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- **Operational Partners:** ICRC, Adventist Relief Agency (ADRA), ASOL, Red Deporte, IEDA Relief, *Action Contre la Faim* (ACF), *Solidarités Internationale* and CARE International.
- **UN Agencies:** WFP, UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA, UN Women, FAO, UNESCO, IOM, UNDP and UNOCHA.
- **Operational coordination:** The response for Central African refugees is managed in line with the *Refugee Coordination Model*. Sectorial groups have been established by UNHCR, covering the whole operational area. Local authorities have been very engaged in the management of the refugee operation. At the capital-level, UNHCR leads the Multi-Sector Operations Team for the Refugee Response and the national Protection Working Group, and actively participates in other relevant humanitarian coordination mechanisms and the Humanitarian Country Team.

MAIN HIGHLIGHTS

- In the North West and South West regions, the security situation has remained volatile. **A humanitarian worker was abducted and later killed by unidentified armed men in Donga Mantung Division, North West Region on 30 November.** He was working with a local NGO, a partner to the UN. The killing comes amid increased insecurity in the English-speaking regions and especially in the North West, with reports of recurrent clashes between government forces and non-state armed groups, killings and kidnappings. A peace caravan was dispatched by government to the two regions during the reporting period, however the security atmosphere is uncertain with the convening of municipal and legislative elections, to also take place in the two regions.
Meanwhile from 26 to 28 November, a joint peace mission including the Chairperson of the African Union, the Secretaries-General of the Commonwealth and La Francophonie were in Cameroon to encourage the momentum in efforts by government to address the conflict in the English-speaking regions.
- **In the Far North region, repeated incursions by the Boko Haram group during the reporting period resulted in killings, kidnappings, pillaging and the burning of villages.** There were repeated incursions and ambushes staged by armed groups in Mayo Sava on 27 and 28 November, in the localities of Sare, Amchide, and in Maloumri and Zize in Kolofata, still in the Mayo Sava. The different divisions which include Mayo Sava, Mayo Tsanaga and the Logone and Chari have all witnessed such incursions during the reporting period.
- A 7-strong team from the NGO, **la Agencia de la ONU para los Refugiados, España con ACNUR, visited the Cameroon operation from 18-22 November 2019.** After a brief stop at the UNHCR country office in Yaounde, the mission travelled to the East where they primarily fund the Central African situation, to meet with refugees, exchange with them on their activities and identify more needs requiring fundraising. On 20 November, the team took part in the voluntary repatriation of the 5th Convoy of 310 CAR refugees leaving Lolo for Berberati and Carnot in the CAR. They equally visited the health facility in Mbile, the center for women, the site for the fabrication of ecological charcoal by refugee women and the public primary school in the area and other projects.
- **On 19 November, Cameroon's Minister of the Economy, Planning and Regional Development and the World Bank's Director in the country proceeded to the official launch of the four IDA 18 refugee sub-window projects,** in the presence of UNHCR. This additional funding of USD 130 million, is dedicated to address the development needs of refugees and host communities in the East, Adamawa, North and Far North regions. It covers four sectors notably; education, health, social safety nets and community development which will be implemented through government programmes, with the support and facilitation of UNHCR.
Similarly, on 04 December 2019, the Regional Practice Manager - Social Development of the World Bank for West and Central Africa, Aly Z. Rahim, accompanied by the National Coordinator of National Community Driven Development Programme, PNDP, visited the Minawao refugee camp where they had an exchange with refugees to better understand their living conditions and needs.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- As of 28 November, **a total of 2,549 Central African refugees had been voluntarily repatriated back home in safety and dignity**. This represents 64% of the planned 4000 to be repatriated by the end of 2019. Meanwhile UNHCR is working with CAR to ensure smooth follow-up with the returnees in their different areas of return.
- In line with the global compact for refugees, **UNHCR has charted partnership ties between refugees and the private sector, notably with a maize transformation factory in the Adamawa region, Maiscam**. Through this partnership, groups of small-scale farmers made up of refugees and host communities who have been working together, will supply Maiscam with tons of maize. For the pilot phase this year, 80 tons of maize will be supplied by the farming groups. The aim of the partnership is to enable refugees become entrepreneurs and obtain economic independence. **On 19 November, UNHCR's Representative, Kouassi Lazare Etien led a team of colleagues and implementing partners, LWF to meet the CEO of Maiscam, Alhadji Abbo Ousmanou to further discuss the terms of the partnership**. During the exchange, Alhadji Abbo expressed his readiness to support small scale farmers and especially refugees in their agricultural venture. The next step will be the drawing up of a contract for the farmers and Maiscam. The team also met with the Governor of the Adamawa region, Kildadi Tagyie Boukar in Ngaoundere, where the Maiscam factory is located. Discussions focused on the wellbeing of refugees in the area and government's constant support in their protection and integration.
- **A short-film on gender-based violence titled "Nobody Knows" has been produced by a group of 14 young refugees in Yaounde**. The film was projected on 28 November as part of activities to mark '16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence Campaign' organised annually from 25 November to 10 December. The refugee youths are beneficiaries of UNHCR's Youth Initiative Fund, and their project highlights the negative impact of sexual and gender-based violence on individuals, families and communities. Similarly, other activities to mark the 16-day campaign took place nationwide with the participation of refugees, host communities, partners and authorities.
- **From 26 to 30 November 2019, 5,944 shelter kits were distributed to IDP households**; 2,982 in the North West (Boyo, Mezam, Momo and Bui) and 2,962 in the South West (Fako, Meme and Manyu). A total of 29,970 individuals benefitted from the distribution.
- By 30 November, **113 refugees departed for Canada for resettlement as part of durable solutions, Finland accepted one urgent case of 1 person, Sweden accepted one urgent medical case of a family of 6 and Norway accepted one urgent medical case of a family of 9, who will depart in January 2020**. Meanwhile a resettlement mission spent two weeks in Yaounde and two weeks in Douala, for interviews with 331 refugees in 90 cases for resettlement consideration to USA. By the end of month, preparations were being made to interview a further 64 refugees in 13 cases by Australia, which will be completed in December. UNHCR at the beginning of 2019, submitted 596 cases for resettlement in third countries as part of durable solutions. Of these submissions, 234 were Survivors of Violence and Torture (SVT) and 103 were Women and Girls at Risk (WGR).

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