

CAMEROON MCO

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

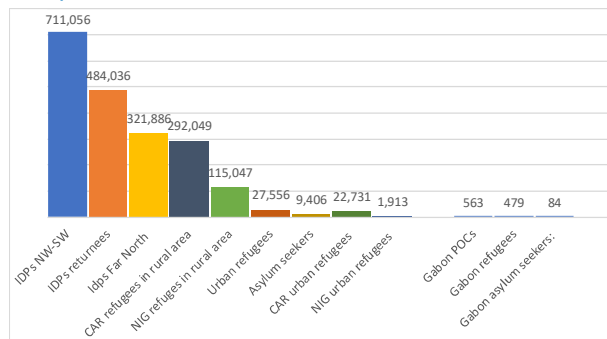
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Cameroon hosts **1,961,036 persons of concern to UNHCR**: 434,652 refugees, 9,406 asylum seekers, 1,032,942 internally displaced persons, IDPs (321,886 in the Far North and 711,056 in the North West and South West regions), and 484,036 returnees (former IDPs). **Gabon hosts 479 refugees and 84 asylum seekers.**

Voluntary repatriation resumed in the Eastern Region after the suspension imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. In November, UNHCR in coordination with national authorities facilitated the return of **249 Central African Refugees (80 families)**. Since January 2020, 1584 refugees returned home to the CAR with UNHCR's support.

As a result of continuing insecurity in the Northwest and Southwest, **4,700 persons in both regions** fled their homes to seek safety. The **UNHCR/ INTERSOS tollfree hotline (8564)** was re-established in November, and 58% of the calls reported protection risks, most recurrent being the destruction of property, threat to life and SGBV.

POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF 30 NOVEMBER 2020)



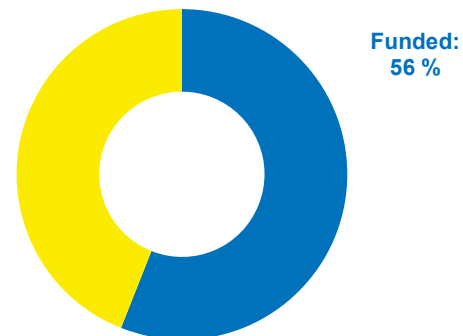
Statistics Figures Sources & Dates

- Cameroon Refugees & Asylum seekers figures, UNHCR Cameroon 30 November 2020
- Gabon Refugees & Asylum seekers figures, UNHCR, 30 November 2020
- IDPs & returnees' figures, IOM & OCHA, 30 November 2020

FUNDING (AS OF NOVEMBER 2020)

USD 99.1 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2020



Gap: 44%

UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

222 National Staff
 63 International Staff

Offices:

01 Branch Office in Yaounde
 05 Field Offices in Batouri, Meiganga, Douala, Buea, Libreville
 03 Sub Offices in Bertoua, Maroua, Bamenda
 03 Field Units in Kousseri, Djohong, Touborro



Voluntary repatriation of Central African refugees in the East region of Cameroon

Working with Partners

- UNHCR and its partners, Intersos and the Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Africa, organized a series of technical meetings in Bamenda on civil (status) documentation. More than fifty (50) stakeholders, including the Bureau National de l'Etat Civil (BUNEA), city councils and Presidents and Registrars-in-Chief of High Courts in both regions. As a result, the stakeholders agree to establish a platform to reinforce the processing for the issuance of civil status documents for the most vulnerable displaced persons.
- In the East, UNHCR, in partnership with WFP, started the assessment of refugee households who are part of the pilot group for the transition from in-kind to cash-based distribution of food items.
- UNHCR and partners officially launched the project "EDUCATE A CHILD" (EAC) in Ngaoundéré, eastern Cameroon. The EAC Programme is a global initiative launched by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser of Qatar and co-funded by UNHCR. EAC aims to significantly reduce the numbers of children who are missing out on their right to education, by improving school infrastructure, supporting students and children with specific needs and promoting community participation and monitoring in access to education.
- In Libreville, Gabon, UNHCR and UNODC organized a workshop on Prevention, Protection and prosecution of human trafficking and migrant smuggling. The workshop saw the participation of representatives from various departments of the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Ministry of Transport. The workshop resulted in the adoption of two road maps to guide legislative and regulatory amendments. The road maps will be later presented to competent authorities for review and endorsement.

Main Activities



Protection

- A total of 466 protection incidents were recorded in the North-West and South-West regions. UNHCR and partners conducted 11 protection assessments, one inter-agency assessment and 61 Focus Groups Discussions (FDGs) to capture the needs of affected populations and structure the response. Access to health, education, civil documentation and adequate shelter emerged as the most pressing needs.
- UNHCR organised a roundtable discussion on prevention and reduction of statelessness in Tongo Gandima, in the East. Community leaders, the Head of Health Center, the Civil Registrar and the Secretary of Civil Status, took part in the event and committed to supporting access to birth registration in their respective roles and functions. During the reporting month, UNHCR in the East oversaw the issuance of 98 birth declarations and the distribution of 539 birth certificates. In Douala, 84 birth certificates were produced from supplementary judgments and issued to refugee children with the support of BUNEC.
- In Douala, UNHCR organised working sessions to promote the restructuring of refugee committees. The process entails the creation of committees in each commune to facilitate the representation among refugee communities and facilitate their interactions with municipal authorities. Mayors were receptive of the initiative and designated municipal focal points to accompany the process.
- During its regular detention monitoring activities, UNHCR identified 31 refugees detained in Meiganga who have not received legal representation during their court hearings. UNHCR also ensured the distribution of the monthly food ration for 27 refugees to complement the food provided by the detention centre. In the Adamawa, UNHCR is negotiating with the Attorney General access to detention to conduct protection monitoring.



Durable Solutions

- Voluntary repatriation of Central African Refugees resumed in the East region. Two convoys left simultaneously from Gado and Lolo, with 249 refugees. It is expected that 1500 refugees will return by the end of 2020.

- UNHCR prepared the travel documents for 30 Central African refugees in Yaoundé and Douala expected to return home in December 2020 from Douala International Airport.



Health

- As part of the joint UNHCR/UNICEF response to COVID-19, 60 healthcare staff and 60 community health workers were trained in the East and the Adamawa on the continuity of mother-and-child health services within the context of the pandemic.
- As part of COVID-19 prevention within the voluntary return activities, UNHCR organised COVID-19 screening for all refugees, with no positive cases reported. UNHCR distributed masks, performed temperature tests, and disinfected the transport vehicles.
- The payment of COVID-19 assistance by cash transfer to 978 additional households was carried out in Douala, which brings the total of families who received multi-purpose cash assistance to 2,284.



Shelter and NFIs

- UNHCR's partner Plan International distributed a total of 818 kits of core relief items (CRI), in the North-West region. As part of COVID19 prevention measures, a total of 954 bars of soap were included in the kits.
- Shelter kits could not be distributed to IDPs Kumbo due to the issuance of directive by the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization banning some of items included in the kits, as they could be used by non-state armed groups to fabricate explosives. UNHCR remains in contact with authorities to identify a feasible solution and ensure IDPs receive the necessary tool to build an adequate shelter.
- 400 transitional shelters were completed at the Gado refugee camp. Identification and registration of households in need of shelter support is ongoing.



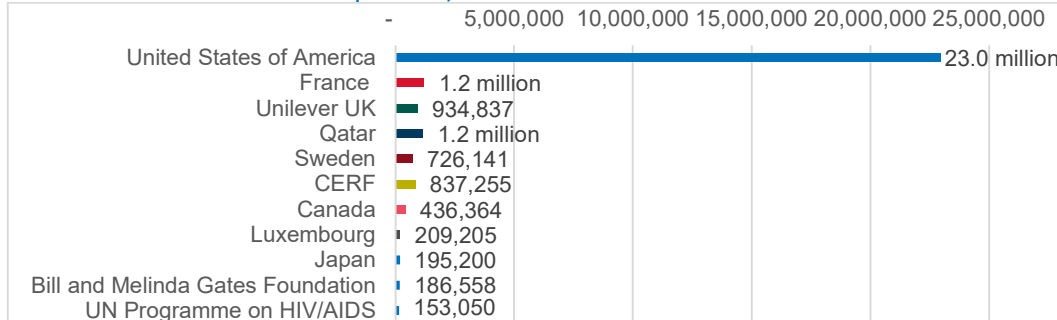
Community Empowerment and Self-reliance

- 05 projects in Douala (02 beauty salons, a sewing workshop, an electrical installation and repair unit and an air conditioning workshop) qualified for access to financing after a jury selection that reviewed 08 projects submitted. The purchase of installation kits and technical support are underway for an effective start of the activities covered by all 05 selected projects.
- In Gado site, East, UNHCR recorded an increase in production and sale of briquette coal manufactured by refugee women. 620 kg of coal, against the 247kg of the previous month, were produced and sold for a gross income of 49 500 FCFA per household which were used mostly to purchase school equipment for children and attend to the basic needs of the families (health and food).

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Other Softly Earmarked Contributions | USD

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