

Cameroon MCO

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

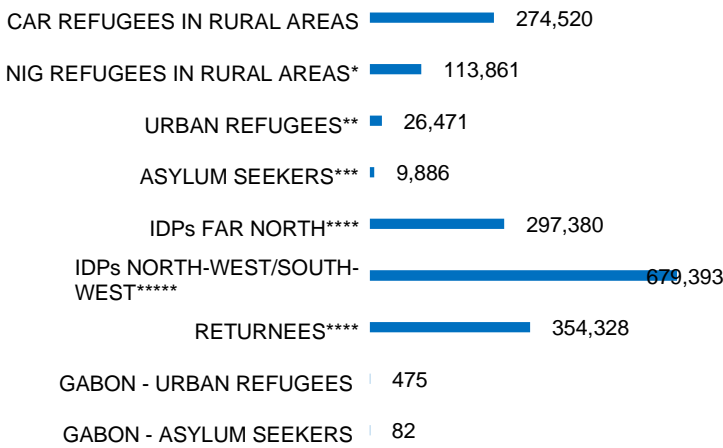
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Cameroon MCO currently has 1,755,839 people of concern, including 274,520 Central African Republic refugees, 113,861 Nigerian refugees, 36,357 urban refugees and asylum seekers of various nationalities, 976,773 IDPs (297,380 in Far North and 679,393 in North West and South West regions) and 354,328 returnees (former IDPs) in the Far North, North West and South West regions, in addition to 476 refugees and 79 asylum seekers in Gabon.

Joint education missions were organized with the Ministry of Education (MINSEC) in localities hosting Central African refugees from 17 to 18 June, to Monitor the effective resumption of students for the various official exams (entry into 6th grade, BEPC, Probatory and Baccalaureate 2020). The resumption rate of enrolled refugee students in examination classes is about 88%.

WFP and UNHCR have organized a targeted food distribution to 4,747 (23,481 individuals) CAR refugee households in the Lom and Djerem (1,050 kcal per day per person) for June and July. 100% of 923 households (4,522 individuals) received 50% of food ration considering WFP's financial difficulties. Additionally, 5,279 households (31,991 individual), received Cash-Based assistance in Adamawa and Garoua-Boulai. Sensitisation campaigns have been organized on WFP's food supply constraints and the uncertainty of food assistance in August.

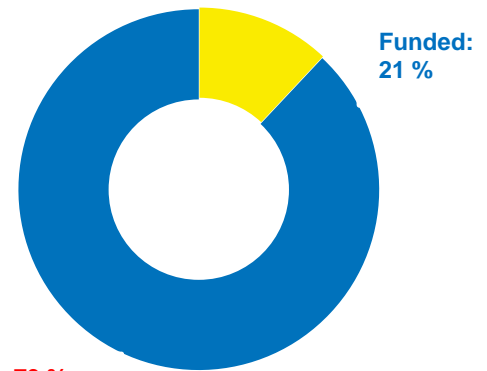
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FUNDING (AS OF 30 JUNE 2020)

USD 99.7 million

Requested for Cameroon MCO in 2020


Gap: 79 %

UNHCR PRESENCE

MCO Cameroon Staff:

218 National Staff
 63 International Staff
 05 Gabon staff

Offices:

01 Branch Office in Yaounde

03 Sub Offices: Bertoua, Maroua, Buea

06 Field Offices:
 Batouri, Meiganga, Djohong, Touborro, Douala and Bamenda

01 Field Unit – Kousseri

01 Gabon operation



Beneficiaries weeding their groundnut farm Garigombo – UNHCR/LWF

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR coordinates protection and assistance for persons of concern in collaboration with:

- **Governmental Partners:** Ministries of External Relations, Territorial Administration, Economy, Planning and Regional Development, Public Health, Women's Empowerment and the Family, Social Affairs, Justice, Basic Education, Water and Energy, Youth and Civic Education, the National Employment Fund, the *Secrétariat Technique des Organes de Gestion du Statut des réfugiés* and others.
- **Implementing Partners:** Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), African Initiatives for Relief and Development (AIRD), *Agence pour le Développement Economique et Social* (ADES), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), FAIRMED, International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC), Intersos, International Medical Corps (IMC), Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Plan International, *Première Urgence - Internationale* (PUI) and Public Concern.
- **Operational Partners:** ICRC, Adventist Relief Agency (ADRA), ASOL, Red Deporte, IEDA Relief, *Action Contre la Faim* (ACF), Solidarités Internationales 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* and includes local authorities who are engaged in the management of the refugee operation. In the North West and South West regions, UNHCR ensures the leadership of the Protection and Shelter/NFI Clusters for the delivery of protection and assistance to IDPs. In the Far North, given the mixed situation (IDP, returnees and refugees), the Coordination is under the lead of the regional authorities with UNHCR as co-lead.

As from early 2020, the operational responsibility of UNHCR Cameroon has been extended to cover UNHCR mandate activities in Gabon, Equatorial Guinea and Sao Tome & Principe. 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 as well as the Humanitarian Country Team and the United Nations Country Team.

MAIN HIGHLIGHTS

- The security situation in the North-West and South-West regions during the reporting period remained very tense. Despite a ceasefire announcement by some separatist armed groups, hostilities continued between government security forces and the non-state armed groups. Consequently, incidents of kidnapping increased in the last weeks of June as these represents opportunities for armed groups to generate more money through ransom payments. **In an audio message released via social media on 21 June, NSAGs warned the UN not to participate in the government mission or face attacks. This could increase the anti-UN rhetoric among separatist fighters and jeopardize staff safety and humanitarian access negotiations in an increasingly complex and volatile environment.**
- In the Far North, the security situation remained volatile and worrying with various actions carried out by presumed Boko Haram militants. **Access to humanitarian space remains a constant challenge for both humanitarian actors and beneficiaries, due to either military operations or terrorist attacks, or for national security reasons.** Humanitarian actors are not currently a direct target but could be opportunistic targets. **Due to the rainy season, cases of kidnapping in the field is recurrent.** This will result in the reduction of farming activities and little harvest which will negatively impact on food security in the region.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

Protection Monitoring and Response Measures - UNHCR and InterSOS continue to monitor protection issues in the North West and South-West Region. **71 protection incidents were reported (threat to life and personal security, destruction of property, forced eviction, extortion, property destruction, and other)** in Meme, Manyu, Fako and Lebialem divisions, in the South-West Region. **About 2,000 individuals from Njikwa Village fled for fear of military revenge attacks** after a senior military commander was killed by non-state armed groups (NSAG). **500 other individuals fearing military reprisal attacks also fled Otu Village** (Eyumodjock Subdivision), after the death of three military men allegedly killed by the NSAGs during a football match.

Community services - The mechanism of complaint (hotline) put in place by UNHCR and INTERSOS reported 37 SGBV cases. **SGBV reporting remains a challenge in IDP communities' due insecurity, traditional and customary practices.** The communities have been sensitized on the importance of SGBV reporting and assistance.

Education

On 02 June, UNICEF and UNHCR organized a Joint Response to Protection Risks for Children within the Covid-19 context in in the East and Adamawa regions. Six (06) districts (Ngaoui, Djohong, Meiganga, Garoua-Boulai, Bétare-Oya and Kentzou) were identified for the implementation of support strategies for children and structures. **These include mental health and psychosocial support, counselling and rehabilitation of children as well as support to structures affected by COVID-19.**

Health

UNHCR partners continue to mainstream COVID-19 awareness-raising and sensitization activities in all protection and assistance to the benefit of refugees and IDPs. **Systematic medical screening and identification of any suspected case of COVID-19 among new arrivals at the transit centre** that are directly reported to Rapid Investigation and Intervention teams (EIIR) at the Minawao camp level by the network of community relays for quarantine and / or isolation.

Livelihoods

A total of 454.6 hectares out of 614.5 hectares acquired to 2,840 beneficiaries (1,849 refugees and 991 host community members) in areas hosting Central African refugees in the East and Adamawa regions were prepared and cultivated in June. Agricultural activities are in full process of implementation in these areas, representing a 74 percent achievement rate. As part of the fight against COVID-19, UNHCR in Bertoua and the Lutheran World Federation **organized 100 young people (64 refugees and 36 host community members) from vocational training centers in the production of 298,469 masks. A total of 118,632 masks were distributed to both refugees and**

vulnerable persons in host communities as of June ending. In the Far North, **92,530 childbearing displaced women are in need of hygienic kits (21,326 refugees and 71,204 IDP women).** UNHCR Maroua is planning the production, through the Vocational Training Centre of Minawao refugee camp, of **13,500 washable hygienic kits for Nigerian childbearing age refugees** 30 individuals (24 women and 06 men) who completed their training have been organized to produce the kits.

WASH

To strengthen water supply for the prevention and fight against COVID-19-19, **average quantity of drinking water in CAR refugee sites is 15.94 liters per person per day.** While the ratio for latrines remains 25 refugees per latrine. A total of 522 latrine cabins were rehabilitated in Gado, Borgop and Ngam. 83 new blocks of 02 latrines each were built and received. In the Far North, **2,753 latrines are currently operational in Minawao, Nigerian refugees camp** for an average of 25 persons per latrine.

Food security and Cash-Based Interventions

A total of **2,746 households - 1,822 non persons with Specific Needs (812 in Douala and 1,010 in Yaounde) and 924 persons with Specific Needs (428 in Douala and 496 in Yaounde) of received respectively XAF 20,000 and XAF 30,000 per household of cash.** This represents an overall rate of 23.70% of beneficiaries to be assisted. **In the Far North, COVID-19 Impact Assessment on Food Security and Livelihoods of POCs has been carried-out.** 650 households (refugees, IDPs and host communities) were targeted in 15 localities in the divisions of Mayo Tsanaga, Mayo Sava and Logone and Chari.

Shelter /NFI Assistance

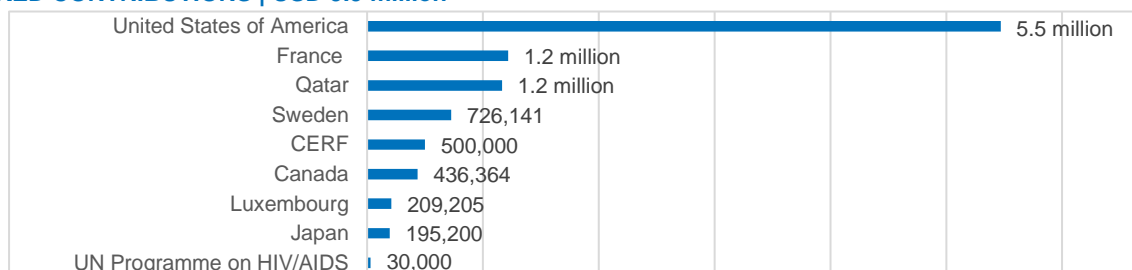
In the North-West and South West regions, **UNHCR and Plan International distributed 300 shelter kits to 2,154 beneficiaries. 35 transitional shelters are in construction process** in Mutengene, Fako Division, South-West Region. Insecurity continues to impact access and service delivery in the two regions. In the Far North, **37 Refugee Housing Units (RHUs) have been installed for 37 vulnerable refugees out of 179 needed (20.67% of need coverage).**

Gabon: Assistance continued to be provided to refugees- 51 residence cards valid for two (02) years were handed out to 51 refugees; **47 individuals benefitted of a total of XAF 9,482,320 for income-generating activities in support of their Self-reliance;** 201 households (512 individuals) were given **food vouchers worth XAF 25,000 per household by the Ministry of Solidarity.** **In addition, 151 households benefitted of the same assistance from HCR-CNR (Commission Nationale pour les Réfugiés) via monetary intervention.** 1,900 reusable face masks were distributed to refugees and asylum seekers in Libreville and neighbourhood.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD 9.9 million



Other Softly Earmarked Contributions | USD

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