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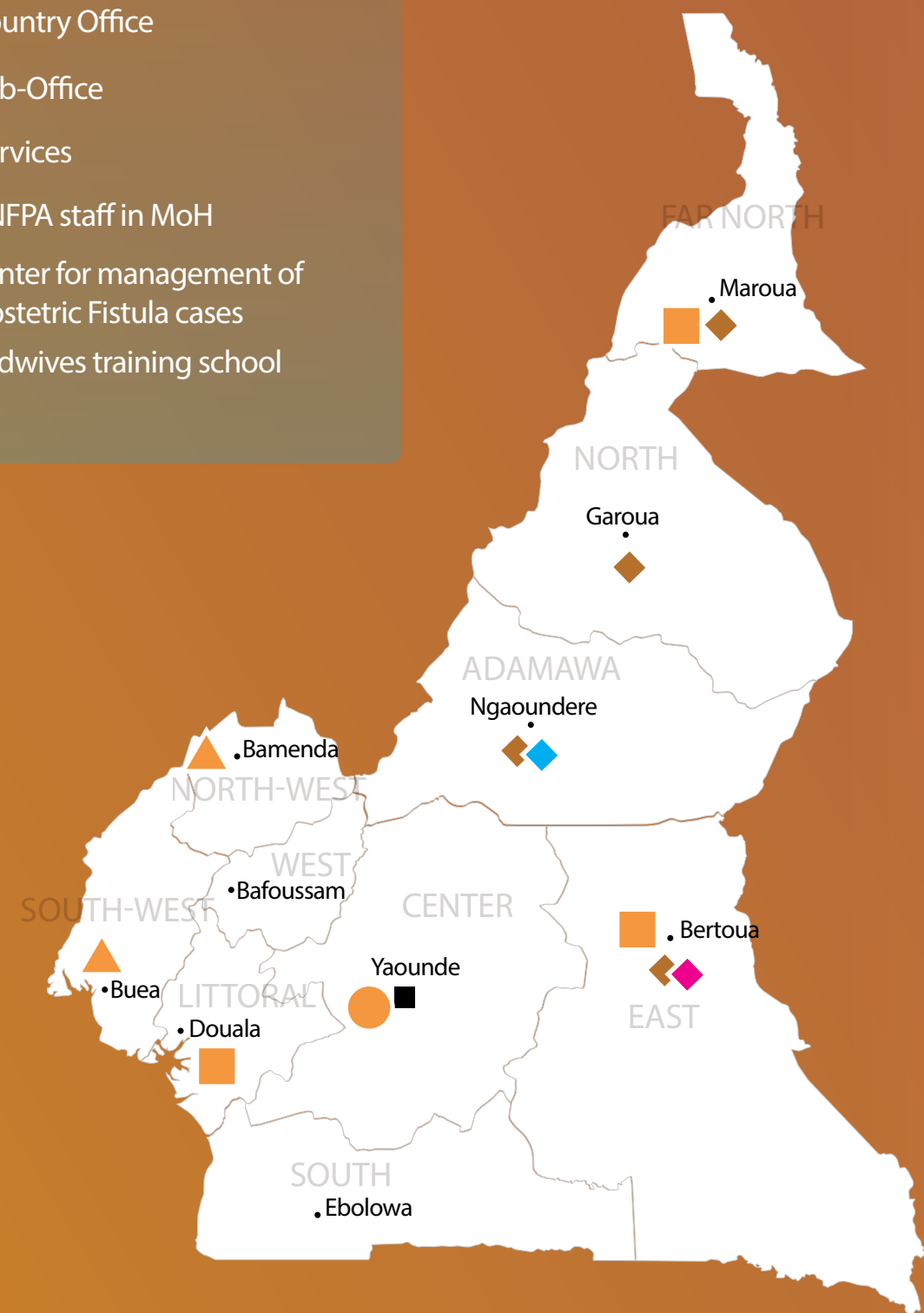
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- Center for management of Obstetric Fistula cases
- Midwives training school



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## » FOREWORD

When concluding the 8th Country Program Document (2022-2026) with the Government of Cameroon in March 2022, UNFPA committed to increasing by 10 percent, the proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel in key regions of intervention in the Far North, North, Adamawa and East.

This pact of commitment stems from the vision to end preventable maternal and newborn death laid down in the United Nations Cooperation Framework for Sustainable Development in Cameroon (2022-2026) as well as in the UNFPA Strategic Plan (2018-2030), geared at ensuring universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, through the achievement of the Three Transformative Results, namely: (i) Zero unmet needs for family planning; (ii) Zero preventable maternal deaths and (iii) Zero gender-based violence, including harmful practices such as child marriage and female genital mutilation.

After a first year during which implementation mechanisms were put in place and tested, the 8th Country Cooperation Program underwent an acceleration phase in 2023. The Country Office extensively referred to accelerators

like partnership, digitalization, South-South cooperation and integration of interventions to leverage on innovation, resource mobilization and management. This helped to curb specific constraints in managing our program budget gap, implementing work plans and achieving some milestones. Despite the challenges, a total budget of US\$ 11.5 million dollars with a utilization rate of 83.2% was achieved.

This annual report for 2023 provides a take-away of the results achieved by UNFPA and its partners, specifically the Government, donors and implementing partners during the year 2023. Together, we kept transforming the lives of women and girls, particularly those from vulnerable social strata and communities.

Thus, the Adelia story inserted in this report is an example of a transformed life. It shows how UNFPA, for several years ago, supported a then 14-year-old girl, survivor of child marriage and obstetric fistula, and marginalized even by her family in the East Region of Cameroon. Through an initial support from UNFPA providing her with access to sexual and reproductive health information, education and services,

including family planning and mental health; and later with capacity building training and income generating schemes funded by other specialized UN agencies, Adelia regained her self-esteem. She started buying and selling food items and became an owner of a successful small-size cassava processing factory.

Throughout 2023, UNFPA and its partners strengthened the capacities of 31 health facilities and integrated them into the existing emergency obstetric and newborn care (EmoNC) networks. EmoNC networks are developed within Cameroon's health system to deliver universal and integrated access to sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence protection services in vulnerable communities, including in humanitarian settings. Over 60 health facilities connected to the EmoNC network received blood transfusion equipment for their maternity wards in 2023, enabling them to manage more effectively cases of hemorrhage during or after childbirth. Hemorrhage is considered as the main cause of maternal death in Cameroon.

Several other initiatives were carried out and yielded amazing milestones and results towards empowering women and girls. The report highlights youth participation in peace and security processes in Cameroon as a flagship initiative, piloted by the Regional Office with the assistance of the Headquarters. It also presents key lessons learned as we look forward to improving our record and efficiency.

I seize this opportunity to express the gratitude to all the partners, namely the Government of Cameroon, our donors and implementing partners and the UN country system for their trust and support. I finally thank my UNFPA team in Cameroon for its hard work and dedication in delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every child birth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled.

**Thank you.**

**Dr. Justin Koffi,**  
UNFPA Resident Representative,  
Cameroon Country Office.



## » \*From tears to joy\* Adelia's Story



Adelia, an 11-year-old girl, resided with her mother, who was the family head, in a small village near the Gado Badjere refugee camp. The challenge of earning a daily subsistence was arduous for Adelia, given that she was one of six siblings competing for the same resources. Due to livelihood challenges, she was forced to abandon school while still in class 4.

*"I had to work on someone's farm or serve as a house-help for food as wage. Most of the village dwellers were refugees with limited resources",* remembered Adelia 17 years later.

At the age of 13, she got pregnant by someone she could no longer recognize. Living with pregnancy was a nightmare for Adelia, who was too young and knew nothing about antenatal care.

*"Despite enduring a lot of pain and wounds, I was fortunate enough to give birth to a baby boy called Bias. However, as time went on, I realized that raising a child alone was extremely difficult as I could barely afford to feed myself. I soon found myself trapped in a*

*cycle of poverty",* remembered Adelia. Ten years later, at 24, she got pregnant with her second child and gave birth to a baby girl.

Unfortunately, during the delivery, she developed an obstetric fistula.

*"Due to hardship, I sought assistance from a traditional midwife. The baby was very big, and the labor was prolonged and excruciating. As a result, I developed incontinence and had to live with it for many years."*

One day Adelia was approached by a community health worker who identified her for a free obstetric fistula surgery offered by the Government and the United Nations.

*"Prior to this, I never knew that I could recover from that disease, commonly referred to as a "witchcraft disease" in my native language due to the social stigmas associated with it. The surgery was successful, and I received both healthcare services and psychosocial assistance to rebuild my self-esteem.*

*I was also given a money grant to start my own business selling cassava flour in the market. Slowly, I felt my life changing for the better, even with two children to care for."*

Adelia benefited from capacity-building measures that enabled her to properly raise her children and develop and diversify her business. Owner of a cassava processing unit near Dimako in the East region, Adelia has become a leader of the women's cassava processing cooperative supported by the United Nations.

\*The name 'Adelia' is a pseudonym, and the accompanying image depicts an anonymous individual who has chosen to remain unidentified.



Legend : Distribution of reproductive medical kits to populations at the last mile in the Far-North Region of Cameroon© UNFPA Cameroon.



# > KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AT GLANCE



## Towards “Ending the unmet needs for family planning”



59

mobile clinics and 20 service delivery services were organized in hard to reach communities, including in humanitarian settings.



171,521

new users of modern family planning methods were reached in 2023.



## Towards “Ending preventable maternal deaths”



54

health personnel, including the midwives, were trained in delivering Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) in crisis situations.



46

women and girls living with obstetric fistula received free surgical repair and psychosocial support enabling them to get reintegrated in their communities.



## Towards “Ending gender-based violence”



100,523

women and girls were provided essential psychosocial, medical, legal, security, socio-economic services.



1,506

men and boys were trained and engaged in promotional campaigns on positive masculinity.



Legend : UNFPA Resident Representative Dr. Koffi and Deputy Noemi Dalmonte with young parliamentarians and the president of the CNYC during the SWOP Launch 2023. © UNFPA Cameroon



## Towards Harnessing youth potential



25

new schools, youth's centers and women centers were supported in strengthening their capacities, making a total of 145 formal institutions that implemented family life education.



84

youth-focused services providers were trained carrying out on innovative strategies, community based distribution and community directed interventions.



## Towards demographic intelligence



27

national officials and experts were trained in the analysis and use of population, health, family planning and gender based violence data.



01

national report on the Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development (AADPD) implementation was elaborated and submitted by the government to the African Union ahead of the ICPD@30.



# » FLAGSHIP INITIATIVES



## Local Youth Corner Cameroon: A showcase of youth transformative leadership



Local Youth Corner Cameroon (LOYOC), a Yaounde-based youth-led organization benefited from a grant from UNFPA to implement a set of activities promoting youth participation and leadership in development processes.

### Key achievements

38

LOYOC staff trained to design and implement grassroots mobilization strategy

20

young volunteers, including boys and girls got involved in the campaign in Mora

28,000

persons reached through a social media video campaign in partnership with Jato Sonita in order to end Female Genital Mutilation.

30

young leaders from the ten regions of Cameroon were trained on the implementation of the Youth Peace and Security (YPS) agenda. to EmONC.



A Twitter Space involving the musical artist Lydol, gathered 50 young persons and reached 15000 through social media platforms.

17,000

people who directly took part to the Official Youth Day March-Past on the ground.

UNFPA mandate duly emphasizes fulfilling youth potential as a venue to achieving the sustainable development goals. How could it be otherwise in a country where nearly 65 percent of the population is below 34 years. Young people, in Cameroon and elsewhere in the West and Central African Region, increasingly ask greater consideration and ownership on all matters of their concern, *"Nothing for us without us."*

No decision on policies or interventions impacting them should be made without their full engagement. UNFPA is committed to strengthening youth-led organizations as pioneering models for youth leadership and participation. Among many relevant organizations, UNFPA Cameroon, in 2023, gave a grant to Local Youth Corner Cameroon (LOYOC), a Yaounde-based youth-led organization.

The grant was intended to enable LOYOC to design and implement an effective awareness and mobilization campaign to improve the leadership and the participation of youth in areas such as the protection of women and girls as well as promotion of peace and security. Within less than a week, LOYOC revitalized its youth network and laid down a social mobilization strategy plan. Key activities retained were advocacy sessions with elders and communities' leaders, youth training the use of digital technology in social mobilization campaigns, events and outreach sensitization, multimedia campaigns involving artists and media. They were conducted in selected localities in the Center, South-West, North West, and Far North regions. Key results achieved included:

38 LOYOC staff members and affiliated community based organizations were trained to design and implement grassroots mobilization strategy.



Square of young people carrying messages of zero tolerance against Female Genital Mutilation during the Youth Day parade, February 11, 2023 at the Mora Festival Square. © UNFPA Cameroon.



Over 20 young boys and girls were mobilized in Mora to march with a banner calling to ending female genital mutilation (FGM) and gender-based violence. Nationwide LOYOC reached out to over 17,000 people who directly took part in the Official Youth Day March-Past on the ground. Even more watched on TV or heard those messages from radio broadcasters. Young artists and social media influencers such as Jato Sonata were engaged in the campaign. Jointly with UNFPA, they produced and disseminated a video raising awareness against of FGM. The video has registered over 28,000 views in two weeks.



Over 50 persons participated in-room and 10 online in a Twitter Space and a one-day campaign on Ending FGM. The Twitter Space involved six guest speakers from civil society organizations, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Civil Education (MINJEC), the Ministry of Women Empowerment and the Family (MINPROFF). 15 000 were reached through social media platforms. Lydol, a prominent young artist and social media influencer joined the Twitter Space and voiced her support to UNFPA to #End-FGM and #GBV.



Organisations of Twitter spaces at the UNFPA Country Office in Yaounde and online.

LOYOC is also a key civil society organization committed to the implementation of the UN Resolution 2250, a process supported by UNFPA. Nearly 30 young leaders from ten regions of Cameroon were trained on the Youth Peace and Security (YPS) agenda. They thereafter participated in an Inter-Generational Dialogue session on YPS chaired by Mr. Mounouna Foutsou, Minister of Youth Affairs and Civic Education and Mr. Joshua Oshi, Parliamentarian and Head of Youth Network in the National Assembly.



YPS conference organized with CSO young leaders and LoYoc.

The Dialogue shew lights on perspectives in developing a YPS roadmap and an annual work plan for 2023.



## Promoting Youth Peace Security Agenda in West and Central Africa Region



Adopted in 2015, UN security council 2250 resolution was adopted in 2015 to increase the representation of youth in decision-making on peacebuilding and security at all levels. Implementing that resolution is a priority intervention for UNFPA West and Central Africa Regional Office (WACRO).

### Key achievements



30

youth leaders, youth affairs experts and officials trained as trainers to design, implement and evaluate YSP programs.



A national YPS Action Plan for Cameroon was adopted on the 11th December 2023.



13

West and Central African countries were represented in the training as they were committed in the implementation of the YSP Agenda.

Under the leadership of WCARO, UNFPA Cameroon hosted a regional training of trainers on Youth Peace and Security (YPS) in Yaounde. Over 30 youth leaders, youth affairs experts and officials from 13 West and Central African countries were trained as trainers to design,

implement and evaluate Youth Peace and Security programs in their respective countries. This came as follow-up action to implement the United Nations Security Council resolutions 2250, 2419 and 2535, which pledge for greater youth participation in peace and security initiatives.



30 youth leaders, youth affairs experts and officials from 13 West and Central African countries were trained to design, implement and evaluate Youth Peace and Security programs in their respective countries. The training focused on key concepts from the youth peace and security agenda and on effective youth-friendly programming, training and knowledge sharing. Participants shared experiences from different countries and contexts and were enabled to draft a roadmap for the development of their YSP National Action Plans (NAPs).



Intervention from João Scarpelin, Programme Specialist, Inclusive Peace & Security Action. UNFPA.



Ms. Muhumad, Youth Specialist WCARO.

Talking on behalf of the trainees, Alice Amiyovi Goza from Togo and Bakari Sonko from the Gambia, passionately called for more funding for youth-centered, youth-led and youth-owned projects in the West and Central Africa Region, one of the least funded areas in the world. They expressed fear that the projected termination of the Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) could mean no longer or less financial resources for projects targeting young people. **“If PBF ends. What comes next?”** asked Alice Amiyovi Goza.

Some delegates shared their experience on the state of implementation of the YPS Agenda in their respective countries. The Nigerian delegation explained their country’s two-step process in implementing YPS. The steps involved policymakers both at the state and the federal levels. YPS plans are drafted at the state level. They are consolidated and harmonized by the federal government. Host country, Cameroon, informed the training that a national commission on YPS was established by the government. Under the leadership of that commission, a national YPS Action Plan for Cameroon was adopted on the 11th December 2023.



Ms. Mangele Lydie, Adolescents & Youths Specialist UNFPA Cameroon.



## Post-Nairobi follow up actions: Building collaboration on the road towards ICPD@30



### Key achievements



Cameroon and UNFPA held an online conference as side-event to the 56th Commission on Population and Development.



Cameroon took part to the AADPD 10-review in Lusaka with high-ranking delegation.

In the framework of the Post Nairobi Summit follow-up actions, UNFPA Cameroon kept ensuring that commitments taken at national level are duly implemented. Interventions carried out throughout 2023 sought to reduce polarization ahead of the thirtieth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD@30) to be held in 2024.

An online conference was organized as a side-event to the 56th Commission on Population and Development (CPD56), bringing New-York to Yaoundé under the theme «keeping girls in school in the context of climate fragility: challenges and impact on sustainable development». During that conference, chaired by Cameroon’s Minister of Women Empowerment and the Family, Professor Marie Therese Abena Ondoa and UNFPA Technical Director, Dr. Julitta Onabanjo, Cameroon reiterated its commitment to implement the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) ICPD and promised to take part in ICPD@30.

Cameroon submitted its national report on the implementation of the AADPD to the African Union. It subsequently attended the 10-years review of the AADPD held in Lusaka with a high-ranking delegation led by the Minister Delegate to the Ministry of the Economy, Planning and Regional Development (MINEPAT).

Side event on :

**Keeping girls in school in the context of climate fragility : Challenges and impact on sustainable development**

Co-chaired by



**Pr Marie-Therese Abena Ondoa**  
Minister of Women's Empowerment and the Family, Cameroon

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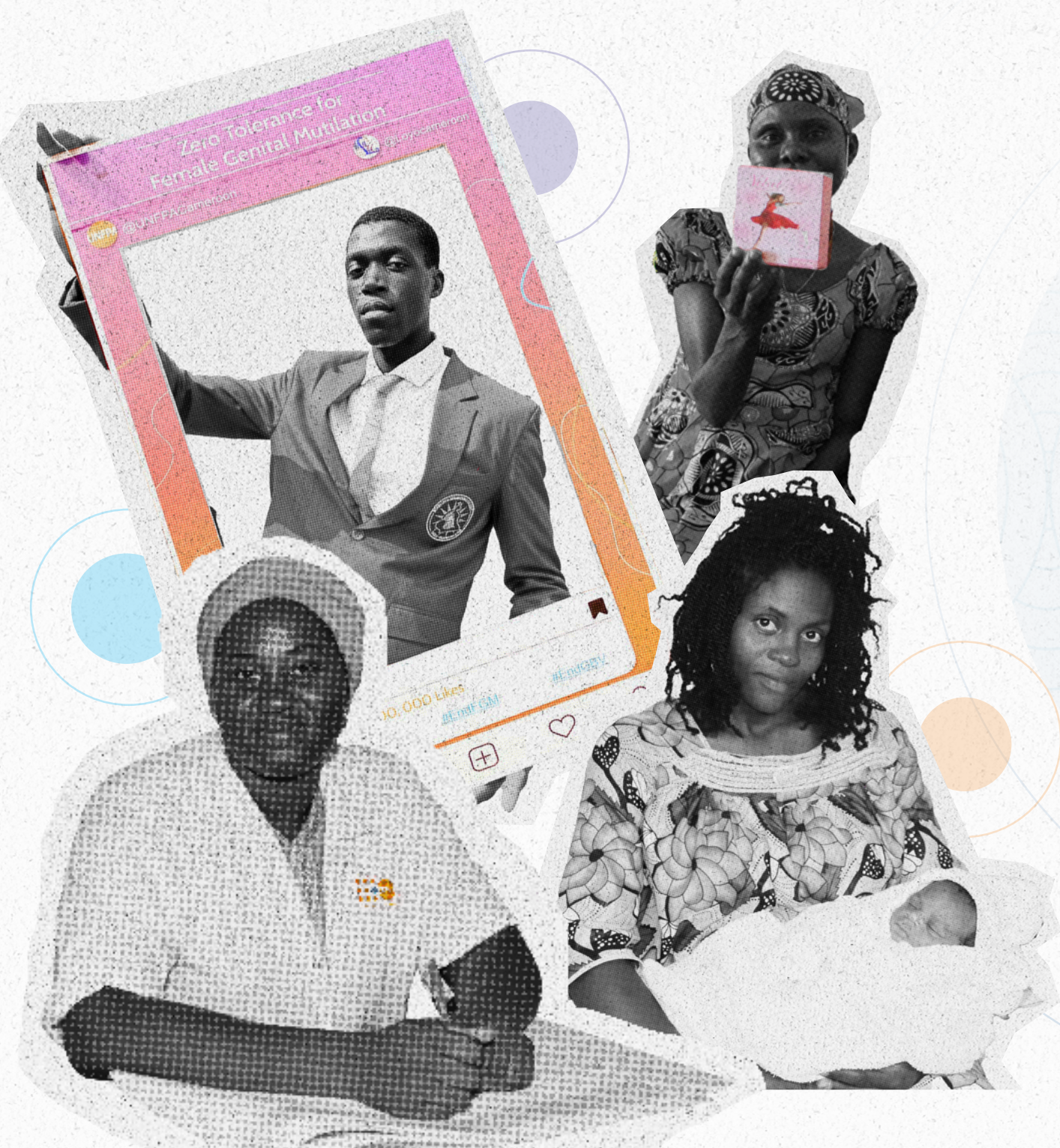


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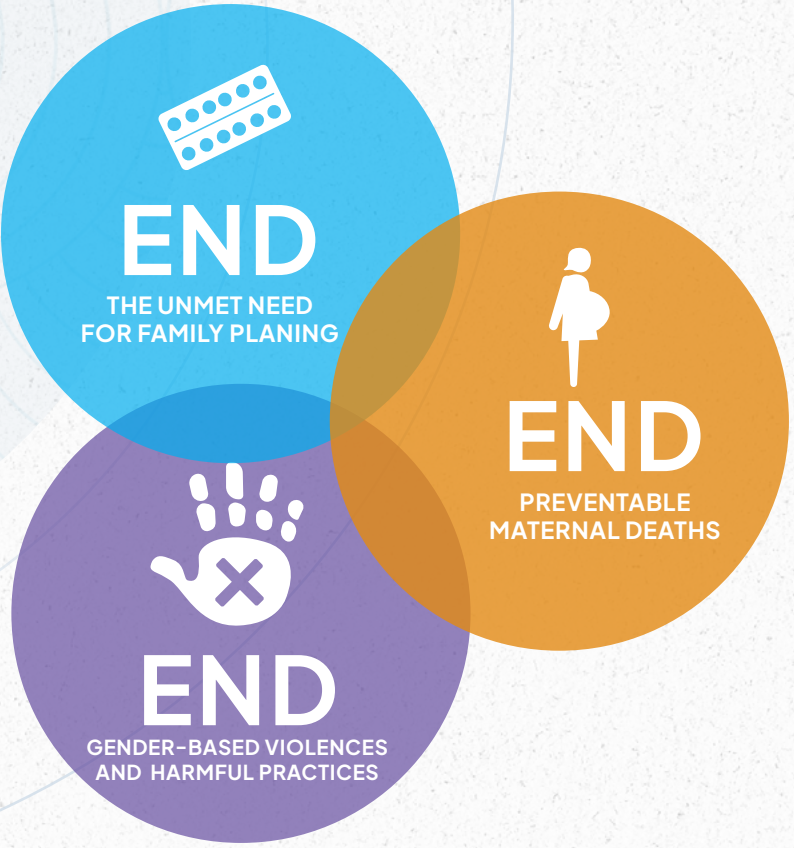
**Date : Friday, 14th April 2023**  
**Time : 08:15 am - 09:40 am (EDT) / 01:15 pm - 02:40 pm (Yaounde Time)**  
**Venue : United Nations Headquarters, Room CR5, New York City**



> **KEY PROGRAM'S  
OUTPUTS RESULTS**



ACHIEVING THE  
**THREE**  
Transformative Results  
by **2030**







Legend : A medical practitioner providing advices on the use contraceptive pills to a patient in an Sexual and Reproductive Unit for Adolescents. © UNFPA Cameroon.



## FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES

By 2026, strengthened capacity of systems, institutions and communities to provide high quality, comprehensive and integrated family planning services, including supplies.

### Key achievements

 **73**

campaign to offer FP methods and mobile clinics to offer integrated SRH/FP services organized.

 **78**

health workers trained in securing contraceptive products.

 **108,549**

new users of modern family planning methods.

UNFPA and its partners strengthen the capacity of the health system to deliver integrated family planning and sexual and reproductive health services tailored for adolescents. In 2023, they trained 108 service providers in the supply chain management of essential commodities. 78 out of them passed their accreditation to become comprehensive family planning service providers.

Sexual and reproductive health stock outs remain an issue of concern in Cameroon. UNFPA and its partners have been ensuring the availability of supplies in the health system to the last mile. In 2023, an electronic Logistic Management Information System (e-LMIS) tool was selected and key users were trained to deploy it within the supply chain system.



A Midwife with contraceptive products.

Ending the unmet needs for family planning implies giving access to modern contraceptive methods to those who need them. In 2023 and despite commodity shortages, UNFPA and its partners supplied 171 521 new users with modern family planning methods both in development and humanitarian settings. To achieve that result, 59 mobile clinics and 20 services deliveries campaigns were carried out in communities having high maternal mortality ratios and low access to family planning services.





Legend : A young mother with her new-born baby in a health facility in Yaounde © UNFPA Cameroon.



# MATERNAL AND NEONATAL HEALTH

By 2026, strengthened capacity of the health system, institutions and communities in line with universal health coverage to provide quality and integrated maternal and neonatal health services including in humanitarian settings and public health emergencies.

## Key achievements

 11

Midwifery school evaluated and 06 selected for accreditation according to ICM.

 31

health training facilities reinforced in blood transfusion equipment.

 46

Obstetric Fistulas cases repaired in 2023.

In line with its strategic plan to end preventable maternal deaths, UNFPA strengthens the healthcare system in Cameroon. In 2023, the United Nations Sexual and Reproductive Agency and its partners strengthened the capacities of 31 health facilities and integrated them in the existing EmONC Network. This sharply improved both the quality and the scope in delivering integrated maternal and newborn health services to the most affected communities, including humanitarian settings. To reduce the occurrence of maternal deaths associated with hemorrhage and anemia, UNFPA and partners, including the Islamic Development Bank, provided blood transfusion equipment to 61 health facilities in the Far North, North, Adamawa and East regions. Under the leadership of the Ministry of Public Health, 4 EmONC monitoring sessions were organized in targeted health districts.

Guided by the principle of «Leaving No One Behind» UNFPA and its partners invested consistent efforts in the fight against obstetric fistula. Despite budget constraints, nearly 187 women and girls living with obstetric fistula received surgical repair.



*A midwife consulting a pregnant woman.*

Midwives provide essential maternal and newborn healthcare services. Jointly with the ministry of public health and other partners, UNFPA has been training and deploying midwives in places where they are most needed, particularly in hard to reach and conflict affected areas. In 2023 UNFPA and partners equipped 3 midwifery initial training schools and supported their accreditation process. School programs were aligned to the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) standards.





Legend : A young adolescent happy after receiving counselling on sexual and reproductive health in a YASRU. © UNFPA Cameroon.



# ADOLESCENTS AND YOUTH

By 2026, strengthened national capabilities to increase the knowledge and skills, leadership and participation of adolescents and youth in age-appropriate reproductive health, voluntary family planning, family life education including HIV and GBV prevention and their resilience to social, economic and environmental shocks.

## Key achievements



80

youth services providers trained to carry out innovative community-based distribution.



03

youth empowerment policies, programs and projects implemented.



25

schools, including youth's and women promotional centers strengthened.

Harnessing youth potential is on top in UNFPA mandate. As a game changer towards accelerating universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, UNFPA works to increase youth participation and leadership in services delivery intervention in Cameroon. In 2023, over 80 youth-focused services providers were trained to carry out innovative community-based distribution.

UNFPA also works to increase youth leadership in decision-making. 03 youth empowerment policies, programs and projects involving 15 youth-led organizations were implemented in 2023. Many more were consulted to share their views and perspectives with the government and other development stakeholders.

Providing high quality age-appropriate family life education, including HIV programs in and out of school is a key intervention for UNFPA. In 2023, a total of 25 new schools, including youth's and women's promotional centers were reinforced to perform, bringing to 145 the number of institutions that implement family life education in Cameroon.

In addition, 5 youth-led organizations were capacitated to promote life skills, HIV prevention, menstrual hygiene management and reproductive health services. They subsequently trained more than 620 girls and boys.



AFENSYPY a youth-led association of student girls engineers showcasing their innovative solutions during a fair organised by UNFPA and CIDIMUC.





Legend : A young student standing against Female Genital Mutilation.  
© UNFPA Cameroon.



# GBV AND HARMFUL SOCIAL AND GENDER NORMS PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

By 2026, strengthened national capacity for women’s empowerment, prevention and response to GBV, harmful social and gender norms and practices, particularly female genital mutilation (FGM) and child marriage, including in humanitarian settings and

## Key achievements

**1,500**  
men and boys trained and involved in activities promoting positive masculinity coordination.

**100,523**  
women and girls benefitted from GBV case management.

**192**  
Women and Girls Safe Spaces (WGSS) service providers reinforced their capacities.



Pacific walk on the 16<sup>th</sup> days of activism celebration in Buea.

In addition, 193 organizations were trained on gender-based violence case management and humanitarian coordination. More than 430 gender-based violence sensitization campaigns, complaints, registrations and feedback were carried out. About 100 523 women and girls benefitted from GBV case management. This included essential psychosocial, medical, legal, security, socio-economic services.

Upholding the principle of “*Leaving No One Behind*”, UNFPA enlarged its scope on protection to indigenous people and people living with disabilities, particularly in humanitarian settings. The capacities of nearly 192 WGSS service providers were reinforced. 17 new WGSS were set up in the Far-North, North-West and South-West regions. They provide lifesaving reproductive health, HIV prevention, family planning information and services, life skills, psychosocial support and socio-economic assistance to survivors of violence. One WGSS management tools guide was updated.

Transforming social norms to advance gender equality is a key area of UNFPA intervention in Cameroon. At least 21 platforms involving men and boys were set up to promote positive social norms, gender equality and reproductive health and rights in the localities of Garoua, Lagdo, Melong and Abong Mbang. Nearly 1,500 men and boys were trained and involved in activities promoting positive masculinity in these localities.





Legend : A medical practitioner providing advices on the use contraceptive pills to a patient in an Sexual and Reproductive Unit for Adolescents. © UNFPA Cameroon.



# POPULATION CHANGE AND DATA

By 2026, enhanced national capacity for production, dissemination and use of disaggregated population data for development, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programs especially those related to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, including in humanitarian settings.

## Key achievements



The cartography of the projected Fourth General Census of Population and Housing (GCPH) revised.



national consultations on women and youth empowerment held.



officials and experts trained in the analysis and use of aggregated population data.

UNFPA Cameroon provides support analysis of demographic status and trends, generating vital statistics and using both census and household surveys to map, target and evaluate programmatic investments. In 2023, jointly with the National Institute of Statistics (NIS), the Central Bureau of the Census and Population Studies (BUCREP) and other partners UNFPA provided assistance for the review of the cartography as a critical step towards the projected fourth General Census of Population and Housing (GCPH). The United Nations Sexual and Reproductive Agency also contributed to the dissemination of both the fifth Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) of 2018 and the 2022 Facilities Survey (FS).

In the same perspective, 27 officials and experts were trained in the analysis and use of population, health, family planning and gender-based violence data for the formulation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programs, especially those related to sexual and reproductive health and the demographic dividend. 03 national consultations involving women and youth led

organizations, religious and traditional leaders were organized to discuss women and youth empowerment, equitable access to education, human rights, healthcare and family planning.



*A displaced population in the Far-North Region.*



# > CROSS CUTTING INTERVENTIONS



Legend : A medical practitioner providing advices on the use contraceptive pills to a patient in an Sexual and Reproductive Unit for Adolescents. © UNFPA Cameroon.



## HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

### Key achievements

 **5,143**

dignity kits were distributed to vulnerable women and girls in humanitarian settings.

 **59**

mobile clinics carried out in communities.

 **17**

new Women and Girls Safe Spaces set up in the Far-North, North West and South-West regions.

Throughout 2023, UNFPA reinforced its capacities and positioning as key UN Humanitarian Agency, ensuring the coordination of the GBV sub-cluster at the national level:

In 2023, UNFPA significantly strengthened its role as a key UN humanitarian agency, coordinating the national GBV sub-cluster and completing all 13 minimum preparedness actions, which included advocating for SRH and GBV in emergencies, providing MISP training, and enhancing humanitarian partnerships for increased resource mobilization. This resulted in the distribution of 5143 dignity kits, the training of 54 healthcare workers (including midwives) on MISP for SRH, and the recruitment and deployment of 20 midwives to fragile settings to address various reproductive health challenges and GBV. Additionally, 17 new Women and Girls Safe Spaces were established in the Far-North, North West, and South-West regions.

### Areas of interventions



### UNFPA Situation Reports in 2023

 [Situation Report #20 - 1-31 Jan](#)

 [Situation Report #20 - 1-28 Feb 2023](#)

 [Situation Report #20 - 1-31 Mar 2023](#)

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## COMMUNICATION



» Cross-cutting communication involving digital technology, multimedia approach and youth-led platform effective



Through communication and advocacy on social media platforms, UNFPA partnered with X-Maleya, LoYoc and Canadian Fund to fight against Gender-Based Violence.

### Key achievements

**1,628,500**

persons reached by UNFPA's communications on TV, radio, print press, social medias or during inter personal contacts.

**12,368**

persons declared having changed their behavior to adopt at least one of UNFPA's Three Transformative Results due to their exposure to UNFPA's communication materials and activities.

**221,500**

persons touched on social media platforms (X, Facebook and Website, etc.) through UNFPA, implementing partners or other strategic partners.

**38**

Large impact driven events and activities - including advocacy, policy dialogue, resource mobilization, sensitization campaigns and community-based distribution, involving communication materials and services- were organized.



## INNOVATION

### Key achievements



**04**

Innovative initiatives received a 1,500 USD grant from UNFPA.



**01**

Cameroonian organization awarded the UNFPA Global Accessibility Innovation Challenge 2023.



UNFPA supported the physical participation of a women-led innovation association in the Innovation Forum focused on FGM held in Kenya.

UNFPA Cameroon used innovation to achieve its 8<sup>th</sup> Country Programme objectives, focusing on GBV, youth empowerment, and SRH program delivery.

UNFPA supported **Women in Entrepreneurship and Technology (WETECH)** in the launch and roll out of the Alert GBV platform in February 2023. Alert GBV is a digital tool allowing survivors and persons at risk of gender-based violence to connect and seek help via a messaging platform while guaranteeing the security and confidentiality of their experience.

**WETECH**



**31**

organizations registered on the platform.



**1,901**

women and girls used the chatbot to seek GBV related support.



UNFPA and the Ministry of Youth marked International Youth Day 2023 with an open day promoting innovative initiatives for adolescent sexual and reproductive health, comprehensive sexual education, and family planning.



**YES mobile app** for sexual and reproductive health awareness



**HealthMate Mobile app** for youth counseling and health service location identification



**The online youth platform [www.youthfp.cm](http://www.youthfp.cm)** for family planning information



**Cameroon Organic Compost Project** for waste-to-energy transformation



Cameroonian organization, **Vessels for Development**, won the UNFPA Global Accessibility Innovation Challenge 2023 for its Inclusive Reproductive Health Initiative, supported by UNFPA Cameroon. The initiative aims to develop a menstrual cycle tracking device to break taboos and raise awareness of menstrual cycles and sexual health for people with disabilities, particularly young women and girls.



**325**

people educated on Inclusive menstrual hygiene.



**224**

persons trained on inclusive sexual reproductive health 186 women and 38 men.



# » KEY MANAGEMENT RELATED ACHIEVEMENTS



The staff of the United Nations Population Fund UNFPA Cameroon country office reiterated their commitment to continue working as a united, strong and beneficiary-oriented team © UNFPA Cameroon.



01

programmatic and monitoring field visit tour was conducted.



01

semester and 01 annual reviews meeting were held.



10

Implemented partners were trained in result-oriented program implementation, monitoring, and reporting through Global Programming System (GPS) and quantum.



51

weekly program/operations meetings were held.



Successful transition to quantum plus after its GO LIVE in Dec 2023, following the training provided to the Country office.



04

New staff recruited among them 01 international, a P3 Supply Chain Specialist, RHCS.



## PROTECTION FROM SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, ABUSE, AND HARASSMENT (PSEAH)

The country office put in place a system to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment by nominating not only the focal point and its alternate, but also creating a structure of focal points in sub offices and working spaces in the field. UNFPA also produced new sensitization materials and held various information sessions on protection from sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment (PSEAH).



STOP  
SEXUAL EXPLOITATION  
AND ABUSE



## OFFICE SECURITY : ENSURE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF UNFPA PERSONNEL AND OPERATIONS



49

staff members were trained in SSAFE, including 41 from UNFPA, 5 from WFP, and 3 from HCR. Other partners involved UNDSS, the national gendarmerie, the Cameroonian Red Cross, and the Military Engineering Corps.



16

females staffs from UNFPA Cameroon trained in WSAT (Women Security awareness training) from October 23 to 24, 2023.



200

females staffs from UNFPA WCARO were trained in WSAT by the security associate of UNFPA Cameroon as a regional trainer under the supervision of Office of the Security Coordinator in : Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Niger, Guinea, Democratic Republic of Congo.



Photo of the SSAFE training.



Family photo of the WSAT training.



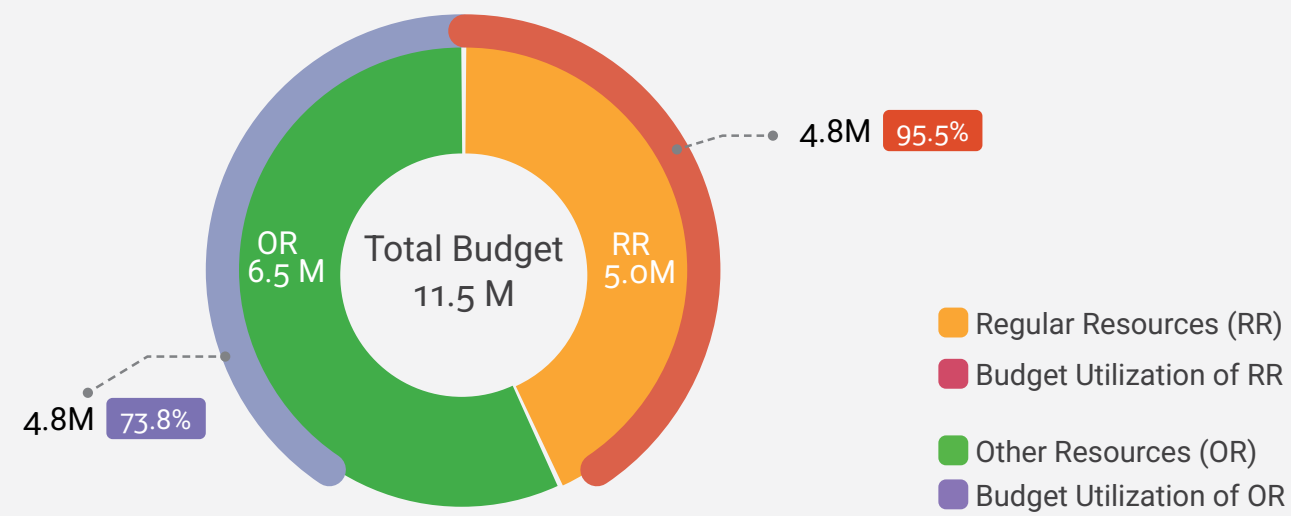
# BUDGET AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

Despite the challenges, a total budget of US\$ 11.5 million dollars with a utilization rate of 83.2% was achieved. In terms of resource mobilization, US\$ 6.5 million were raised as trust funds, whereas US\$ 5.0 million flew in as regular funds with on stream of US\$3.9 million financing the program and another stream of US\$ 1.1 million dedicated to institutional activities.

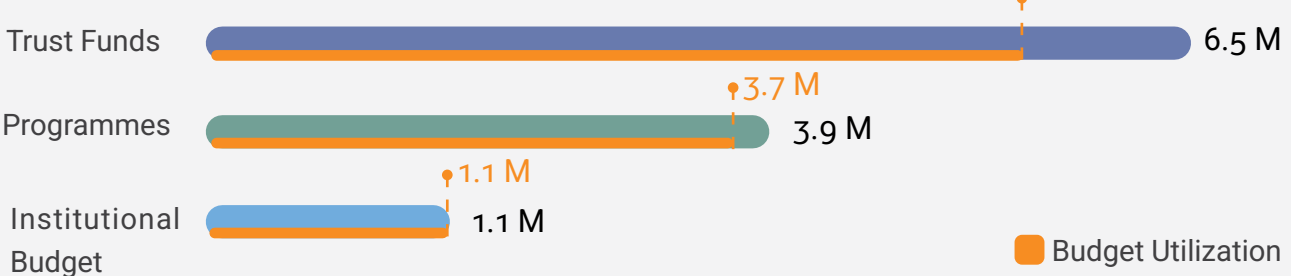
In terms of budget utilization, US\$ 9.6 million were disbursed, with US\$ 4.8 million for trust funds related activities, US\$ 3.7 million for program related activities and US\$ 1.1 for institutional needs.

## Regular and Other Resources

Resources Type	Total Resources USD	Budget Utilization USD	Budget Utilization Rate
Regular Resources (RR)	5.0 M	4.8 M	95.5%
Other Resources (OR)	6.5 M	4.8 M	73.8%
Total	11.5 M	9.6 M	83.2%



## Resources by Funding Type



# PARTNERSHIPS

UNFPA Cameroon partners with a large variety of organizations. This includes government entities, embassies, bilateral and multilateral organizations, civil society and the private sector. Some of them were strongly engaged in 2023.

Government

Embassies

Civil society organizations

Bilateral and multilateral organizations

United Nations System





<b>AADPD</b>	Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development
<b>AfriYAN</b>	African Youth and Adolescents Network on Population and Development.
<b>ALDEPA</b>	Local Action for Participatory and Self-Managed Development Association
<b>ALVF EN</b>	Association to fight Violence against Women in the Far North Region
<b>ASBY</b>	French acronym for Association of food commodities retailers
<b>AfDB</b>	African Development Bank
<b>BHA</b>	Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance
<b>BUCREP</b>	Central Bureau of the Census and Population Studies
<b>CAMNAFAW</b>	Cameroon National Association for Family Welfare
<b>COMINSUD</b>	Community Initiative for Sustainable Development Association
<b>CPD</b>	Commission on Population and Development
<b>DHS</b>	Demographic and Health Survey
<b>e-LMIS</b>	Electronic Logistic Management Information System
<b>EmoNC</b>	Emergency obstetric and newborn care
<b>FGM</b>	Female Genital Mutilation
<b>FS</b>	Facilities Survey
<b>GBV</b>	Gender-based violence
<b>GCPH</b>	General Census of Population and Housing
<b>GIZ</b>	German acronym for German Technical Cooperation
<b>HIV</b>	human immunodeficiency virus
<b>ICM</b>	International Confederation of Midwives
<b>ICPD</b>	International Conference on Population and Development
<b>IDB</b>	Islamic Development Bank
<b>KFW</b>	German acronym for German Development Bank
<b>LOYOC</b>	Local Youth Corner Cameroon Association

<b>LUKMEF</b>	Martin Luther King Jr Memorial Foundation Association
<b>MINAS</b>	French acronym for Ministry of Social Affairs
<b>MINEFOP</b>	French acronym for Ministry of Employment and Vocational Training
<b>MINEPAT</b>	Ministry of the Economy, Planning and Regional Development
<b>MINJEC</b>	French acronym for Ministry of Youth Affairs and Civil Education
<b>MINPROFF</b>	Ministry of Women Empowerment and the Family
<b>MINREX</b>	Ministry of External Relations
<b>MINSANTE</b>	Ministry of Public Health
<b>MISP</b>	Minimum Initial Service Package
<b>NAPs</b>	National Action Plans
<b>NIS</b>	National Institute of Statistics
<b>OAPI</b>	African Intellectual Property Organization
<b>PBF</b>	Peacebuilding Fund
<b>PSEAH</b>	Protection from sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment
<b>SOGOC</b>	Society of Gynecologists and Obstetricians of Cameroon
<b>SRH</b>	Sexual and Reproductive Health
<b>UN</b>	United Nations
<b>UNFPA</b>	United Nations Population Fund
<b>UNICEF</b>	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
<b>USAID</b>	United State Agency for International Development
<b>WCARO</b>	West and Central Africa Regional Office
<b>WETECH</b>	Women in Entrepreneurship and Technology Association
<b>WGSS</b>	Women and Girls Safe Spaces
<b>YPS</b>	Youth Peace and Security





Legend : Youths sensibilised on the programs and benefits of the Three Transformative Results to be achieved by UNFPA in Cameroon © UNFPA Cameroon.

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VIOLENCE AND  
HARMFUL  
PRACTICES**

**END  
PREVENTABLE  
MATERNAL DEATH**





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EVERY **PREGNANCY**  
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EVERY **CHILDBIRTH**  
is **SAFE**

EVERY **YOUNG PERSON'S**  
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