

CAMEROON MCO

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

Cameroon hosts **1,948,495 persons of concern to UNHCR**: 449,796 refugees and asylum seekers, 1,032,942 internally displaced persons (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 **458 refugees and 62 asylum seekers**.

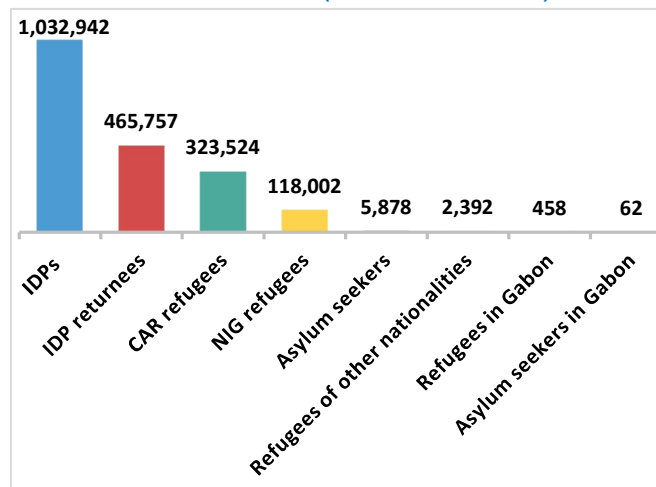
UNHCR and the Ministry of Public Health signed a **framework agreement** and **strategic integration plan** for the **inclusion** of refugees in the **national health system**. The agreement will improve access to healthcare for Central African and Nigerian refugees living in the Adamawa, East, Far North and North regions, as well as in Douala and Yaoundé.

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

Statistics Figures Sources & Dates

- Cameroon refugee & asylum seeker figures, UNHCR Cameroon 31 May 2021
- Gabon refugees & asylum seeker figures, UNHCR, 31 May 2021
- IDP & returnee figures, IOM & OCHA, 31 May 2021

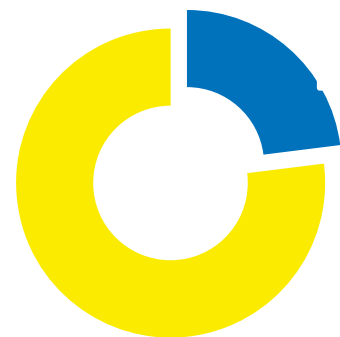
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FUNDING (AS OF MAY 2021)

USD 100 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2021



Funded: 20%

Gap: 80%

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 & MINSANTE sign Framework Agreement for the inclusion of refugees in the national health system ©UNHCR/Xavier Bourgois

Working with Partners

- The Global Protection Cluster Coordinator was on mission in Cameroon to assess the protection space for internally displaced persons and the operational priorities. The Coordinator visited an IDP settlement in Zamalva in the Far North and met with administrative authorities in the region. He held a meeting with the national Protection Cluster noting the urgent need for financial and human resources to improve data collection to facilitate advocacy and enhance the quality of the response.
- NRC, DRC, IRC, CRS and CHINGO agreed to take part in the Strategic Advisory Group of the national Shelter Cluster. The UNHCR Shelter/NFI/CCCM proposal for the Step-Up 21 funds has been approved by the IDP Board at HQ level and a total amount of US\$284,000 will be disbursed to Cameroon Operation to boost UNHCR IDP leadership in shelter/CCCM sectors. The initiative will focus on the reinforcement of the information management, CCCM capacity and the launch of a sectorial needs assessment to enhance evidence-based response and advocacy.
- On 19 May, UNHCR and the Ministry of Public Health signed a framework agreement and a strategic plan for the integration of refugees into Cameroon's national health system. The plan aims to facilitate access to quality primary healthcare in public health facilities, as well as referrals for secondary and tertiary care for Central African and Nigerian refugees living in the Adamawa, East, Far North and North regions, and in urban areas like Yaoundé and Douala.
- UNHCR partner NRC organised a meeting with administrative authorities and community leaders in Mayo Sava in the Far North region, to discuss housing, land, and property issues. The main objective of the meeting was to find a way to ensure the return of property to internally displaced persons and returnees. UNHCR facilitated a technical session on the Guiding Principles on internal displacement.
- UNHCR and NRC NGO participated in a meeting organised by the Mayor of Batouri to discuss the coordination of activities for civil documentation. As a result of the meeting, the Batouri Council committed to establish a coordination mechanism for all organisations involved in civil documentation in the area, including UNHCR partners IMC and Plan International.
- In Gabon, UNHCR was part of a joint mission with the National Commission for Refugees and the Libreville immigration services to Lambaréné, Fougamou, and Mouila. This mission provided information on the international protection of refugees and asylum seekers to law enforcement, administrative and judicial services. UNHCR also provided information sessions for agents of the Directorate General of Documentation and Immigration (DGDI) in Libreville in charge of the PoCs, on the international protection of refugees and ongoing activities benefiting refugees and asylum seekers. As member of the Task Force on Mixed Migration, UNHCR is supporting the best interest determination for an unaccompanied minor victim of trafficking from Cameroon.

Main Activities



Protection

- In the Far North, thanks to the protection monitoring activities, UNHCR recorded a total of 479 protection incidents during the reporting period, including theft and looting, violations of the rights to property, life, liberty and personal security. A total of 29 new cases of SGBV were identified in the Far North (14) and East (15) including 14 cases of denial of resources, one (01) case of rape, three (06) cases of psychological violence, seven (07) cases of physical assault and one (01) case of forced marriage. UNHCR provided psychosocial

support to a total of 66 SGBV survivors and distributed dignity kits to 14 others. One (01) SGBV survivor in Douala received medical follow up.

- UNHCR protection monitoring identified a total of 94 new cases of children with specific needs in the Far North (81) and East (13) during the reporting period, including unaccompanied and separated children, children survivors of SGBV, children in need of legal and physical protection, children living with a disability. UNHCR provided psychosocial support through home visits to 597 children (463 in the East and 134 in the Far North).
- In the Far North, UNHCR facilitated the registration of 652 refugee children for the Common Entrance Examination. Out of 526 candidates, 250 passed the exam with a success rate of 47.1 percent.
- During its regular detention monitoring activities, UNHCR identified a total of 60 persons of concern in detention in Batouri (37) and Douala (23). UNHCR carried out biometric verification and registration for 19 refugees in the New Bell Prison in Douala and provided legal follow-up for 41 cases in the East Region. As part of the covid-19 response, UNHCR partner CARE donated 1,920 bars of soap to Batouri prison to improve the hygiene conditions.



Durable Solutions

- During the reporting period, 20 individuals (seven households) in Douala confirmed their intentions to return home, including one (01) Malian refugee and 19 Central African refugees.
- UNHCR conducted a preliminary assessment for the potential resettlement of 35 individuals in Douala. A total of 26 cases (84 individuals) were submitted to the country of resettlement, while 20 individuals received resettlement counselling.



Health

- UNHCR distributed 30,000 bars of Unilever soap to four hospitals in the North West to support the response to Covid-19 in the region, for a total of 40,000 bars distributed since March 2021.
- 1,123 refugees in Minawao camp received at least one dose of the Astra Zeneca vaccine against Covid-19 during the reporting period. Five percent of the refugees who received a shot have been fully vaccinated.



Shelter and NFIs

- UNHCR partners IEDA Relief and Public Concern installed 20 refugee housing units (RHU) for persons with specific needs at the Minawao camp during the reporting period. 100 UN tents were set up for 164 households (491 individuals) residing in community shelters and schools following the damages caused by heavy rains. 100 non-food item (NFI) kits were distributed to 164 households.
- The distribution of core relief items (CRI) in the North West by UNHCR partner Plan International was interrupted by a security incident involving the kidnapping of three staff and the carjacking of one vehicle. A total of 576 IDP households in Alabukam (421) and Ntanakah (155) received 576 CRI kits made up of kitchen items, buckets, mosquito nets, blankets, mats, jerrycans and soap, before distribution was put on hold.



Community Empowerment and Self-reliance

- UNHCR distributed agriculture kits to 82 Central African refugees who had fled the December 2020 post-electoral crisis in the CAR and were relocated to the Gado settlement earlier this year. UNHCR partner LWF will oversee the cultivation of profitable crops including maize, groundnuts, beans and vegetables on 56 hectares of land bequeathed to the refugees by the Chief of Gado-Badzéré village.

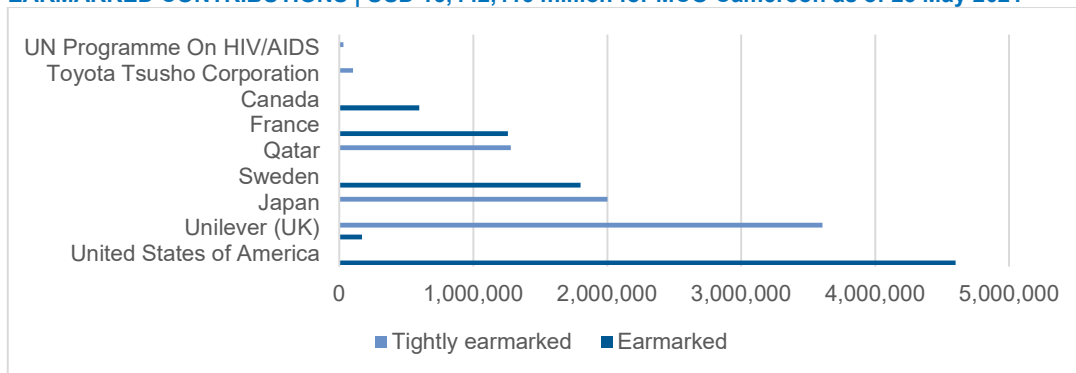

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

- UNHCR finalised the gaps assessment and WASH strategy and operational priorities for 2022-2026. The main areas of priority will focus on Consultation, Participation and Accountability; equitable and sustainable access to EHA services; Protection, safety and privacy; Menstrual hygiene management and cross-sectoral coordination and collaboration with a key focus on protection mainstreaming. UNHCR foresees also to continue the capacity building of communities and decentralised territorial authorities for accelerated ownership and progressive transfer of responsibilities.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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Other Softly Earmarked Contributions | USD

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