

Monthly Humanitarian Situation Report UNICEF CAMEROON

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Highlights

- **Flash Floods in 2013:** On 18th and 26th September 2013, floods were reported in Gougui, Houmi and Begue Palam Communities in the Kai-Kai subdivision in the Mayo Danay division (Far North Region) due to rupture in the Logone dam. As a result 3,108 Internally Displaced People (IDPs) have been relocated to Begue Palam. 400 families have been reached with essential WASH supplies since the beginning of the floods. UNICEF has signed a partnership with the Cameroon Red Cross to improve water quality, build 80 emergencies latrines and promote good hygiene practices among IDPs.
- **Nigerian Refugees:** A refugee camp is already established in Minawao (situated in Mayo Tsanaga division (Mokolo), some 30 km from Mokolo and 130 km from the boarder, and 75 km far from Maroua). The number of refugees living in Minawao camp has increased to 1,735 including 277 new arrivals on October 19th. WASH needs - all the 60 latrines and 30 showers planned as first WASH emergencies response have been constructed through the partnership between UNICEF and ACEEN. Education needs -UNHCR, UNICEF expedited a response package of school bags, ECD kits, recreation kits, hygiene kits (for teachers), and schools in a box for the 623 children in the camp. Nutrition needs - The screening and active case finding of acute malnutrition organized on October found that 2.27% of total screened children (n=57/2265) suffer from severe acute malnutrition and 9.7% (n=22/2265) suffer from moderate acute malnutrition. 6 new SAM cases of children started receiving treatment with therapeutic foods and drugs in the outpatient centre of Gadala.
- **Donor Visits:** An ECHO delegation mission undertook a 5 day mission to the Far North region and conducted a joint evaluation of the nutrition intervention of management of acute malnutrition along with the teams from UNICEF / French Red Cross / International Medical Corps.
- A fire in the UNICEF warehouse in Douala occurred on October 19. Stocks and materials of WASH, Education, Nutrition worth at least 615,000 US\$ were destroyed.



One section of the 60 latrines and 30 showers constructed for the refugees at Minawao camp in Mayo Tsanga Division (Mokolo) © UNICEF Cameroon/2013/ Vikas Verma

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

About 5.9 million people live in the North and Far North regions; up to 1.18 million are children under five years of age. The **targeted caseload for 2013 for the two regions is 57,616 cases of SAM¹** and 93,456 cases of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM). The new data from the SMART survey has shown lower prevalence. A consensus meeting of the Nutrition Working Group led by Ministry of Health was held and had declared that the caseload will be reviewed for 2014 programmatic purposes.

To ensure an appropriate continuous response during 2013 some concerns are taken into consideration: (i) high death rate, (ii) measles, cholera and malaria possible outbreaks, (iii) localized flooding and (iv) displaced population and (v) security concerns.

With the serious deterioration of the security situation in Borno State, Nigeria, since June 10th an influx of refugees from Nigeria has been observed in bordering villages in Mayo Moskota subdivision, Mayo Tsanaga Department in the Far North Region. A refugee camp was settled in Minawao village, Mayo-Tsanaga division (Mokolo). Some immediate actions are now on going to build adequate infrastructure for 1,724 refugees in the camp with about 995 children (500 girls and 495 boys). As of the second week of October, UNHCR transferred 227 refugees from Amchide to Minawao camp.

As of September UNHCR has pre-registered 5,289 refugees, with 3,129 children in the department of Mayo Sava (Amchide). UN agencies' interventions in Zelevet, Assighassia and in Minawao camp are on-going in order to ensure access to health, nutrition, water, and to avoid a deterioration of the humanitarian situation. An EPI immunization campaign together with deworming, Vitamin A to pregnant women has been carried out in Zelevet and Assighassia areas in Kozas health district. Some NFIs are being distributed, and 400 MILDA (LLMN) have been provided to the local health facility and refugees camp

On 18th and 26th September 2013, previous intense rainfall caused a break in the ongoing dam's construction. This lead to floods in Gougui, Houmi and Begue Palam village in the Kay Kay Sub Division and in the Mayo Danay Division (Far North region). A total of 3,108 persons were displaced and relocated in two sites near Begue Palam with a coordinated effort among government, local partners, NGOs and UN agencies providing basic shelter, food, health services, and water and sanitation facilities to the affected populations.

A joint rapid assessment mission including UNICEF, WHO, WFP and the French Red Cross went in the affected areas on the 2nd October. As of today, about 3,108 IDPs are located in this area. Unmet needs have been identified in terms of shelter (about 370 tents are a top priority as people are living in very poor shelter conditions), water, and health items. UNICEF is leading Nutrition, WASH and Education sectorial coordination groups and helping to coordinate Protection, Health and Communication.

Estimated Affected Population <i>(Estimates calculated based on initial figures from UNICEF Humanitarian Action Update February 2012, Cameroon General Census 2013)</i>	
	Total
Total Affected Population	5,891,785
Children Affected (Under 18)	-
Children Under Five	1,178,357
Children 6 to 23 months	350,089
Pregnant women	368,186
Children Under Five with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)	57,616

¹ Analyse globale de la sécurité alimentaire et de la vulnérabilité de mai 2011.

Children Under Five with SAM and medical complications	5,761
Total affected Population (Due to floods)	93 108
Children (Under five) affected	18,040
<i>Data sources: Cameroon General Census 2010, Cameroon PEV 2012, Ministry of Health March 2012. SMART nutrition survey July 2011 carried out in North and Extreme North regions, BUCREP 2013.</i>	

Funding Update

Appeal Sector	Requirements as per HAC	Funds received**	Funding gap	
			\$	%
Nutrition	10,323,676	10,323,676.18	0.00	0%
Health	600,000	395,412	204,588	34%
WASH	3,243,154	3,243,154	0	0%
Education	2,336,830	2,006,106.00	330,724.00	14%**
Child Protection	200,000	83,661	116,339	58%
Other (HIV)	100,000	0	100,000	100%
Total*	16,803,660	16,052,009.18	751,651	4.47%

*The total does not include a maximum recovery rate of 7%. The actual recovery rate on contributions is calculated in accordance with UNICEF Executive Board Decision 2006/7 dated 9 June 2006.

** Education in Emergency funds were received from the Government of Japan for the rehabilitation of 60 schools impacted by the 2012 floods, however, a significant funding gap remains to address needs in 2013, especially refugee education.

Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships

- In the Far North region, Inter Agency coordination meeting is held once a week, every Monday followed by the field visits by Inter agency coordination team WHO, UNFPA and UNICEF.
- Two joint missions UNICEF/WHO/FRC/CRC and UNICEF/WHO/WFP/FRC were undertaken respectively on 26 September and 2 October in the IDP site of Begue Palam to evaluate the needs and provide first technical and material assistance.
- An EU and ECHO joint delegation undertook a 4 day mission to the Far North region and, along with UNICEF/French Red Cross/ International Medical Corps, conducted a joint evaluation of the nutrition intervention of management of acute malnutrition.
- UNICEF and ACEEN signed a new agreement for the improvement of the WASH response in Minawao refugee camp. The design of latrines yet to be constructed has been improved to best meet the needs of the IDPs.
- To respond to the flood in the IDP camp of Begue Palam, a partnership agreement was signed between UNICEF and Red Cross for the rapid response WASH interventions. This includes the construction of 80 latrines and 40 showers.

Programme response

SAHEL NUTRITION CRISIS AND FLOODS 2013

Sector	Estimated # / % coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
		UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Nutrition	# of children <5 with Severe Acute Malnutrition admitted to Therapeutic care	57,616	44,745	78%
	UNICEF Operational Partners: MoH, Plan Cameroon			
WASH	# of malnutrition (MAM+SAM) affected children who receive hygiene kits with key hygiene messages		26,980	
	# of SAM affected children who receive hygiene kits with key hygiene message	32,818	19,893	61%
	# of nutritional centres delivering the WASH minimum package	470	334	71%
UNICEF Operational Partners: MoH, Ministry of Water resources and Energy, Plan Cameroon				
Health	# of children under one immunized against measles in the emergency affected Regions (Month target) August 2013***	140,912	125,249	88.88%
	UNICEF Operational Partners: OMS, International Medical Corps			
Protection	# of children with SAM who received psychosocial care through Child Friendly Spaces	3,000	300	10%
	UNICEF Operational Partners: MINAS			

*** Results based on data available every 2-months.

UNICEF and partners' programming

Key results

Nutrition

- Joint supervision and technical support was ensured in 3 CNA of **Mouldouvaye, Mokolo and Gadala** (Far North Region) in collaboration with the head of health service of the district.
- An ECHO delegation came for a short mission (October 21st to 26th) to the Far North region and along with UNICEF/French Red Cross/International Medical Corps conducted a joint evaluation of the nutrition response. Health districts of Mokolo, Kaele, Meri and Maroua, CNA, and CNTI were visited. The Minawao camps and floods camps were visited. This evaluation provided a good opportunity for advocacy on nutrition with European Union and other partners including government.

- The monthly nutrition working group meetings were held in Maroua (Far North) on 21st October and in Yaoundé (National) on 10th October. Key issues discussed were: (i) caseload for 2014 (ii) humanitarian needs overview and (iii) SASNIM and mass screening organization with health districts in 4 regions.
- Concerning **the refugees**, 6 new cases of severe acute malnourished children were receiving an adequate treatment with therapeutic foods and drugs in the outpatient center of Gadala this month.
- In this month, the screening and active case finding of acute malnutrition was done which reported that 2.2% of screened children (n=5/227) suffer from severe acute malnutrition and 9.7% (n=22/226) suffer from moderate acute malnutrition.

WASH

- **WASH response to new IDPs affected by flood in September 2013** UNICEF through Ministry of Water Resources and Energy has provided 550 basic water family kits, 576 hygiene Kit, 20 cartons of soap, 22 squatting plated and one pot of chlorine. In addition, the traditional well existing in the IDP site of Begue Palam was disinfected.
- UNICEF has just signed a partnership with the Cameroon Red Cross for WASH response in the camp by:
 - improving water quality through rehabilitation of a traditional well and installing a bladder of 10 000 liters
 - Improving sanitation with the construction 40 sanitary blocs for a total of 80 latrines and 40 showers
 - Promoting hygiene through installation 40 hand washing kits, training 31 Red Cross volunteer and conducting sensitization meeting
 - Ensuring appropriate waste management by installing 50 garbage bins.

WASH response in Nutritional crisis

- Since the beginning of the year, 26,980 WASH kits have been distributed to families with malnourished children in Nutritional centers in the North (10,306) and the Far North (16,674);
- Through an agreement signed with Plan Cameroon, construction of 22 blocks of latrines out of 26 planned in nutritional center is progressing well.

WASH response for Nigerian Refugees in the Far North region

- The implementation of the partnership agreement signed between UNICEF and ACEEN (a local NGO) has helped in providing a rapid response to the refugees. To date a total of 60 emergency latrines, 30 showers, 5 holes were constructed and 20 garbage bins have been installed. A total of 1,265 refugees were sensitized on good hygiene practices with the support of 20 community volunteers trained.
- Concerning wash material, a total of 450 WASH Kits, 460 Hygiene Kits, 482 child pot and 58 cartons of 48 soaps (250 g each) were distributed to refugees. An additional total of 300 basic family water kits, 300 hygiene kits, 32 cartons of soap, 180 kettles and 100 child pots were provided to UNHCR for distribution to new refugees.

WASH response in schools affected by flood in 2012

- The implementation of the PCA signed with SNV has progressed with the on-going construction of all 60 out of 60 planned boreholes, as well as the construction of gender latrines, which has increased from 10 to 14 schools out of the 30 targeted schools.

Health

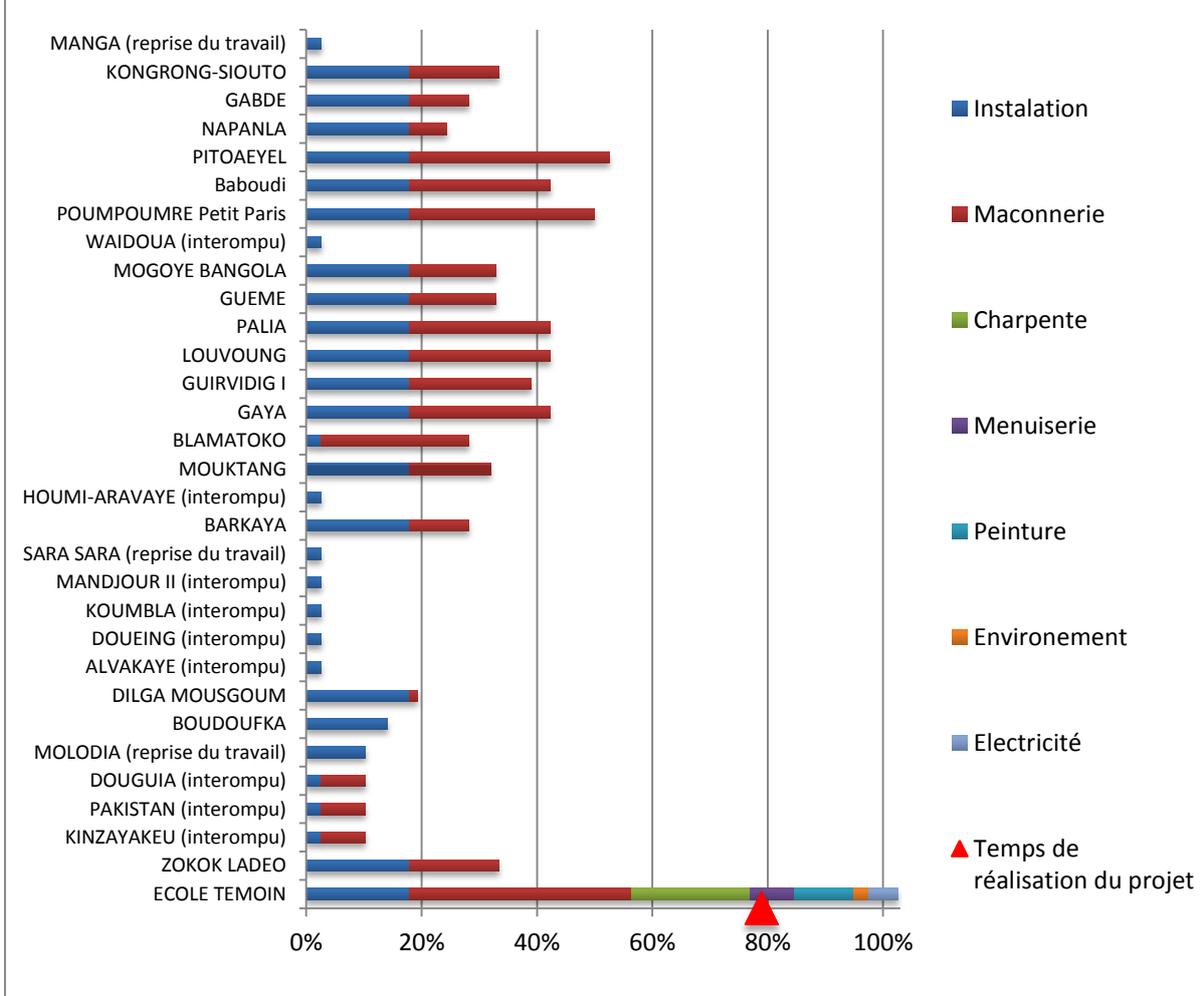
- Routine immunization data available as of end August shows coverage of 93%, (149,778 children < 1 years), 90% (145,317) and 87% (140,647) immunized with penta 3, polio 3 and measles respectively out of the children under one, 165,510 (51%) pregnant women received TT2+. (There is an information lag of 2 months as the data needs 2 months to be confirmed and reported).
- Distribution of 500 LLINs and drugs (antimicrobials, RDTs, antibiotics, antidiarrheal) to the IDPs of Dougui and Begue-Palam in the Mayo Danai Division.
- Training of 67 community health workers to ensure the implementation of integrated community case management (iCCM) and promotion of essential family practices in 12 health areas in Lagdo district health in the North region
- With the rainy season malaria still remains the most common illness, followed by acute respiratory tract infections and Gastro enteritis. No epidemic has been declared so far.

Education

Education response to schools affected by floods in 2012

- Environmental impact assessment was completed in all 30 schools
- With the end of the rainy season approaching, classroom construction put on hold due to heavy rain and inaccessibility of construction sites is recommencing (graphic overleaf shows status and timeline of construction)
- Community mobilization and sensitization campaigns have already started in all of the 30 schools targeted and is still going on (4,342 parents and 2,408 children were already sensitized). This will be completed with additional advocacy and training targeting children, teachers and administrators on the use and upkeep of classrooms and supplies. Hygiene activities and training will also be provided in all of the schools that will benefit from WASH infrastructure investments.
- Launched during International Day for Young Girl on October 11, capacity building support for communication and negotiation skills targeting Community Based Organizations (CBOs) was organized. This activity was aimed at helping CBOs to efficiently convince community to maintain their children, and specifically young girls, in school during emergencies.
- Given the high rates of female dropouts during periods of crisis and emergency, an innovative "alert" system has been put in place which flags absenteeism following an emergency and puts a response in the hands of in the school administration with the leadership and engagement of traditional leaders, community groups and "people's" government.

Suivi des constructions de salles de classes dans 60 écoles inondées du Nord et de l'Extrême-Nord (28 octobre 2013)



Education response to Refugees and recently flooded schools in the Far North region

- Flood response and Contingency Planning:** Emergency supplies plus a stock for contingency planning were fast-tracked to the Extreme North in response to the recent flash floods affecting schools in Dougui and Houme and as of October 20th were delivered to Regional Delegation of Extreme North. The contingency stock will be based in regional delegation for quick distribution. Materials include 14 Recreation kits, 12 ECD kits, 75 School in a box, 7 Tents, 3430 school bags for children, 140 bags for teachers, fifty 20 litres containers and 540 Hygiene kits for adults.
- Nigerian refugee response:** The number of refugees living in MINAWAO camp has increased from 833 to 1,184 including 623 children of primary school age. In partnership with UNHCR (who has provided temporary schooling structures for these children), UNICEF expedited a complementary education support package to respond to immediate school needs of all 623 the school children providing them with school bags, ECD kits, recreation kits, hygiene kits (for teachers), and schools in a box.
- Central African Republic refugee response:** Following Central African Republic refugees clashes in Nandougue camp (East), refugees have been resettled to Guiwa camp; a rapid joint

assessment (UNICEF-UNHCR-FICR) of the situation took place on October 17th. Guiwa as of today has three camps: Camp one for old refugees who are more or less settled in Cameroon, Camp two for new refugees and Camp three for refugees who were in Nandoungue. 160 remaining refugees are being moved from Nandoungue and shall join the rest in Giwa by the end of October 2013. There are currently 920 refugees that will increase to 1080 by the end of the month. The site houses 377 children of primary school age and 26 preschoolers that study alongside a local student population. The school urgently needs 4 tents to use as temporary classrooms (Grade 1 for example currently has an enrolment of 358 in a single classroom). Other needs identified are learning and teaching supplies. Given the destruction of UNICEF education emergency contingency stocks in warehouse, UNICEF is working on local options to support refugee needs.

HIV and AIDS

- A visit was made to the Gawar Refugee camp. The population in the camp consisted of a large number of children, adolescents, youths, women and a few men who need to be mobilized and sensitized for HIV prevention and be offered counseling and testing.
- There is a Health post at the Gawar refugee camp which refers medical cases to the nearest Community and Public Health facility at Gadala, situated at about 3 km from the Camp and to the Mokolo District Hospital, situated around 20 km from the Camp.
- The Gadala Integrated health centre has received reagents and commodities for PMTCT service delivery and for the integration of HIV/counseling and testing in the management of acute and severe malnutrition among children under five.
- Training of service providers is being planned so that services could be made operational very shortly including media campaigns and peer counselling group sessions.
- Commodities have been purchased and are now being transported to the emergency zones health facilities.
- Discussion is also going on with a local NGO to explore possibilities of a partnership for community mobilization and youth sensitization on HIV.

Protection

- The National Child Protection Working Group held a meeting on October 11th to assess child protection humanitarian situation and to monitor child protection interventions in the field with UNHCR, OIM, FICR, MINATD, MINPROFF, MINJUSTICE and other local partners. The capacities building of stakeholders on child protection response in emergencies was also a key issue of this meeting and a mapping of child protection intervention is ongoing.
- The preparation of the child protection emergency response related to Nigerian refugees is still ongoing together with key partners namely HCR, PLAN CAMEROUN and local NGOs in the Far North, focus on prevention of child abuses, building children resilience and birth registration and agreement are about to be signed.
- The preparation of the communication campaign on birth registration in the Far North with MINATD (Maroua; Meri and Minawao) and the recruitment process of a consultant to strengthen capacities of civil registrar on birth registration in the Far North and North regions are ongoing.
- 480 civil registry documents are being ordered in order to reinforce capacities of civil registrations center in Gadala and Zhelevet.
- 3 motorcycles are also being ordered to help violence prevention and psychosocial support in Minawao.

Significant trends and analysis

Nutrition

As rainy season seems to start early this year, an evaluation of harvest is needed. Impact of prices of food could increase as main products come from Douala with Nigerian border closed due to conflict so there is no commercial flux. Lack of remittances coming from Nigeria from Cameroonians that used to work in Nigeria will also impact the economic situation of dependents and families

WASH

On 19th October 2013, 227 new Nigerian refugees were transferred in Minawao Camp thus a total of 1,734 refugees are now there. Of the 60 emergency latrines built, 44 remain in use thus a ratio of 39 persons/ latrine. The construction of sustainable 50 latrines will permit to reduce this ratio to 19 persons/ latrine. However, as the first emergency latrines will be filled, this ratio will raise again to 35 persons/latrines. More resources will be necessary for the construction of at least 37 latrines in order to have a ratio of 20 persons / latrine.

Health

Measles surveillance in the North and Far North regions shows 173 suspected cases identified. From 36th to 40th epidemic week, there is an increase of 27 cases of measles between the 36th and 40th in the health districts of the Far North region. No epidemic declared in both regions yet.

HIV and AIDS

- An assessment of the situation will take place in the coming days in view of the integration of HIV screening and management with malnutrition in the health district of Mokolo and Yagoua in Far North Region, along with the health districts of Bertoua and Garoua-Boulai, in East region and the health districts of Meiganga and Nagaoundere Urbain in Adamaoua Region.
- The incoming displaced populations from Nigeria constitute a major vulnerability factor for HIV infection for thousands of adolescents and women with a high risk of unprotected sex and even rapes and sexual violence.
- HIV commodities shortage is to be addressed and orders have been already made to that respect
- Coordination with other stakeholders for an efficient response needs to be done under the leadership of local authorities
- Capacity building of health care providers working in CAN and CNTI on HIV counseling and testing has been planned for 6 health districts (Bertoua, Garoua-Boulai, Meiganga, N'Gaoundere, Mokolo and Yagoua). The capacities of the Community and NGOs leaders as well as RCA will be strengthened on HIV counseling and testing among acute and severe malnutrition children under in five in 6 health districts.
- Sensitization campaigns will be organized on STI/HIV prevention including Testing for HIV.
- HIV testing for malnourished children will be integrated for the Mokolo Health district.

Protection

- Child protection cases (child neglect, child abuse, child exploitation, harmful practices) continue to be reported in the Far North, North and East to the DRAS and NGOs.
- HCR has pre-registered 64 unaccompanied children from Nigeria requiring proper care and support.

Education

As the rains start to diminish, it is expected that risk of new schools being flooded will reduce and school rehabilitation efforts will be resumed in all schools. However, significant delays are expected in

some schools that have been inaccessible for school construction during several weeks. Regular field visits for monitoring and follow up will continue through the duration of the project implementation.

Critical supplies in pipeline or distributed

Nutrition

175 centres from 288 in the Far North have been equipped with RUTF and anthropometrical equipment. Vitamin A, deworming tablets and MUAC has been distributed to health districts for organisation of the SASNIM (25th-28th October)

WASH

In order to increase the number of nutritional centres with a minimum WASH package, the process of construction of 4 boreholes in the refugee camps has been launched and the selection of enterprise completed.

12 986 out of 20 000 WASH kits prepositioned at the regional and health district level since June 2013 are being transferred in health area (nutritional centre). Now that the rains are coming to an end in the North and Far North region, their dispatch from the health district to the nutritional centres shall be completed soon.

Education

In anticipation of the next school year, essentials textbooks for grade 1 to 6 were ordered for 30 schools. In addition, tenders were launched for the equipment of 60 classrooms (benches, teacher's desk plus chair and cupboard.)

Health

500 LLINs, Sulfadox + Pyrimeth 500+25 mg, bte/1000, SD Bioline Malaria, Kit/25, Examination gloves, latex, small, bte/100, Cotton 500g, Catether 24 G, Amoxicillin 125 mg sirop, Benzyl benzoate btl 1litre, ORS sachet, bte/100, Zinc 20mg cp, pack/100, Iron+folic Acid 60+0,4mg tabs pack/1000, Glucose 5% 500 ml + drip set, Sodium chloride 0,9%, 500ml + , Ringer Lactate 500ml + drip set, ACT 50 mg tabs, Pack /25.

Protection

3 motorcycles and 480 civil registrar documents are being ordered for Minawao refugee's camp.

SUPPLY & LOGISTICS

- Fire in the UNICEF warehouse in Douala (in excess of 615,000 US\$ of materials destroyed, comprising WASH, Education, Nutrition).
- 25,000 WASH kits distribution on-going.
- 50,500 US\$ of Education, Wash and Health items distributed.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- The contract of the TA Health Specialist is extend till beginning of September 2013.
- The process has begun for recruiting a National Officer for Child Protection / OVC specialist (NOC) for both emergency and non-emergency activities to be based in Maroua for 6 months.

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