite Agreement, exchange with them on their difficulties and possible solutions to problems as well to encourage refugees to respect the laws of Cameroon and promote peace and social cohesion.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- **5,719 Central African refugees from Bertoua and Batouri in the East and Meiganga in the Adamawa have been registered as candidates for voluntary returns** as of 31 July. With plans to begin the process from the first week of October, UNHCR intends to facilitate the return of some 4000 refugees for 2019, with the goal of reaching 30,000 by the end of 2020. The Mambere-Kadei and the Nana Mambere are the desired Districts of return. As part of the organization process, several activities are ongoing at the different refugees' sites and host communities including; working sessions with partners involved, mass awareness sessions, protection screening and confirmation of returns.
- As of 31 July, **5,604 individuals representing 1408 households from the Minawao camp, Far North had expressed the wish to return to Nigeria**. The camp has a population of 58,529 individuals representing 15,552 households. 91 percent of those registered, are from Borno State. The main areas of return include; Maiha, Mubi South, Mubi North, Gombi, Hong, Michika, Madagali in the Adamawa State. In the meantime, outreach campaigns and registration of candidates for voluntary repatriation is yet to begin for those living out of camp.
- **2,065 trees have been planted in the Minawao camp and host communities in the Far North, with 790 at the camp household level and 1,275 in green spaces**. The trees with high economic and commercial value will in the long run permit 14,000 refugee households and 3,000 households in host communities to diversify their sources of income. 100,000 trees in total have been planned for planting, with women playing an active role in the process. Similarly, 100 women (70 refugees and 30 Cameroonians) received support on the production and marketing of combustible briquettes, while another 50 was trained in the production process.
- **A group 8 farmers, including 07 Refugees and 01 Cameroonian** (04 men, 04 women) from the East, Adamawa, Centre and Littoral regions accompanied by UNHCR, **undertook a visit from 04 to 11 July to the Songhai Centre for training, production, research and development of sustainable agriculture in Porto-Novo, Benin**. The inspirational and training visit was to enable participants gain practical knowledge on integrated system of farming and adapt to new and sustainable farming methods. Key areas of activities in line with the farming profiles of the participants included livestock-rearing, crop production, aquaculture, poultry, renewable energy (biogas), market gardening and agro-processing. They will replicate best practices learnt in their respective farming ventures.
- **16 refugee couples and 3 Cameroonian couples legalized their unions in Douala, in a collective marriage ceremony on 13 July at the New-Bell Haussa Civil Status Registration Office**. UNHCR and its partner PLAN facilitated the process for these couples who had been living together for years without being able to officialise their marriages. This latest batch of collective marriages brings the number to about 325 refugee couples united by the registrar of the aforementioned centre since 2012.

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