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Update on the humanitarian situation in West and Central Africa

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Overview of Humanitarian Situations in WCAR 2019

- **L2 Central Sahel crisis** (Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger)
  - 3.2M children in need

- **Lake Chad Basin crisis** (Nigeria, Niger, Chad, Cameroon)
  - 5.7M children in need

- **Central African Republic**
  - 1.5M children in need

- **L2 Cameroon, North/South West**
  - 697,000 children in need

- **Democratic Republic of Congo**
  - 7.5M children in need

- **L3 Ebola**
  - 2,831 Ebola cases of which 776 are children

- **Overall in WCAR**
  - 39M people require humanitarian assistance in 2019, 23M are children
  - 7.2M people displaced by conflict, 4M are children
  - US$ 755M total requirements HAC 2019
  - Current gap: US$ 500M

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Presence of Violent Non-State Armed Groups in the Sahel 2012-2019

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4.9 million children affected by SAM
Including 2.9 million (59%) in the Sahel

1.6 million children treated for SAM in 2018
1. Quality and coverage of humanitarian response
   - Forging new strategic innovative partnerships
   - Strengthening the use of Cash Transfers
   - Strengthened accountability to affected populations
   - Technology and data
   - Engaging with adolescents
   - UNICEF presence at subnational level

2. Linking Humanitarian and Development – Prevention and Resilience

3. Triple Nexus: social cohesion towards peace
Overview of 3 major humanitarian situations in WCAR
L3 Ebola Emergency Response in DRC

The numbers:
- **2,831** reported cases
- of which **776** (1 in 4) are children
- **1,798** deaths

The response:
- Special care for children
- Communities leading the response
- Beyond Ebola

Source: MoH, 11 August 2019

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L2 Emergency Response in Central Sahel – Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger

- UNICEF scaled-up presence in the field for response to the crisis
- Need to balance focus on security with principled humanitarian action and access to basic social services
- Strengthen prevention and social cohesion

3,000 schools closed affecting 610,000 children

549,000 #Internally displaced persons

669,700 <5 year at risk of SAM

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L2 Emergency Response in North-West / South West Cameroon

- **1.5 million people in need**
- **530,000 people displaced**
- **80% of schools are closed, 609,000 children affected**
- Humanitarian access is a key challenge
- In 2019, UNICEF has reached close to **100,000 people** with emergency response activities
- Children must regain their right to education

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The Road Ahead

• Engage in prevention and build the resilience of communities

• Strong partnerships with UN agencies and IFIs for results at scale

• Sustain commitment to longer term flexible humanitarian funding for the Nexus

• Strengthen engagement with young people in humanitarian action and in peacebuilding initiatives
Thank you