

CAMEROON MCO

(Multi-country Operation for Cameroon, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea and Sao Tome & Principe)

Cameroon hosts **1,945,610 persons of concern to UNHCR**: 446,911 refugees and asylum seekers, 1,032,942 internally displaced persons (IDPs), (321,886 in the Far North and 711,056 in the North West and South West regions), and 465,757 returnees (former IDPs). **Gabon** hosts **472 refugees and 62 asylum seekers**.

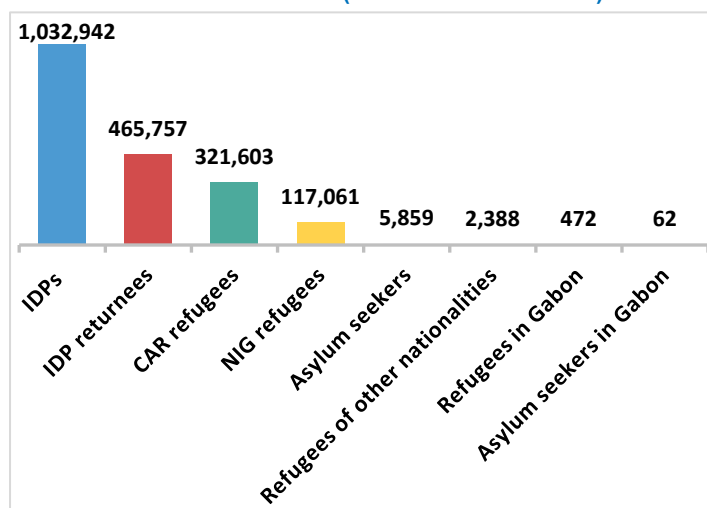
UNHCR's **biometric verification registration operation** in Douala was completed during the reporting period. **10,990 individuals in 5,390 households** representing 67 per cent of persons of concern in the database were confirmed, including **1,082 individuals (729 households)** from CAR, Niger, Mali and Chad who were newly registered.

The security situation in the North West and South West regions remained volatile with frequent use of improvised explosive devices (IEDs), and clashes between State and non-State armed group (NSAG), triggering **the displacement of civilian population and affecting humanitarian access**.

Statistics Figures Sources & Dates

- Cameroon refugee & asylum seeker figures, UNHCR Cameroon, 30 April 2021
- Gabon refugees & asylum seeker figures, UNHCR, 30 April 2021
- IDP & returnee figures, IOM & OCHA, 30 April 2021

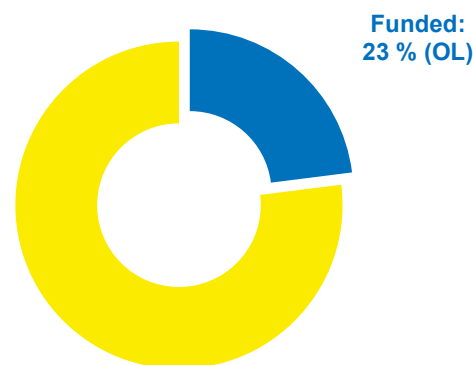
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FUNDING (AS OF 30 APRIL 2021)

USD 100 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2021



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

217 National Staff
76 International Staff

Offices:

- 01 MCO in Yaoundé
- 03 Sub Offices in Bertoua, Maroua, Bamenda
- 04 Field Offices in Batouri, Buea, Douala, Meiganga,
- 03 Field Units in Djohong, Kousseri, Touboro
- 01 Liaison Office in Libreville, Gabon



UNHCR supports IDPs, refugees & host community of Kossa during Ramadan fast ©UNHCR/Moise Amedje

Working with Partners

- The Deputy Director of UNHCR Regional Bureau for West and Central Africa and the Director of Strategic Planning and Results (DSPR) from UNHCR headquarters met with government officials, implementing partners and representatives of persons of concern in Douala. Accompanied by a delegation from the Ministry of External Relations, the mission visited the Centre for the Rehabilitation of Deaf Children (CRES), a reception center for young IDP girls at risk and the site used by UNHCR for the biometric verification and registration of refugees.
- UNHCR documented 313 individuals from 117 households who arrived in Kousseri in the Far North from N'Djamena, Chad, following the death of Chadian President Idriss Deby. Local administrative authorities helped identify three reception sites and nine entry points, but all of them too close from the border according to UNHCR. UNHCR, other UN agencies and humanitarian organizations prepared a contingency plan to allow a prompt response in case of a mass influx of refugees from Chad. UNHCR is also in regular contact with border authorities to ensure access to the territory is preserved despite the closure of borders imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- On 12 April, UNHCR and UNICEF met with the Delegates of National Civil Status Registration Office (BUNEC) in the North West and South West regions to elaborate a joint working plan for 2021. BUNEC expressed interest in strengthening cooperation with humanitarian actors in the region and taking an active role in the coordination of civil status registration with all stakeholders. UNICEF agreed to provide support for birth registration, while UNHCR committed to support preliminary steps in birth registration in two divisions: Meme in the South West region and Mezam in the North West region.
- UNHCR and FAO conducted a joint assessment to the transitional shelters for IDPs in Wotutu in the South West Region Based on identified needs and capacities, 14 households will receive training on farming short-term crops, such as vegetables.
- UNHCR and LWF organized a workshop to inform other UN agencies, government officials, and representatives of refugees about the Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion component of the 2021 UNHCR-LWF Project Partnership Agreement (PPA). Topics covered included the new direction of UNHCR's livelihood and economic inclusion intervention planning.
- The Shelter/NFI Cluster coordinator and the Global Shelter Cluster Team in Geneva outlined a proposal to enhance UNHCR leadership on IDPs on the field in Cameroon. Proposed activities focus on reinforcing information management capacity and a sectorial needs assessment to enhance an evidence-based response and a compelling advocacy strategy.

Main Activities



Protection

- UNHCR's biometric verification and registration operation for about 16,000 persons of concern in Douala was completed during the reporting period. A total of 10,990 individuals (7,407 refugees and 3,583 asylum seekers in 5,390 households) are now active in the UNHCR database, among them 1,082 newly registered individuals (729 households) from CAR, Niger, Mali and Chad.
- In the Far North Region, UNHCR protection monitoring recorded 468 protection incidents including SGBV, theft and looting, violations of the rights to property, life, liberty and personal security. This represents a 32 per cent decrease compared to the month of March, during which 617 incidents were documented and analyzed.
- In the East Region, UNHCR protection monitoring recorded 25 new cases of SGBV during the reporting period, including rape, sexual assault, physical assault, and cases of denial of resources, opportunity and services. UNHCR provided psychosocial support to 50 SGBV survivors and handed out eight (08) dignity kits. In the Far North, 32 SGBV newly identified SGBV survivors received psychosocial support. In the South West, six (06) cases of rape were recorded. UNHCR and partners

provided the necessary support. Since January 2021, UNHCR has recorded at least 251 cases of SGBV in the Far North, North West and South West regions.

- UNHCR donated food items including rice, sugar, oil and dates to internally displaced persons and the host community of Zamai in the Far North as support during the month of Ramadan. A similar donation was made to out-of-camp refugees in Yeme.
- 440 children with specific needs received psychosocial support in the East Region. UNHCR's partner IMC facilitated the access for 15 refugee children living with a disability, at the Family Center for Motor Handicaps (CFHM) Batouri, for a physical rehabilitation treatment. In the Far North, UNHCR provided psychosocial support to 129 children with special needs, including 49 newly identified cases. In the South West Region, assessments revealed about 250 unaccompanied and separated children in Manyu, Meme and Fako Divisions. UNHCR is working with the Ministry of Social Affairs to identify foster parents within the communities.
- During its regular detention monitoring activities, UNHCR identified 89 refugees in detention in Yokadouma (08), Tchollire (30), Meiganga (43) and Bertoua (08). UNHCR provided legal follow up in 94 cases involving 105 refugees in the East. In the North West, UNHCR partner Libra Law Firm recorded one (01) case of detention and offered legal assistance and counselling to 31 IDPs.



Durable Solutions

- 1,444/362 households of Nigerian refugees returned home to Banki and Bama in Nigeria from the Minawao camp in Cameroon, in two (02) convoys organised during the reporting period. UNHCR ensured medical screening and Covid-19 tests, handed out masks, monitored the vaccination of small ruminants, and transfer of candidates from the camp to the transit centre and boarding on buses chartered by the Government of Nigeria. So far, 3,880 refugees have returned to Nigeria in six (06) convoys since March 2021.



Health

- As part of COVID-19 prevention response, 9,600 bars of Unilever soap were distributed to 1,600 PoCs in South West Region during the reporting period. The distribution will continue in May in the North West.
- During the biometric verification registration exercise in Douala, up to 1,363 PoCs benefited from various medical services from the Red Cross (assisted 130 patients), and the NGOs Metabiota (screened 198 PoCs for diabetes and 307 for HIV) and Look and Life Bourgeois (provided free eye consultation for 728 patients).



Shelter and NFIs

- UNHCR partner ADES carried out an expansion of the Lolo settlement for newly arrived refugees expressing the desire to be transferred to the site from Kentzou. A total of 65 emergency shelters and one (01) meeting hangar have been built on the extension. Non-food items (NFIs) were distributed to the 26 households (99 individuals) that relocated to the settlement during the reporting period.
- In Minawao, UNHCR partners Ieda Relief and Public Concern set up 10 Refugee Housing Units (RHUs), installed 179 UN tents for 179 households (532 individuals), which also received 179 NFI kits. A total of 542 newly arrived refugees and refugees with special needs benefited from this support.



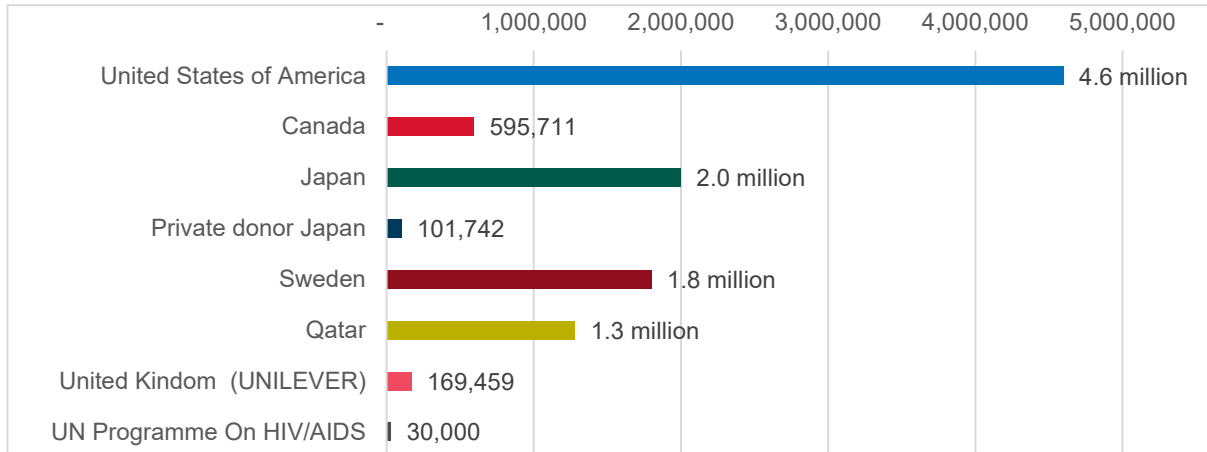
Community Empowerment and Self-reliance

- In the East, UNHCR identified 25 young refugees (8 boys, 12 girls) and hosts (4 boys, 1 girl) who began apprenticeships in sewing, mechanic and welding workshops in Mandjou, Lolo, Mbilé, Timangolo and Yokadouma, under the supervision of consultants from the Ministry of Employment and Vocational Training.

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