

# NIGERIA

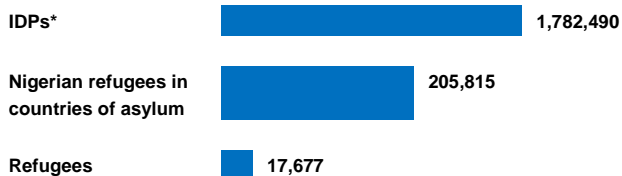
01 - 28 February, 2018

**17,677** Cameroonian refugees registered in Cross River, Benue and Akwa Ibom states.

UNHCR continues to provide shelter assistance and NFIs to improve living conditions of vulnerable IDPs in the north – east.

**1.6 million** people have been displaced by the insurgency mainly in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe, the most affected states in the northeast.

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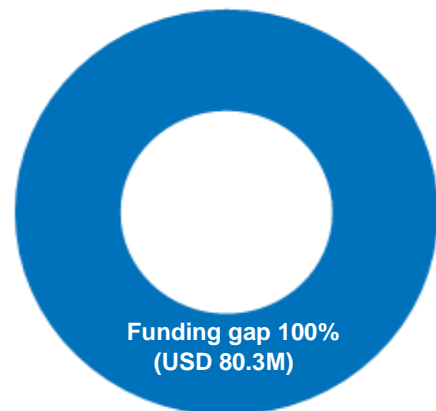
\* The IDP figures were provided by IOM DTM Round XXI – February 2018

\*\* As of 28 February, 2018 – Cameroonian refugees registered in Cross River, Benue, Akwa Ibom and Benue states and in Lagos.

## FUNDING (AS OF 13 FEBRUARY)

**USD 80.3M**

requested for the Nigeria operation



## UNHCR PRESENCE IN NIGERIA

### Staff: 128

- 82 National Staff
- 42 International Staff
- 6 Affiliated Workforce

### Offices: 07

- Country Office, Abuja
- Sub Office Maiduguri and Calabar
- Field Office Lagos and Yola
- Field Unit Damaturu and Jalingo



Cameroonian asylum seekers in Cross River State. Photo: UNHCR/H. Tamfu.

## Country Strategy

- UNHCR Nigeria operational strategy is anchored in its mission, which is to support the Nigerian Government and partner with civil society organisations (CSOs) in establishing response platforms for refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), and other persons of concern. The goal is to leave no one behind in restoring human dignity, creating and fostering a protective environment, and seeking improved humanitarian responses and expanse by promoting avenues for durable solutions so as to put an end to the plight of uprooted peoples. In addition, UNHCR's strategy is aligned with the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP), the Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRRP), the UN Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), the UN Development Action Plan (UNDAP), and the Nigerian government's recovery programme—the Presidential Committee for the North East Initiative (PCNI).

## Working with Partners

- UN sister-Agencies:** UNDP, UNICEF, WFP, ILO, UN-Women, UNOCHA, FAO, IOM, WHO, UNESCO, IMF, WBG, UNIC, UNODC, UNIDO.
- Government partners:** National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and IDPs (NCFRMI); National Human Rights Commission (NHRC); National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA); State Emergency Management Agencies (SEMAs); Ministry of Reconstruction, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (MRRR); National Identity Management Commission (NIMC).
- International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs):** Family Health International 360 (FHI-360); INTERSOS – Italy; American University of Nigeria (AUN).
- National Non-Governmental Organisations:** Action Initiative for Peace and Development (AIPD); Nigeria Bar Association (NBA); Grassroots Initiative for Strengthening Community Resilience (GISCOR); RhemaCare Integrated; Sanitation and Hygiene Education Initiative; Centre for Caring, Empowerment and Peace Initiatives (CCEPI).

## Main Activities

### Protection

- UNHCR continues to work with partners, and state and national authorities, to provide assistance and protection to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and host communities. Protection-monitoring teams have been deployed to identify protection and assistance needs, which directly inform protection responses, including the provision of legal assistance on a range of issues such as missing civil documentation; prevention and response to GBV and sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA); child protection; reuniting separated families; coordinating IDP protection responses with the government, NGOs, and the UN; and the provision of other forms of critical protection support.
- UNHCR continues to support the governments of Nigeria and Cameroon to ensure that returns of refugees are conducted voluntarily, in safety and dignity. Border monitoring, including cross-border exchanges, operationalisation of tripartite agreements, and protection coordination remain crucial areas of intervention.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR continued to monitor and inspect mobile courts in Bakassi and Gubio Road IDP Camps in Maiduguri, where cases of divorce, matrimonial maintenance, domestic violence, and succession and character defamation were identified. UNHCR will continue facilitating mobile courts in liberated areas while coordinating with relevant sectors to promote access to justice through advocacy and awareness-raising activities.
- 2,046** individuals (**341** households) considered persons of concern were identified through the vulnerability screening, and received shelter and assistance at the Water Board Camp in Maiduguri.

- A total of **35** children were identified to be out of school in the Pulka and Damboa locations, where the children hail from. This is due to insufficient classrooms and learning materials, and also a lack of schools in some camps. For instance, **30** out-of-school children were identified in Pulka, where the children are willing to attend school but cannot due to a lack of learning materials and insufficient teachers, classrooms, and desks, in most schools. UNHCR referred the case to UNICEF for action.
- UNHCR and its partner Action Initiative for Peace and Development (AIPD) provided **113** refugee returnees hosted at the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) with hot meals while the children were immunised by WHO. The refugee returnees arrived from Zumbulum, Minawau, and Kolofata in Cameroon after they were displaced across the borders by Boko Haram insurgents for about four years.
- During the period under review, the UN Refugee Agency provided wet feeding to some **572** individuals, who returned to Gwoza from Maiduguri, Pulka, and parts of Adamawa; as well as **60** others, who returned to Bama from Sabsawa, Jodiri, and Makintari and Mallum Musari, Adamawa State. They were hosted at the SEMA transit/reception centre, where they were provided with mats.

### Shelter and NFIs

- UNHCR, together with its partners SAHEI and AIPD, continued to provide assistance to those in need. At International School, IDP camp, **162** individuals received NFI kits and food items.
- During the reporting period, distribution of NFIs was carried out together with partners in the following locations: New camp B, Bama Town; Bakassi, Teachers' Village; NYSC Muna Garage and Dalori; two IDP camps in Maiduguri; and the Arabic School camp, Ngala.
- UNHCR and its partner SAHEI distributed NFIs in NYSC and Gubio camps, Maiduguri, even as WFP distributed nutritional supplements to lactating mothers in Dalori I camp; and International Medical Corp (IMC) distributed food supplements to **1,918** children between the ages of six months and two years, as well as pregnant women and Lactating Children at Teachers Village Camp, Maiduguri.
- In Calabar, Cross River state, UNHCR, through its partner Rhema Care, distributed food and NFIs to **825** urban Cameroonian refugees in **165** households, who are part of the new arrivals whose status has already been determined by the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants, and IDPs (NCFRMI).

### Livelihood

- UNHCR conducted training activities for women, youth, and men at the Women Development centre, Maiduguri; Future Prowess Islamic Foundation centre; the Bama Livelihood centre, Damasak; and the Arabic School Camp in Ngala.
- UNHCR, in partnership with the American University of Nigeria (AUN), distributed livelihood start-up kits to **11** cooperative groups. The start-up kits intended to establish small businesses included tailoring, soap making, bag making, cap making, iron bending, carpentry, welding, grocery shopping, oil-fabrication process, and knitting activities.
- Eight cooperative groups received start-up kits in Damasak during the reporting week.

### Coordination and CCCM

- During the reporting period, UNHCR engaged with partners at different levels of the humanitarian community in Adamawa State. The major engagements were weekly repatriation meetings held in Yola with SEMA, sector leads, and partners. The main objective of the meetings was to enlist support of partners that have yet to show a commitment, while documenting the commitment of those that have indicated their willingness to support the repatriation exercise.

### Education

- UNHCR reinstated the studentship of a newly enrolled student in the DAFI sponsorship programme. The scholarship had been terminated because after accepting the admission offer by the institution, the student could not pay her school fees due to financial constraints. UNHCR assisted the student in paying her outstanding fees, pending when the 2018 DAFI budget would be available on the system.

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