



Cameroon

Humanitarian Situation Report



Highlights

- *The Far North continues unabated with displacement. An increase in the number of internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees and out of camp refugees is of growing concern.*
- *A security evaluation of the main axes will be undertaken in the Far North department of Logone et Chari. It is hoped that this will permit increased access to the remote areas of Fotokol, Makary and Hile Alifa, ouseri and the Mayo Sava.*
- *Humanitarian access to Kolofata and surrounding areas in the Far North has been limited due to increased insecurity and military operations being conducted. This has led to a substantial reduction in humanitarian activities in the department*
- *In the East, due to the reduction in funding, humanitarian partners are being forced to prioritise beneficiary populations. Currently the process is ongoing to identify the most vulnerable, in need of food assistance.*

February 2017

191,908 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)
(DTM 6, Jan. 2017)

35,665 Returnees
(DTM 6, Jan. 2017)

85,463 NIGERIAN REFUGEES
62,033 in the Minawao refugee camp
23,430 Nigerian out of Minawao refugee camp
(UNHCR, Feb. 2017)

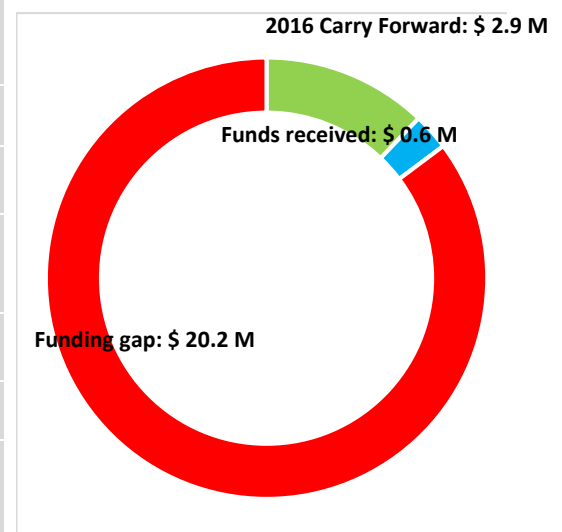
259,145 CAR REFUGEES
61% arrived since December 2013
(UNHCR, Feb. 2017)

UNICEF's Response with partners

Indicators	CLUSTER		UNICEF	
	Target	Result	Target	Result
Number of affected people with a sustainable access to drinking water, to address their vulnerabilities	241,000	7,500	55,000	5,400
Number of affected people with an access to adequate sanitation to meet their vulnerabilities	171,000	8,450	100,000	8,450
Number of children aged 3-17 years accessing quality formal or non-formal basic education	316,592	39,283	221,500	39,283
Number of children aged 6 to 59 months with SAM admitted for treatment in East and Adamaoua regions	13,794	772	15,745	772
Number of children aged 6 to 59 months with SAM admitted for treatment in Far North	27,967	1,412	28,029	1,412
Number of children reached with psychosocial support through child-friendly spaces	86,111	4,294	105,800	1,910
Number of unaccompanied and separated children who are placed in alternative care and/or who benefitted from individual follow-up	3,000	146	2,800	284

UNICEF Appeal 2017

\$ 23,703,305



Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

Impact of the Lake Chad Basin Crisis:

The Far North continues unabated with displacement. The results of the DTM 7 presented in February 2017 indicates an increase in the number of IDPs from 191,908 to 223,642 (17%) and out of camp refugees from 23,430 to 30,593 (31%) since December 2016. Amongst the refugees in Minawao camp, the number has increased to 62,829, from 59,794 at the end of December (UNHCR March 2017)

Of concern is growing number of returns among IDPs. As of February 2017, there are 35,665 returnees of whom 26% cited the lack of humanitarian assistance as their reason for returning home. A further 13% cited recommendations from the authorities and military. On a positive note, UNHCR has begun a pre-registration process for more than 23,000 refugees outside of Minawao camp (UNHCR Feb. 2017). The majority of these refugees are in Fotokol, Makary, Waza and Mogode.

Impact of the CAR crisis:

The drastic reduction of financial resources for the CAR refugee crisis in both regions of East and Adamawa has necessitated that humanitarian actors establish vulnerability criteria to select the target population. At this stage, the criteria is focussed primarily on the provision of food assistance to the refugee population. Basic service provision criteria is to be established amongst the various partners in conjunction with the refugee population. Failure to take into account host communities, which are more impoverished and vulnerable by the settlement of refugees, is a notable shortcoming in this targeting process.

Key figures:

Affected Population according to the Humanitarian Needs Overview 2017	
Total Affected Population	2,900,000
Total Affected Children (<18)	1,500,000
Children <5 suffering from severe acute malnutrition	64,900
Persons in food insecurity	2,600,000
Affected Population (DTM 6, Jan 2017, and UNHCR)	
Internal Displaced Persons	191,908
Nigerian refugees	85,463
CAR refugees	259,145
Far North returnees	35,665

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, the humanitarian needs are quantified and humanitarian strategic response plans developed and coordinated. At the sectoral level, UNICEF and the Government are co-leading the nutrition, WASH and education sectors, as well as the sub-sectoral group for child protection.

At the field level, UNHCR leads inter-sector coordination, which addresses particularly challenges and gaps both for refugees, IDPs and host communities in the Far North. This extends into the coordination of the humanitarian response to the Central African Republic refugee crisis in the regions of the East and Adamawa. UNHCR organizes bimonthly meetings with other humanitarian actors, to consolidate data and harmonize interventions.

Humanitarian Strategy

In 2017, UNICEF will focus on strengthening the resilience of Cameroonian communities, while addressing both the humanitarian and development needs of the affected regions. By working with all strata of society, in partnership with communities as well as local government, UNICEF will implement programs that address prevailing needs, while being responsive to any changes in context. UNICEF will build strategic partnerships with local NGOs who are able to reach populations that might otherwise be unreachable. This approach – the nexus between humanitarian and development programming – includes early warning indicators. An underlying criteria is an integrated approach, which will ensure that communities, particularly IDPs and unregistered refugees, receive a package that addresses all their basic needs. Children will have their educational needs met, receive psychosocial support to cope with their traumas and displacement, and have their primary health needs met. UNICEF is making 2017 a transition year, moving towards this comprehensive shift in program approach. As such, UNICEF will move towards reaching more communities in isolated areas. It will shift towards building the skills of national and sub-national partners, both government and civil society. Finally, UNICEF intends to explore innovative approaches to increase community involvement in programs, reach and accountability.

Summary Analysis of Programme response

Lake Chad Basin Crisis

Child Protection

Family Tracing and Reunification for unaccompanied children is ongoing in Minawao camp as well as in IDPs communities. 31 new separated children (21 boys and 10 girls) and 4 unaccompanied children (2 boys and 2 girls) identified by ALDEPA in Minawao camp.

104 new separated children) and 23 unaccompanied children (UAC) had been identified amongst IDP communities by ALDEPA and INTERSOS in Logone-et-Chari, Mayo Tsanaga, Mayo Sava, Maya Danay and Diamare. One unaccompanied child had been reunified with his family in Maltam. All new UAC identified were placed in foster families for temporary support, including follow-up home visits by social workers.

Psychosocial support through family based children groups: 1,518 new internally displaced children and host community children (770 girls and 748 boys) from Mayo Sava, Mayo Tsanaga, Logone & Chari, Mayo Danay and Diamare, benefited of psychosocial activities in family based children groups and 22 primary schools.

A total of 392 new children (196 girls and 196 boys), of which 249 children (118 girls and 131 boys) enrolled in the 13 Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in Minawao camp and 143 (78 girls and 65 boys) from the surrounding villages of the camp, benefitted of psychosocial support.

Education

During the period under review, a total of 250 teachers (40 women) in Kousseri were trained in psycho-social support skills and conflict and disaster risk reduction measures. These teachers will in turn provide PSS services to about 10,000 children in schools around the area. They will also facilitate the development of safe schools plans to provide some guidance to parents and children on what to do to keep themselves and their schools protected and safe from intruders.

Five schools in Mokolo locality participated in the protective learning environment study. The participants in the study included 100 school children (50% girls), 100 parents (46 women) and 30 teachers (50% women). The results of the study would serve as a baseline information against which progress on knowledge and practices on protective schools would be measured. The exercise forms part of the Children of Peace project being implemented in response to the on-going crisis in the Far North region.

Nutrition

On 20 January 2017, UNICEF and partners organized joint supervision/training in the Mokolo health district. The main objective of this supervision was to boost the capacity of the district for the implementation of CMAM activities at all levels.

UNICEF worked closely with the health delegations and partners to ensure an uninterrupted pipeline of Ready to Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) and essential drugs to all program sites. To this end, UNICEF provided 5,500 boxes of RUTF for strategic prepositioning to the Far North and North regional health delegations for the management of SAM.

WASH

50 boreholes were rehabilitated by UNICEF implementing partner CODA-CARITAS Yagoua for the benefit of 36, 959 IDPs and host community members living in Makary, Hile Alifa and Fotokol (Logone and Chari Department). In Mokolo municipality, the construction of boreholes in ongoing targeting communities, health centers and schools. So far 15 new boreholes are in progress.

8,423 out of 16,500 WASH kits targeting about 36,959 IDPs and vulnerable populations in Fotokol, Makary and Hile Alifa are being distributed.

An assessment of community led total sanitation (CLTS) has been conducted by the national CLTS validation Committee in 306 communities hosting targeting 135, 836 IDPs and vulnerable community members in Makary, Pette, Bogo, Dargala, Moulvoudaye and Kalfou municipalities with UNICEF support. Moreover, ACEEN, a local NGO partner, is undertaking CLTS activities in 50 villages in Makary.

CAR Refugee Crisis

Child Protection

UNICEF signed a second Small Scale Agreement with the local NGO CODAS-CARITAS Bertoua for the Identification, Documentation, Tracing and Reunification (IDTR) of Unaccompanied and Separated refugee children from CAR in Ngoura district. 15 community based workers have been trained on IDTR process and 15 Child Protection committee members on child protection and social mobilization.

122 separated and unaccompanied children have been identified by Codas-Caritas Bertoua: 99 separated children (43 girls and 56 boys) and 23 unaccompanied children (10 girls and 13 boy) in Ngoura district. In addition, to ensure their well-being, home visits and continuous follow up on their basic needs (food, clothes, and shelter) were carried out in their respective foster families.

Education

13,283 children (7,777 boys and 5,506 girls), participating in education activities in the 112 temporary learning protective spaces in the 6 refugee sites in the Adamawa and East regions, received additional teaching and learning kits comprising 89 schools in box, and 5,390 school bags.

Nutrition

UNICEF provided the supplies (Ready to Use Therapeutic Food and essential drugs) to the East and Adamawa regional health delegations for the management of 772 cases of SAM.

15 staff in charge of data and stock management have been trained by UNICEF on March 3 in the most affected health districts in the East and Adamaoua to reinforce information analysis and supply planning.

WASH

In 2016, in partnership with the local NGO ADRA, UNICEF supported the implementation of Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) in 100 communities hosting refugees in East and Adamawa regions. An evaluation conducted by Ministry of Public Health and Ministry of Water Resources and Energy to validate the "Open Defecation Free (ODF)" status of these communities was conducted in the East and Adamawa regions and the report is in progress. The tendencies show that 70% of villages are ODF.

Funding

Funding Requirements (as defined in the 2017 Humanitarian Action for Children (HAC))					
Appeal Sector	Requirements	Requirements LCB Crisis	Funds available*	Funding gap	
				USD	%
Nutrition	5,274,400	2,520,000	418,037	4,856,363	92%
Health / HIV	1,231,700	1,231,700	188,671	1,043,029	0%
Water, sanitation and hygiene	6,359,613	4,445,280	179,530	6,180,083	97%
Child protection	3,663,872	2,287,872	701,364	2,962,508	81%
Education	5,973,720	4,083,720	1,025,266	4,948,454	83%
Cluster/Sector coordination	1,200,000	0	0	1,200,000	0%
Sector not yet identified*			990,910		
Total	23,703,305	14,568,572	3,503,778	20,199,527	85%

* Funding that has been recently received and are in the process of being allocated against the appeal sectors

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SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME RESULTS

National Response Overview Results

SECTOR	CLUSTER			UNICEF		
	Target	Result	%	Target	Result	%
CHILD PROTECTION						
Number of children associated with armed groups receiving support for reintegration	35	0	0%	35	0	0%
Number of children reached with psychosocial support through child-friendly spaces	86,111	4,294	5%	105,800	1,910	2%
Number of unaccompanied and separated children who are placed in alternative care and/or who benefitted from individual follow-up	3,000	146	5%	2,800	284	10%
Number of unaccompanied children reunified with their families	1,941	1	0%	800	1	0%
EDUCATION						
Number of children aged 3-17 years accessing quality formal or non-formal basic education	316,592	39,283	12%	221,500	39,283	18%
Number of children aged 3-17 years benefitting from learning materials	316,592	13,283	4%	190,000	13,283	7%
Number of primary and secondary school-aged children attending school in a classroom with a teacher trained in PSS	167,100	26,000	16%	117,500	26,000	22%
NUTRITION						
Number of children aged 6 to 59 months with SAM admitted for treatment in East and Adamaoua regions	13,794	772	6%	15,745	772	5%
Number of children aged 6 to 59 months with SAM admitted for treatment in Far North	27,967	1,412	5%	28,029	1,412	5%
WASH						
Number of affected people with a sustainable access to drinking water, to address their vulnerabilities	241,000	7,500	3%	55,000	5,400	10%
Number of affected people with an access to adequate sanitation to meet their vulnerabilities	171,000	8,450	5%	100,000	8,450	8%
Number of children admitted for SAM treatment having received a WASH minimum package of activities	40,000	6,288	16%	30,000	6,288	21%

Lake Chad Basin Crisis results

Sector	Overall needs	Sector Response			UNICEF and IPs		
		2017 Target	Total Results	% Achieved	2017 Target	Total Results	% Achieved
WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE							
Number of affected people with a sustainable access to drinking water, to address their vulnerabilities	332,000	157,000	7,500	5%	30,000	5,400	18%
Number of affected people with an access to adequate sanitation to meet their vulnerabilities	332,000	87,000	8,450	10%	50,000	8,450	17%
Number of children admitted for SAM treatment having received a WASH minimum package of activities	51,000	40,000	6,288	16%	30,000	6,288	21%
EDUCATION							
Number of children aged 3-17 years accessing quality formal or non-formal basic education	209,557	163,532	26,000	16%	114,500	26,000	23%
Number of children aged 3-17 years benefitting from learning materials	209,557	163,532	n/a	n/a	98,000	n/a	n/a
Number of primary and secondary school-aged children attending school in a classroom with a teacher trained in PSS	209,557	90,600	26,000	29%	63,500	26,000	41%

NUTRITION							
Number of children aged 6 to 59 months with SAM admitted for treatment in <u>Far North</u>	31,074	27,967	1412	5%	28,029*	1,412	5%
Number of children aged 6 to 59 months with SAM admitted for treatment in <u>North</u>	16,518	14,866	1564	11%	14,866	1,564	11%
Performance of integrated program for severe acute malnutrition treatment in <u>Far North</u> : cured rate	>75%	>75%	83%	n/a	>75%	n/a	n/a
Performance of integrated program for severe acute malnutrition treatment in <u>North</u> : cured rate	>75%	>75%	84%	n/a	>75%	n/a	n/a

CHILD PROTECTION							
Number of children reached with psychosocial support through child-friendly spaces	n/a	86,111	4294	5%	67,500	1,910	3%
Number of unaccompanied and separated children who are placed in alternative care and/or who benefitted from individual follow-up	n/a	3,000	146	5%	2,300	162	7%
Number of unaccompanied children reunified with their families	n/a	1,941	1	0%	750	1	0%
Number of children associated with armed groups receiving support for reintegration	n/a	35	n/a	0%	35	n/a	n/a

*Includes sector and refugee target

CAR Refugee Crisis Results

Sector	Overall needs	Cluster Response			UNICEF and IPs		
		2017 Target	Total Results	% Achieved	2017 Target	Total Results	% Achieved
WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE							
Number of affected people with a sustainable access to drinking water, to address their vulnerabilities	199,000	84,000	n/a	n/a	25,000	n/a	n/a
Number of affected people with an access to adequate sanitation to meet their vulnerabilities	199,000	84,000	n/a	n/a	50,000	n/a	n/a
EDUCATION							
Number of children aged 3-17 years accessing quality formal or non-formal basic education	240,443	153,060	13,283	9%	107,000	13,283	12%
Number of children aged 3-17 years benefitting from learning materials	240,443	153,060	13,283	9%	92,000	13,283	14%
Number of primary and secondary school-aged children attending school in a classroom with a teacher trained in PSS	240,443	76,500	n/a	n/a	54,000	n/a	n/a
NUTRITION							
Number of children aged 6 to 59 months with SAM admitted for treatment in East and Adamaoua regions	17,277	13,794	772	6%	15,745*	772	5%
Performance of integrated program for severe acute malnutrition treatment in East and Adamaoua : cured rate	>75%	>75%	84%	n/a	>75%	84%	n/a
CHILD PROTECTION							
Number of children reached with psychosocial support through child-friendly spaces	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	38,300	n/a	n/a
Number of unaccompanied and separated children who are placed in alternative care and/or who benefitted from individual follow-up	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	500	122	24%
Number of unaccompanied children reunified with their families	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	50	n/a	n/a

*Includes sector and refugee target