UNICEF Cameroon response to the Far North crisis

**Situation of refugees & displaced people in Far-North in numbers**

- **106,000** TOTAL NUMBER OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PEOPLE (IDPs) (OCHA, APRIL 2015)
- **33,596** TOTAL NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN CAMPS (UNHCR, APRIL 2015)
- **41,674** NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN THE FAR-NORTH REGION (UNHCR, APRIL 2015)
- **39,000** CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM SEVERE ACUTE MALNUTRITION IN THE FAR NORTH

**UNICEF requirements**

$\text{AN ESTIMATED $8 MILLION REQUIRED TO COVER THE NEEDS UNTIL END OF 2015}^1$

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**Human resources**

**SCALING UP OF UNICEF PRESENCE IN THE FIELD**

- Initially to response to the Sahel Nutrition Crisis, UNICEF maintains a field office in Maroua since 2012
- Following the humanitarian situation deterioration, UNICEF is reinforcing its HR capacities through the mobilization of staff in following sectors:
  - WASH
  - Emergency coordination
  - Nutrition
  - Communication For Development
  - Education
  - Child protection

**Supplies**

**SCALING UP OF UNICEF SUPPLY**

- In order to response to the deterioration of humanitarian situation, UNICEF is boosting the procurement of nutritional therapeutic inputs and is purchasing equipment for WASH, Education and health activities to satisfy IDP and refugee priority needs.

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^1Provisional amount, per UNICEF Operational Response Plan

Field level Coordination led by Government and supported by UNICEF:

- UNICEF is actively engaged in the general coordination meeting both at the regional and national levels
- UNICEF co leads with the Government the following sectorial groups:
  - Child Protection
  - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)
  - Nutrition
  - Education

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UNICEF Results for children in the Far North

**NUTRITION**

- **6,316** Children under 5 with SAM in the 13 health districts hosting IDPs since January 2015
- **257** Refugee children under 5 with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) admitted for treatment since January 2015

**CHILD PROTECTION**

- **7,223** Children affected by the armed conflict reached with psycho-social support since the beginning of the year
- **279** Unaccompanied and separated children placed in interim care or reunified

**HEALTH**

- **4,000** Mosquito nets distributed in the camp
- **2,415** Children under 15 years vaccinated against measles when arriving at the Minawao refugee camp

**WASH**

- **10** Boreholes to provide access to water in Minawao refugee camp
- **79** New latrines and showers built in Minawao refugee camp to provide access to sanitation

**EDUCATION**

- **7,400** Children benefitting from teaching and learning supplies
- **84** Teachers trained on Psychosocial support and Promotion of Peace through Education

Focus on UNICEF main activities to date

**Refinement of framework for action**

- In addition to the previous assessments, UNICEF conducted a new rapid multi sectorial assessment from 22 to 23 April
- In partnership with the Ministry of Health and WFP, UNICEF organized a Nutritional Rapid Assessment towards IDPs and host populations

**Delivery of assistance**

- UNICEF supports the Government’s Campaign against measles and polio for all children (including IDPs and refugees) in the Far North region
- Immunization day about measles and meningitis was organized for 105 children of the “Institution Camerounaise de l’Enfance” in Maroua
- In the Minawao Camp, UNICEF continue to provide psychosocial support and recreational activities in the child friendly spaces
- UNICEF supports 84 children previously enrolled in a school supposedly affiliated to Boko Haram and currently hosted in the “Institution Camerounaise de l’Enfance” through psychosocial services and procurement of essential items (such as blankets, mattresses, hygienic kits, recreational kits)

**Strengthening partners’ capacities**

- UNICEF and the Government set up a thorough monitoring system of children rights abuse and violations
- UNICEF supported the Regional Delegation of the Basic Education in Far North to organized a training workshop from 14 until 17 April 2015. This training concerned 84 teachers and 6 inspectors of district of the Education in localities affected by the IDPs (Mokolo, Mayo-Moskota, Mora, Makari, Fotokol and Waza)

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