

CAMEROON MCO

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

Cameroon hosts **1,978,070 persons of concern to UNHCR**: 458,901 refugees and asylum seekers, 1,052,591 internally displaced persons (321,886 in the Far North and 711,056 in the North West and South West regions), and 466,578 returnees (former IDPs). **Gabon** hosts **342 refugees and 54 asylum seekers**.

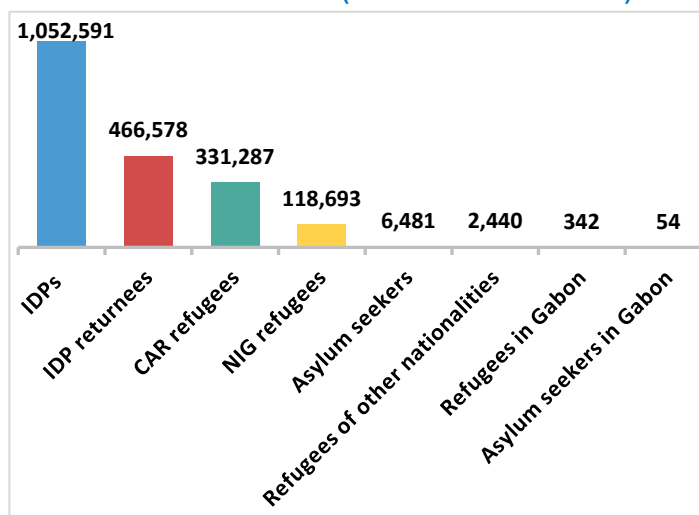
Violent **intercommunal clashes** between Shuwa Arab herders and Mousgoum fishermen over agricultural, fisheries and pastoral resources in Missiska in the Far North Region resulted in the death of 45 individuals and a significant displacement of civilian population. **11,000 people fled** to Chad, and **12,559 persons** were forced to internally displace.

The security situation in the North West and South West regions remained volatile, with incidents affecting the humanitarian community, including the **killing of a humanitarian staff member** in Bamenda. **2,400 returnees from Nigeria** were reported in both regions. UNHCR is coordinating with partners and authorities to respond to the needs.

Statistics Figures Sources & Dates

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

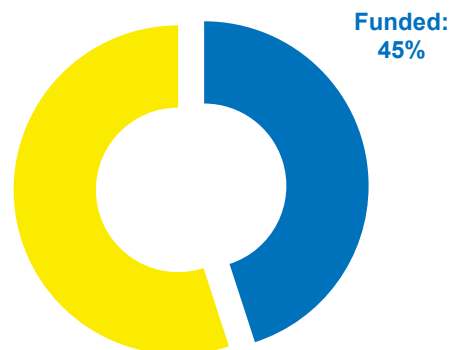
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FUNDING (AS OF AUGUST 2021)

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



Amina fled the violence in Cameroon's Far North and gave birth just two days after arriving in Chad
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Working with Partners

- UNHCR successfully advocated for the inclusion of 16 refugees selected as trainees for the 08th session of an electricity and renewable energy training programme for vulnerable young people in Douala. The training is known as FARE, directed by the Pan African Institute for Development in Central Africa (IPD-AC), and supported by the Schneider Electric Foundation. The current session will run until December 2021.
- In Douala, UNHCR, Plan International, the Ministries of Women's Empowerment and Family (MINPROFF) and Social Affairs (MINAS), continued the joint assessment to determine refugees' eligibility in the national social safety net. ???? (sthg is missing) assessed 87 cases eligible for cash-based assistance for the third quarter of 2021. 42 cases were maintained under regular assistance, (17 women, 05 men, 12 girls and 08 boys); 18 new cases were found eligible, bringing the total number of refugees included in the cash assistance to 60. Four (04) additional cases were declared eligible for one-off support.
- UNHCR, other agencies in the UN System and humanitarian organisations took part in events marking World Humanitarian Day in Cameroon. An event in Yaounde featured discussions around the impact of climate change on food security in Cameroon. In Bamenda and Buea, UNHCR used the hashtag #NotATarget to call attention to the increase in security incidents involving humanitarians.
- UNHCR facilitated the visit of the Deputy Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Cameroon in Minawao refugee Camp. The Deputy Ambassador, on behalf of the German government, donated sports equipment for young refugees in and out of the camp, as well as to IDPs and host populations.
- In Gabon, UNHCR, the National Commission for Refugees and the Directorate General for Documentation and Immigration (DGDI) undertook a joint mission to Haut Ogooué province, in eastern Gabon. Sensitization sessions on the international protection of refugees and access to asylum were organized with 22 members of the DGDI, 32 agents of the Gabonese security and defense forces and civil authorities.

Main Activities



Protection

- In the Far North, insecurity led to the forced displacement of civilian population in the Logone and Chari Division (1,154 individuals), the Mayo Tsanaga Division (1,750 individuals) and the Mayo Sava Division (7,022 individuals). In the North-West and South-West regions, UNHCR recorded 2,400 Cameroonian returnees from Nigeria. UNHCR is coordinating with INTERSOS and authorities for the monitoring of new arrivals and the assessment of immediate needs.
- In the Far North, UNHCR protection monitoring documented 564 protection incidents (against 445 in July) including thefts and looting, and extortion of property. In the North-West and South-West regions, UNHCR partner INTERSOS documented 530 incidents and provided psychosocial support to 252 individuals. 345 cases were referred to other service providers and benefited from awareness sessions on SGBV and Covid 19.
- UNHCR protection monitoring identified 153 new SGBV incidents during the reporting month: 19 in the Far North and 134 in the North-West and South-West. All cases received psychosocial support from UNHCR partners Intersos and BIHAPH. In the North-West, three (03) cases were referred to the Ministry of Social Affairs (MINAS) for further support, six (06) to Plan International for livelihood assistance, one (01) to Médecins Du Monde (MDM) for medical assistance and one (01) to Libra Law Office for legal assistance.
- UNHCR facilitated the delivery of 805 birth certificates in Mandjou (83) in the East and in the Far North (722: 442 IDPs, 52 refugees, and 228 individuals in host communities). In North-West and South-West regions, following the signing of a partnership between UNHCR and the NGO Research for Advocacy and Gender Justice, RAGJ, the organisation began activities to facilitate the issuing of 1,000 civil documents (800 birth certificates and 200 national identity cards).

- In the North-West and South-West regions, UNHCR partner Libra Law Office, provided legal counselling to 26 persons of concern, and follow up on the litigation of two (02) cases of rape involving minors. In Maroua, UNHCR partner Intersos provided follow up in legal proceedings involving a person of concern in detention for two years on counts of terrorism. In Douala, five (05) refugees received legal counselling and referrals for cases and protection incidents including tenancy disputes, and threats.
- During its regular detention monitoring activities, UNHCR documented 113 persons of concern in detention in Yokadouma and Batouri (65), Maroua (18), and Douala (30). Refugees in detention in the Maroua Central prison received food baskets consisting of sorghum, oil, beans, as well as one bar of soap.



Durable Solutions

- In Douala, UNHCR carried out profiling interviews for 21 cases/70 individuals, while resettlement interviews were conducted for eight cases. Forty (40) individuals received resettlement counselling.



Education

- During the reporting period, UNHCR reviewed a total of 304 applications for the DAFI (Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative) scholarship scheme in Yaoundé (93), Batouri (07), Bertoua (66), Meiganga (53), Douala (63), and Maroua (22). 227 candidates were preselected for interviews to take place in September.



Health

- During the reporting period, 527 refugees in Douala received the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine while 52 received the second dose. In Minawao, during the reporting period 1,335 refugees accessed Covid-19 vaccination services (either first or second dose). In Gabon, a total of 21 refugees have received at least one dose of the vaccine.
- A total of 10,644 medical consultations were recorded during the reporting period in Minawao camp with malaria (44.1 percent), respiratory tract infections (20.4 percent) and diarrhoea (04.1 percent) as the main causes of illness. A doctor-on-call system to respond to medical emergencies at night was introduced in the camp by the Mokolo district health team, supported by UNHCR partner IMC.



Food Security and Nutrition

- 344 individuals out of 508 newly arrived Central African refugees in Bombe Pana in the East received their monthly food ration consisting of rice, oil, salt and legumes.



Shelter and NFIs

- In the Far North, UNHCR partner IEDA Relief installed 20 family tents for 20 households of 85 individuals. UNHCR distributed 57 non-food item (NFI) kits and 80 dignity kits to IDPs in Tolkomari and Kassa in Kolofata, reach out to 365 newly displaced persons. Ten (10) community tool kits consisting of a wheelbarrow, moulds, shovels, hammers, picks, saws, and hoes were also distributed in the localities to reinforce semi-transitional shelters.
- UNHCR and partner Plan International, distributed 40 core relief item (CRI) kits to Mbororo IDPs in Bamenda during the celebration of the International Day of the World's Indigenous People.
- The Shelter Cluster documented the distribution of CRIs to 13,927 individuals in the North West (9,414) and South West (4,513) regions, while the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) reported the distribution of 3,091 emergency shelter kits in the North West.



Camp Management and Coordination

- One (01) household of seven (07) individuals was relocated from Kentzou to Lolo with the support of UNHCR partner AIRD. The household received two (02) shelters and NFIs (4 mats, 4 blankets, 4 mosquito nets, 2 tarpaulins, 2 buckets, 3 jerry cans, 2 solar lamps, 14 bars of soap) as well as a hygiene kit.



Community Empowerment and Self-reliance

- 15 refugees in Touboro were selected for a vocational training in electricity, carpentry, masonry, plumbing, tiling, screen printing and painting, as part of an economic and social development program funded by the Special Council Support Fund for Mutual Assistance (FEICOM).
- With the FAO's support, UNHCR partner Plan International, trained 25 beneficiaries (12 women, 13 men) in Minawao in fish farming. This training focused on feeding, reproduction, disease management and setting up fish production infrastructure. Five (05) above-ground fish tanks with 5,228 salmon alevins have been set up for the beneficiaries. Management of the fish farms will be carried out with the support from the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Animal Industries.



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

- In Minawao, LWF, UNHCR's partner, conducted a door-to-door evaluation to assess the impact of awareness campaigns on environmental hygiene, malaria, and Covid-19 prevention. The evaluation indicates that 18,693 individuals have adopted good practices on the maintenance and use of latrines, conservation of drinking water, and hygiene around shelters.



Access to energy and environment

- In the Far North, UNHCR participated in the launch of the reforestation of the Zamay forest reserve during which 2,035 trees were planted over an area of 04 hectares. 4,000 plants were handed over to the municipalities of Mokolo and Hina, to offset pressure on vegetation by refugees, IDPs, and host populations. More information on the reforestation program in the Far North can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DGIpy5KAR8c>

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Donor	Number of people reached
United States of America	21.6 million
Canada	3.8 million
United Kingdom (UNILEVER)	3.8 million
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Sweden	1.8 million
Qatar	1.3 million
Education Cannot Wait	1.0 million
UN Programme On HIV/AIDS	83,500
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