



Situation Report #23

Severe flooding in Cameroon's Far North impacts over 150,000 people



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Key Figures



Highlights

- Severe flooding in Cameroon's Far North Region has impacted over 150,000 people as of late August, disproportionately affecting women and girls. Maternal deaths have been reported due to disrupted access to healthcare.
- Insecurity in the North West, South West, and Far North regions, due to clashes between government forces and non-state armed groups, continues to cause casualties, drive displacement, and disrupt livelihoods.

- 1,231 women and girls received psychosocial support at Women and Girls Safe Spaces (WGSS) in the North West, South West and Far North of Cameroon – Ndop, Belo, Jakiri, Fotokol, Mada, Vélé, Guéré, Moulvoudaye, Guidiguis, Koza, and Moskota.
- Some 7,810 general health consultations were provided and 1,163 pregnant women attended at least 2 antenatal consultations during the reporting period. Some 1,432 safe deliveries were assisted, including 194 cesarean sections, ensuring safer childbirth for displaced women in challenging circumstances. UNFPA and partners provided 244 displaced women with obstetric care for complications, including obstetric fistula repairs and dignity kits.
- UNFPA is prioritizing the urgent sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and protection needs of women and girls in flood-affected areas. UNFPA requires **USD 1,174,045 to address the needs of 129,149 individuals**, primarily women and girls.

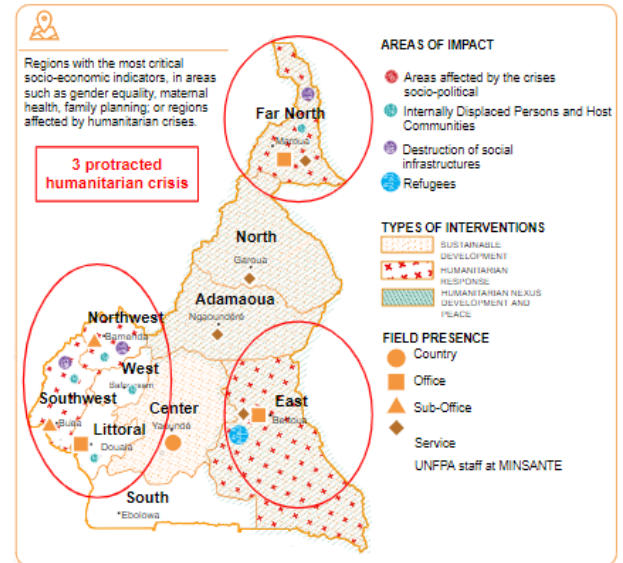
Situation Overview

- Severe flooding from July to August affected over 150,000 individuals in Cameroon's Far North, disproportionately impacting women and girls. Mayo-Tsanaga, Mayo-Danay, Diamaré, and Logone-and-Chari divisions experienced the most significant damage, with 3,698 homes and 1,810 hectares of crops destroyed, 320 animals killed, and one fatality reported. The floods also disrupted access to health facilities, leading to two maternal deaths in Mada and Fotokol.
- Displaced populations, primarily in Logone-and-Chari, are seeking refuge in nearby host communities or with relatives. An estimated 60,271 women and 12,958 girls are at risk of gender-based violence (GBV), including 32,965 women of reproductive age and 3,579 pregnant women. Ongoing rains and the risk of disease outbreaks, including cholera, pose additional threats. Deteriorating road conditions are hindering access to affected populations and the timely delivery of aid.
- Instability in the North West, South West, and Far North regions due to clashes between government forces and non-state armed group actors led to casualties, displacement, and disruption to livelihoods. There were reports of banditry and violence in the North region, with an attack on the town of Touboro, which borders Chad and the Central African Republic.

UNFPA Response

Sexual and Reproductive Health:

- **General consultations:** UNFPA and partners reached 7,810 individuals with medical consultations, maternal and child health and nutrition services and reproductive healthcare for youth.
- **Antenatal care:** UNFPA-supported health facilities provided two or more antenatal care consultations to 1,163 women, ensuring continuous care for expectant mothers.
- **Deliveries:** UNFPA and partners supported 1,432 safe deliveries with the assistance of 45 deployed midwives, including 194 cesarean sections, ensuring safe childbirth for displaced women.
- **Postnatal care:** was provided to 414 mothers.
- **Delivery kits and baby boxes:** 339 clean delivery kits were distributed to pregnant women for safer births, and 56 baby boxes, containing essential supplies for newborns, were provided to new mothers.
- **Obstetric complications:** UNFPA-deployed midwives identified and managed 310 acute obstetric complications, referring 88 women for emergency obstetric care.
- **Maternal and neonatal deaths:** 5 maternal deaths were recorded in three areas, including Buea, Fotokol, and Guere. UNFPA recorded 38 neonatal deaths in 11 health facilities and is working with these facilities to strengthen neonatal care.
- **Sexually transmitted infections:** 1,030 cases of sexually transmitted infections were diagnosed and treated.
- **Clinical management of rape:** 28% of reported rape cases received care within the critical 72-hour window. UNFPA is working to provide its partner, the international NGO ALIMA, with post-rape kits, and undertake a rapid assessment to determine the extent of women and girls' needs and an appropriate response.



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GBV and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Services:

- 3,778 individuals (32% internally displaced persons (IDPs) and 20% refugees) in the Far North region received GBV services through 61 information sessions, supported by services funded by the Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance of the U.S. Agency for International Development (BHA-USAID).
- 90% of GBV cases being managed by UNFPA and partners were closed during the month of August; survivors reported improved well-being after receiving services.
- 324 women and girls participated in psychosocial support activities in Fotokol, Mada, Vélé, Guéré, Moulvoudaye, Guidiguiss, Koza, and Moskota.
- 907 women and girls, including women and girls with disabilities, were able to access 3 women and girls' safe spaces (WGSS) in Ndop, Belo and Jakiri for psychosocial support services and activities.
- 35 community-based outreach sessions on GBV core concepts and available services were held in
- Ngoketunja, Boyo and Bui in the North West Region.

Results Snapshots



9,744
 People reached with **SRH services**
 66,65% women and girls





21
 Health facilities supported



29,269
 People reached with **GBV prevention,**
 mitigation and response activities
 65% women and girls



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Functional Women and Girls Safe Spaces supported

	116	Dignity kits and newborn baby boxes distributed to individuals
	339	Delivery kits provided

Coordination Mechanisms

Gender-Based Violence:

With support from UNFPA WCARO, the GBV AoR for West and Central Africa has launched a GBV dashboard now available on the Cameroon [GBV AoR webpage](#). The GBV AoR in Cameroon has coordinated partners in the Far North region to respond to the needs of women and girls in flood-impacted areas of Logone-and-Chari and Mayo-Danay. 17 GBV frontline officers were briefed on the referral system in Mora at the divisional level, where GBV referral pathways were distributed as well as relevant GBV core documents (GBV case management guidelines, minimum standards, etc.).

Sexual and Reproductive Health:

The Sexual and Reproductive Health in Emergencies Technical Working Group (SRHiE TWG) is actively coordinating efforts to effectively implement the Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for reproductive health in flood and crisis-affected areas. The SRHiE TWG is coordinating partners for the flood response in affected areas in the Far North region, particularly the councils of Makary and Blangoua.

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support:

In August, the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Thematic Working Group (TWG) convened a meeting for the North West and South West Regions. This meeting laid the groundwork for a comprehensive capacity/training needs analysis, a vital step in identifying evidence-based psychosocial support interventions and themes. These insights will inform upcoming training sessions for frontline GBV and SRH workers, equipping them with the skills to provide essential psychological first aid and specialized support to survivors of GBV and those grappling with the emotional toll of the floods.

Funding Status

UNFPA urgently requires **US\$1,174,045** to address the immediate SRH and GBV needs of 129,149 individuals impacted by the severe flooding in Cameroon's Far North region. This is an additional need to the existing funding appeal for **US\$11,070,664**, of which UNFPA has only received USD 3,924,689 or **30%** of the required funds. The generous contributions from USAID-BHA, Canada, Norway, DG-ECHO and UN-CERF are gratefully acknowledged, yet additional support is urgently needed to ensure the well-being and safeguard the rights of women and girls in Cameroon.

We thank our implementation partners

