



Orphaned children on the military camp IDP site in Kousseri receive a mat and blanket.



A young women with a small child on the Gore IDP site in Kousseri received a mosquito net.

UNICEF CAMEROON FLASH UPDATE N°7: FLOODS - FAR NORTH

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HUMANITARIAN OVERVIEW¹

The Far North region was severely affected by floods in 2024, impacting over 448,000 people, including 152,376 children. The floods damaged or destroyed 56,084 houses, 262 schools, and 65 health centers, further compounding the challenges faced by already vulnerable communities. UNHCR recorded 88,850 people affected by the floods on 13 IDP sites in Kousseri² and 7 sites in Logone Birni.³ 68 per cent are children. 83 per cent of respondents expressed their intention to return to their area of origin. Despite difficult access, vaccination and birth registration continued with UNICEF support.

The Government, local authorities, and humanitarian organizations are providing assistance to those affected.⁴

UNICEF'S RESPONSE (August to January)



Health

- **1,000 Long-Lasting Insecticidal Nets** were distributed in IDP sites in Kousseri, including to 731 households with children under 5 years old and 269 households with breastfeeding women.
- Despite floods, the second round of the National Immunization Days was conducted in October 2024; **613,748 children under 5 years** were vaccinated against polio in 10 flood-affected health districts.
- **131,605 people** aged over 1 year were vaccinated against cholera in the health districts of Vele, Yagoua and Maga (Mayo-Danay). UNICEF supported the management of 32 cases of cholera in Maroua in November with the provision of 01 Acute Watery Diarrhea (AWD) kit.
- **13,340 patients received health services** with UNICEF's support, in the Yagoua, Kaikai, Vele, (Mayo-Danay), Mada and Blagoua (Logone et Chari) health districts between August and November.⁵



Nutrition

- **6,975 children** aged 6 to 59 months with Severe Acute Malnutrition (**SAM**) were **treated** in the 10 districts affected by the floods⁶ between August and December.
- In the 14 IDP sites in the Kousseri health district, 7,180 **children aged 6 to 59 months were screened** with MUAC (Mid-Upper Arm Circumference), including 3,521 boys and 3,659 girls, with 494 yellow (6.88 per cent) and 220 red (3.06 per cent). These 220 children were referred to health facilities for care. In the same sites, 42 incompletely vaccinated children were identified and referred to health facilities and 46,666 **people were sensitized**, including 40,257 women, on Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) and on WASH practices.

¹ For more information, please see the [Flash Update No 1](#), [Flash Update No 2](#), [Flash Update 3](#), [Flash Update 4](#), [Flash Update 5](#) and [Flash Update 6](#).

² Gore, Kawadji, Marouare, Massil Al Kaname, Tamraye, Madagascar 2, Sultanat, Camp Police, Lacka, Mainani, Ndou, Camp Militaire, Camp Compagnie

³ Bourgouma 1, Bourgouma 2, Honkol, Kidam, Ngama, Samakale, Tilde

⁴ OCHA is coordinating and providing information on the humanitarian response. Information on response activities is available in the Far North flood overview as of 11 November: [Cameroun : Extrême-Nord - Aperçu des inondations \(Au 11 novembre 2024\) - Cameroon | ReliefWeb](#) and the OCHA Information Note on the floods in the Far North as of 11 November: [Cameroun - Extrême-Nord : Note d'information sur les inondations \(au 11 novembre 2024\) - Cameroon | ReliefWeb](#)

⁵ The provision of health services continued after November, but data at the level of the regional delegation of public health is not yet available for December and January.

⁶ Bogo, Mada, Maga, Vele, Yagoua (Mayo-Danay), Fotokol, Goulfey, Kousseri, Makary (Logone-et-Chari),



WASH

- **1,200 packs of 4 soaps and 50 tablets of aquatabs each** were distributed to 1,200 households in the Gore IDP site in Kousseri. Distributions were accompanied by key messages on good hygiene practices.
- Support was provided for the construction of **160 emergency latrines with 70 showers for 1,600 households in IDPs sites** of Mayo Danay⁷. Latrine management committees were created and trained on the maintenance and correct use of latrines.
- **The solar drinking water supply system** at the Ouro Dabang IDP site in Yagoua has been repaired. The entire IDP population (3,650 people) of this site is accessing water via this system.
- After **diagnosis of non-functional water points, the rehabilitation of 14 boreholes** equipped with human-powered pumps and sensitive to flooding were carried out in the affected communes of Kousseri (01), Yagoua (01), Maga (06) and Vele (06); in addition, a **mini solar water supply system equipped with a 5,000l bladder and a 6-tap** ramp was built on the Kawadji IDP site in Kousseri to provide safe drinking water for 8,500 people.
- **55 garbage bins** were installed, and **5 waste pits** were built on IDP sites in Kousseri and Maga for household waste.
- Between August and October, **1,930 WASH kits** were distributed in Kousseri (Logone et Chari), Vele and Yagoua (Mayo-Danay) and in Mayo-Sangué (Mayo-Tsanaga). In addition, **734 packs of 300 tablets of aquatabs each** were distributed to households in Maga (Mayo-Danay). Distributions were accompanied by key messages on good hygiene practices. **10 emergency latrines** had been constructed **for 100 households in IDPs sites** in Palia, Maga, (4) and in Madagascar, Kousseri (6).



Education

- **12 supervisors, 95 teachers and 43 leaders of School Management Participatory Structures** from 7 subdivisions in Logone et Chari and 4 subdivisions in Mayo-Danay were trained on the provision of non-specialized services and teaching practices sensitive to Mental Health and Psycho-Social support, as well as the prevention of violence and water-related diseases in schools. **38,087 flood-affected pupils (including 16,083 girls, 2,029 displaced children and 744 refugees)** under the care of these education actors, will access a safer and more protective learning environment.
- Mats, chalk, blackboards, pencils and other teaching and learning materials were provided to three IDP sites (BCS9, Massil-Al-Kanam and Tamraya) in Kousseri.
- 560 WASH and dignity kits⁸ and 10 educational kits⁹ were distributed and **26 tents installed** in different locations in the Mayo-Danay and Logone et Chari divisions. This ensured provision of access to quality education for **an estimated number of 7,765 pupils from areas** severely affected by floods.



Child Protection

- **10 social workers and 66 community-based animators were trained on case management** in the context of flooding, referral pathways and PSEA and the animation of child friendly spaces, provision of first psychosocial support and referrals, respectively, in the 10 sub-divisions of Logone et Chari in partnership with the Regional Delegation of Social Affairs of the Far North and the Divisional Delegation of Social Affairs of the Logone et Chari division. They are providing mental health and psychosocial support to children through secure and safe child friendly spaces, holistic case management to the most flood-affected children, ensure referral to appropriate services, conduct home visits for counseling and support, conduct awareness-raising activities on child's rights, PSEA and essential family practices.
- **24,796 children benefited from mental health and psychosocial support** through leisure activities.

⁷ division in Maga (20), Dana (08) and in the IDPs sites of Logone et Chari division in Kousseri (Gore (14), Massil Al Kanam (12), Commissariat (10) Lacka (28), Kawadji (8) and BSC 9 (28)) and in Logone-Birni (Bourgouma Bornoi (12))

⁸ The WASH and dignity kits for schools include WASH supplies, a torch, supplies to support menstrual hygiene, and education materials about proper hygiene practices.

⁹ The educational kits, also called "school in a box", are for 40 students and one teacher and are made of 42 components, including basic school supplies such as exercise books, pencils, chalk, etc, teaching aids, and a blackboard.

- **9,751 children and adults** were educated about body and home hygiene, and the importance of education despite disruptions to school timetables and changes in schools due to relocation.
- As part of case management, **745 children** have been identified and are benefiting from **holistic case management** services, including 192 referrals to health, education, birth registration and psychosocial support services.
- With the support of the Regional Delegation of Basic Education, 2,380 children affected by the floods were identified to receive birth certificates.



Multi-purpose Cash

- UNICEF targeted 1,300 households affected by floods in Maga (Mayo-Danay) with multi-purpose cash assistance by mobile money transfers, amounting to **9,500 FCFA per beneficiary**, in accordance with the Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) established for the region.
- In the first cycle, **1,187 households** were reached, benefiting 6,649 individuals and another 7,122 household members indirectly. In the second cycle, **1,154 households** were served, benefiting 6,457 individuals directly and 6,924 indirectly. Overall, **7,618 children** (4,212 girls and 3,406 boys) aged 0 to 17 benefited from the distribution. In total, **131,140,445 FCFA were received by the beneficiaries.**
- From October to January, 504 complaints and feedback were collected through community delivery mechanisms, 375 complaints and feedback were recorded and processed directly on HOPE.¹⁰ **Over 95 per cent of complaints and feedback were solved** and 99.5 per cent of households received a response. .
- The **post-distribution monitoring** of November showed that 28 per cent of the cash is allocated for food, 23 per cent for education, followed by medical expenses at 18 per cent, shelter/construction materials at 10 per cent and hygiene items at 7 per cent.
- The third round and catch-up for the first and second rounds took place from 27 to 31 January 2025, with **1,309 households to be reached** for the intervention.



SBC/AAP

- **Knowledge sharing** sessions were conducted in **43 communities** in Maga by UNICEF's partner AAEDC partner on cholera, hygiene measures, birth registration and the use of the cash assistance for children's education and well-being.
- 43 community leaders (traditional, religious, resource persons) were involved in information sharing, complaint management and community feedback on cash.



Youth Participation

- **The U-Reporters** Maga carried out a **reforestation activity** in a school and helped evacuate water in the flooded Guirvidik health center (Maga, Mayo-Danay). They also raised awareness among the affected community about good hygiene practices.
- The U-Report Maroua community raised **digital awareness** on the cholera epidemic reaching 4,609 people in four health areas. They also sensitized on good hygiene practices in the district of Maroua 3.



Coordination

- UNICEF is coordinating the **WASH, Nutrition, Child Protection and Education sector** response.
- UNICEF is coordinating its response within the intersectoral coordination frameworks, such as the Inter-Sector Working Group and the Flood Taskforce.

¹⁰ The Humanitarian cash Operations and Programme Ecosystem (HOPE) is UNICEF's digital platform to manage and deliver humanitarian cash transfers safely and efficiently to crisis-affected families.

UNICEF is thankful to SIDA¹¹ and FCDO¹² for their **\$840,000 in flexible funding** and to CERF¹³ which allocated **\$1,360,000 for a rapid WASH and Education response** in flood affected areas. Furthermore, UNICEF mobilized **\$195,000 of its regular resources** for the flood response. **UNICEF calls for timely and flexible funding to expand its response to the children and their families** in the Far North and to anticipate future emergencies.

UNICEF thanks AAEDC,¹⁴ AIDER,¹⁵ ADELPA, ASGARA,¹⁶ PUI,¹⁷ as well as the regional delegations for public health, basic education, social services for their partnership in meeting the needs of children affected by the floods, even in hard-to-reach areas.

STORIES FROM THE FLOODS:



Tears of the flood: stories of pain and loss. Two women, Fitodi and Jorreata, lost what was dearest to them. One her husband, the other her daughter: [Les larmes de l'inondation : histoires de douleur et de perte | by UNICEF Cameroon | Medium](#)

Floods in Logone Birni have left traces of devastation. Thousands of people left homeless, neighborhoods and crops destroyed: [Inondations dévastatrices dans le Logone et Chari | by UNICEF Cameroon | Medium](#)



Young people from the Far North region of Cameroon are planting trees to combat climate change: [Des jeunes de l'Extrême-Nord du Cameroun plantent des arbres pour combattre le changement climatique](#)

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¹¹ Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency

¹² Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office

¹³ Central Emergency Response Fund

¹⁴ Association des animateurs et encadreurs en Développement Communautaire

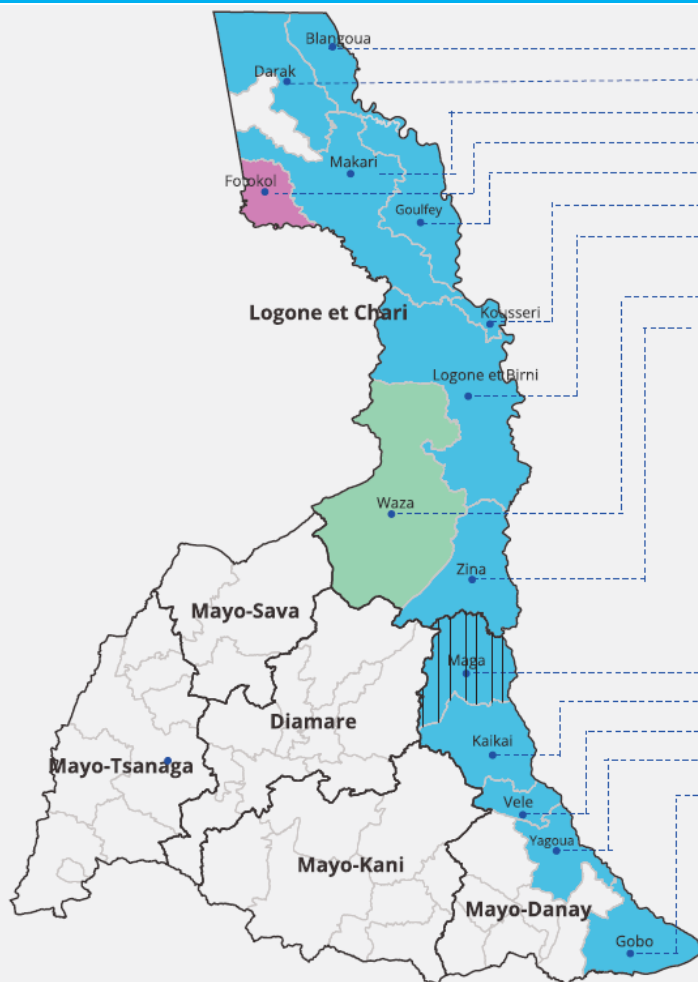
¹⁵ Association des Ingénieurs pour l'Assistance au Développement Rural

¹⁶ Association Garaitouya des filles de Dana

¹⁷ Première Urgence Internationale

UNICEF FLOOD RESPONSE INTERVENTION COVERAGE – FAR NORTH

AUGUST 2024 TO JANUARY 2025



Logone et Chari

- Blangoua (CP, Education, Health, Nutrition, SBC, WASH)
- Darak (CP, Education, Health, SBC)
- Makari (CP, Education, Health, SBC)
- Fotokol (CP, Health, Nutrition, SBC)
- Goulfrey (CP, Education, Health, Nutrition, SBC)
- Kousseri (CP, Education, Health, Nutrition, SBC, WASH)
- Logone et Birni (CP, Education, Health, Nutrition, SBC, WASH)
- Waza (Education)
- Zina (CP, Education, Health, Nutrition, SBC, WASH)

Mayo-Danay

- Maga (CP, Education, Health, Nutrition, SBC, WASH, Cash)
- Kaikai (CP, Education, Health, Nutrition, SBC, WASH)
- Vele (CP, Education, Health, SBC, WASH)
- Yagoua (CP, Education, Health, Nutrition, SBC, WASH)
- Gobo (CP, Education, Health, SBC)

Légende

- limite arrondissement
- limite département
- CERF* & SIDA financements
- SIDA financement
- CERF* financement
- ▨ FCDO financement



Partners

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| <p> Nutrition (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ASGARA | <p> Protection (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MINAS |
| <p> Education (3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public concern - DREB - DRES | <p> Health (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DRSP |
| <p> WASH (5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AAEDC - ACDC - AIDER - PUI - DREE | <p> SBC**</p> |

Acronyms :

- AAEDC: Association des Animateurs des Encadreurs en Développement
- ACDC: Action Citoyenne pour le développement communautaire
- AIDER: Association des Ingénieurs pour l'Assistance au Développement Rural
- ASGARA: Association Garaitouaya des filles/fils et sympathisants de Dana et environs
- CP: Child protection
- DREB: Regional Delegation of Basic Education
- DREE: Regional Delegation of Water and Energy
- DRES: Regional Delegation of Secondary Education

* CER Rapid Response for Education and WASH, CERF Underfunded Emergency for Nutrition.

** SBC is supporting all activities.