



Cameroon

Humanitarian Situation Report

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

30 September 2016

194,517 MALNOURISHED CHILDREN
71,433 with Severe Acute Malnutrition
 (Estimated burden, UNICEF-MOH, SMART 2015)

259,145 CAR REFUGEES
 (HNO, Sept 2016)
181,401 outside camps

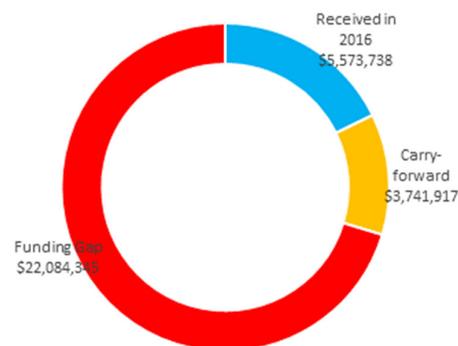
73,966 NIGERIAN REFUGEES
60,562 in the Minawao refugee camp
 (HNO, September 2016)

133,109 children out of
192,912 INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS
 (HNO, Sept 2016)
87% of displacements caused by the conflict
 (HNO, September 2016)

US\$ 31.4 million REQUIRED

30% funding available in 2016

2016 Funds Status



Highlights

- UNICEF, in conjunction with the Ministry of Health, is undertaking a SMART nutrition survey in the Northern and Eastern regions of Cameroon. This is the first time a nutrition survey will take place in Logone and Chari departments since 2013.
- The most neglected crisis facing Cameroon is the continued presence of 259,145 refugees from the Central African Republic (CAR) in the East and Adamawa regions.
- In the East, despite high levels of needs, UNICEF’s child protection programme has been reduced to skeletal projects. This is solely due to lack of funding.
- As part of the Back to School sensitisation campaign in September, more than 44,000 refugee and IDP children have benefitted from the provision of teaching and learning materials.

UNICEF’s Response with partners

	UNICEF		Sector/Cluster	
	2016 UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	2016 Cluster Target	Cumulative results (#)
Cameroonian children <5 with SAM to therapeutic care	59,341	34,677	59,341	34,677
Unaccompanied and separated children from CAR receiving interim care and follow-up	1,000	527	n/a	
Nigerian refugee, IDP and host children accessing psychosocial support	65,000	44,596	116,000	68,332
CAR refugees and host community members who have access to safe drinking water	25,000	19,900	123,000	37,500

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

Since 2014, Cameroon has been faced with three humanitarian crises. As a result of the crisis in northeast Nigeria, large numbers of people have been displaced in the Far North region of Cameroon. 192,912 people, 69% of whom are children under the age of 18 (HNO September 2016), have been internally displaced by the ongoing conflict with Boko Haram. Furthermore, around 74,000 refugees from Nigeria have come across the border in 2016- 60,562 (83%) of whom live in Minawao camp.

The most neglected crisis facing Cameroon is the continued presence of 259,145 refugees from the Central African Republic (CAR) who are living with host communities and sites throughout the East and Adamawa regions.

The refugees and displaced persons are coming into host communities with very limited resources and regions that are already facing an ongoing nutrition crisis as part of the Sahel, with malnutrition rates that are reaching emergency thresholds.

Affected Population according to the Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO), January 2016	
Total Affected Population	2,700,000
Total Affected Children (<18)	1,600,000
Total Affected Women	1,400,000
Children <5 suffering from acute malnutrition	250,000
Persons in food insecurity	2,400,000
Affected Population as of end of August (HNO, September 2016)	
Internal Displaced Persons	192,912
Nigerian refugees	73,966
CAR refugees	259,145

Humanitarian leadership and coordination

At the national level, emergency coordination is led by the Humanitarian/Resident Coordinator (HC/RC) and supported by OCHA. Under the leadership of OCHA, humanitarian needs and humanitarian strategic response plans are monitored through the HRP (Humanitarian Response Plan) process. The HNO-HRP was officially endorsed by the Government of Cameroon and the HCT in January 2016 (www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/cameroon). The HNO for 2017 was finalized this past month, and the HRP planning process for 2017 is underway, to be finalized mid-November.

With regards to the Sahel nutrition crisis, Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) and epidemic emergencies, UNICEF and the Government are co-leading the nutrition, WASH and education sectors, as well as the sub-sectoral group for child protection. The sectoral groups meet on a regular basis both at the central and field levels.

Emergency responses related to Nigerian and CAR refugees are coordinated by the Government of Cameroon and UNHCR. UNICEF actively participates at the central and field levels in sectoral and multi-sectoral coordination fora.

Humanitarian Strategy

UNICEF implements an emergency response for refugees and IDPs focusing on child protection and education to ensure that displaced and host community children are protected and fulfil their rights in a safe environment. These activities are complemented by specific lifesaving interventions in the areas of WASH, health and HIV, and nutrition. In order to facilitate and support its emergency response, UNICEF has established a permanent presence in Bertoua in the East region and in Maroua in the Far North region.

In response to the ongoing nutrition crisis, UNICEF and partners are implementing an integrated strategy which aims to reduce suffering of children and women affected by Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and decrease the overall prevalence of acute malnutrition. The strategy focuses on the reinforcement of the screening and case management of SAM patients and on related interventions in other sectors such as WASH (to decrease childhood illnesses that are directly linked to the incidence of malnutrition), HIV (screening and referral of HIV positive children) and protection (emotional stimulation and psychosocial support).

UNICEF also responds to sudden onset emergencies such as epidemics, and supports the prevention and treatment of cholera. As a result of its mandate and expertise, UNICEF ensures synergy between emergency and development programs in order to respond to immediate life-saving needs and to ensure long term impact.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

Nigeria crisis

Nutrition

- **Therapeutic care.** As of the end of September, a total of 524 SAM children under five (against the target of 988 children) have been admitted for therapeutic care in the Minawao camp. The performance indicators continued to meet the SPHERE standards.
- **Forty-five health staff from ALIMA and Mokolo district hospital have been trained on integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition in inpatient facility.** The training aimed to improve the quality of the IMAM program (adherence to admission and discharge criteria, work flow, health promotion activities) in the inpatient facilities.

Education

- **Safe Schools Initiative:** As part of the strategy for schools to be safe and protective environments, the Governor of the Far North Region urged the regional Delegate for MoE to take appropriate measures to protect the schools.
- **Back to school sensitization campaign:** In the Minawao refugee camp, over 4,000 people have been sensitized on the importance of education on a door to door basis, with the support of refugee community leaders, as well as C4D pool members. In IDP host localities of Mokolo and Kousseri, messages on the importance of education for all children, especially those affected by conflict, were broadcast through community radios in local languages. Some local groups composed of teachers and community members helped in spreading and explaining the message where people could not afford a radio set. The campaign is still on-going in both the Minawao Camp and host communities.
- **School registration for the academic year 2016-2017:** To date, 29,834 refugee and IDP children (60% of the target) have had access to education. 30,271 children have been registered for the new 2016-2017 academic year in the Minawao refugee camp and in IDP host communities. Among them, 13,318 refugee children so far have been registered for the academic year, including 1,359 secondary school students, 10,668 primary school students and 1,291 preschool pupils. Among these children are also the 6,159 out-of-school refugee children (2,556 girls), who participated in the accelerated curricula during the holidays. In addition to the 13,318 refugee children, 16,953 IDP children, among which 6,627 girls, were registered in primary schools and preschools. This includes 6,155 out-of-school IDP and host community children among them 2,954 girls, who attended accelerated curricula during the holidays.

WASH

- **New blocks of emergency latrines and showers.** The construction of 12 blocks of emergency latrines and showers equipped with handwashing systems, and a landfill for 154 people (51 households) as well as the procurement and distribution of 10 garbage bins have been completed by UNICEF through its partnership with the NGO Public Concern in Zamai IDP site.
- **Hygiene and sanitation promotion.** In collaboration with UNICEF, NGO partners (ACEEN, Public Concern and FBM) are undertaking hygiene and sanitation promotion in communities hosting IDPs (Makary and Pette municipalities) and vulnerable communities of Bogo, Dargala, Moulvoudaye municipalities. To date, a total of 6,465 households have received hygiene kits with key hygiene messages.

Child protection

- **40 new separated children (19 boys and 21 girls) and 2 new unaccompanied children (2 boys) have been identified by ALDEPA in the camp of Minawao.** The 2 unaccompanied children were placed in foster families. As of September 2016, 196 separated and unaccompanied children have been identified by UNICEF/ALDEPA in Minawao, of whom 25 have been reunified with their families.
- **72 new separated children (27 girls and 45 boys) and 34 new unaccompanied children (16 girls and 18 boys) were identified amongst IDP communities.** All new UAC identified were placed in foster families, including follow-up home visits by social workers. In September, 2 boys unaccompanied have been reunified with their family in Waza (Logone & Chari).

- **New enrolments in CFSs.** 728 children (366 girls and 362 boys) were enrolled in the 13 Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in Minawao camp and 280 children (127 girls and 153 boys) in the villages around the camp (host populations), bringing the total for 2016 to 14,246 children (7,724 girls and 6,522 boys) who have benefited from psychosocial support.
- **Psychosocial support through family based children groups:** 7,242 internally displaced children / host community children (3,593 girls and 3,649 boys) from Mayo Sava, Mayo Tsanaga, Logone & Chari, Mayo Danay and Diamare, benefited from psychosocial and recreational activities in family based children groups and 22 primary schools, bringing the total for 2016 to 30,350 children (14,188 girls and 16,162 boys).

CAR crisis

Education

- **Teaching and learning materials.** During the back to school month (September 2016), 41 host schools and 87 TLPS in the refugee sites received teaching and learning materials. To date, 44,405 children have benefitted from these supplies, 44% of whom are girls.

WASH

- **Construction of new boreholes.** The construction of 10 boreholes in 10 communities hosting refugees of East region is completed. These achievements will benefit more than 2,500 people, including refugees.
- **Implementation of CLTS.** In partnership with ADRA, UNICEF continued to support the implementation of Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) in 100 communities hosting refugees in East and Adamawa regions. As a result, during the reporting period, 1,267 households have constructed and are using their latrines, making a total of 2,363 latrines built. In the same time, a total of 6,936 people have been sensitized on the use and cleanliness of latrines, hand washing, water treatment, cholera prevention and treatment, and environmental hygiene in concerned communities.

Sahel Nutrition Crisis

Nutrition

- **SAM admissions.** Since the beginning of the year, 34,677 children under five have been admitted for the treatment of severe acute malnutrition (21,408 children in the Far North region, 10,673 children in the North region and 2,596 children in Adamawa). This represents 58% of the targeted SAM caseload for the 3 regions (59,341).
- **Distribution of RUTF.** UNICEF continues to reinforce the supply chain by supporting the regional health delegations in distribution of Ready to Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF), and drugs for the systematic treatment of children with SAM and those with complications. UNICEF also coordinated and supported health centres supply with NGOs, MSF-CH, ACF, IMC, French Red-Cross, and ALIMA to reach the most affected areas.

WASH

- **WASH kits and hygiene messages provided.** To improve the WASH response to malnutrition in the concerned areas, UNICEF and its partners provided WASH kits with key messages on hygiene to a total of 6,421 SAM children in the North and Far North Regions. A total of 30,000 WASH kits for have been distributed in Far North and North nutritional centres for further distribution for malnourished children and their families.
- **Training of health staff.** UNICEF supported the training/refresher of 195 health staff, including council staff, on cholera in the Far North region in order to improve the cholera prevention and response activities.

Security

In the past month, the security situation in the Far North has remained a critical factor in the implementation of the humanitarian response. Despite several incursions on the border with Nigeria, humanitarian activities were not impacted. Thus far, the humanitarian community has not been a target of any attacks.

Funding

Sector	Initial HAC 2016 requirements	Nigeria + requirements	Funds Available*	Funding Gap
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WASH	7,250,000	2,885,000	1,774,182	5,475,818	76%
Education	8,850,000	5,647,000	2,039,008	6,810,992	77%
Health & HIV/AIDS	2,950,000	1,566,000	464,604	2,485,396	84%
Nutrition	7,200,000	510,000	2,787,120	4,412,880	61%
Child Protection	4,900,000	2,831,000	1,872,219	3,027,781	62%
Sector Coordination	250,000	125,000	378,522	0	0%
Total 2016	31,400,000	13,564,000	9,315,655	22,084,345	70%

* 'Funds available' includes funding received against current appeal as well as carry-forward from the previous year.

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UNICEF Cameroon Humanitarian Action for Children Appeal: <http://www.unicef.org/appeals/cameroon.html>

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SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME RESULTS

	Sector Response			UNICEF and IPs		
	2016 Target	Total Results	% Achieved	2016 Target	Total Results	% Achieved
NUTRITION CRISIS						
Number of Cameroonian children <5 with Severe Acute Malnutrition admitted to therapeutic care	59,341	34,677	58%	59,341	34,677	58%
Performance of integrated program for severe acute malnutrition treatment in far North : cured rate	≥75%	79%	NA	≥75%	79%	NA
Number of affected children (SAM) who received wash kits with key hygiene messages	45,000	6,421	14%	40,000	6,421	16%
CAR CRISIS						
Number of children <5 with Severe Acute Malnutrition admitted to therapeutic care	3,926	4,353	100%	3,926	4,353	100%
Number of refugee children with access to education	56,000	35,535	63%	39,000	23,790	61%
Number of children benefitting from teaching and learning supplies	73,300	44,405	61%	73,300	44,405	61%
Number of children accessing psychosocial support through ETAPes	120,000	26,004	22%	90,000	15,801	18%
Number of unaccompanied and separated children receiving interim care and follow-up	NA			1,000	527	53%
Number of people who have access to safe drinking water	123,000	37,500	30%	25,000	19,900	80%
NIGERIA + CRISIS						
Number of refugee children <5 with SAM admitted to therapeutic care in Minawao camp ¹	988	524	53%	988	524	53%
Number of refugee and IDP children with access to education	59,000	33,106	56%	48,600	29,834	61%
Number of children (refugees and IDP) benefitting from teaching and learning supplies	107,000	47,474	44%	99,900	41,698	42%
Number of children accessing psychosocial support (IDP, refugees and host community)	116,000	68,332	59%	65,000	44,596	69%
Number of unaccompanied and separated children (IDP and refugees) receiving interim care and follow-up	4,683	3,333	71%	3,650	1,115	31%
Number of households receiving hygiene kits with key hygiene messages	30,000	6,465	22%	15,000	6,465	43%
Number of children aged 6 months – 15 years vaccinated for measles		N/A		TBD	2,446	n/a

¹ The targets for this indicator previously have been incorrectly reported as 1,000 and are in fact 988 as indicated in this report.