

# UNFPA Cameroon CO - Situation Report # 11

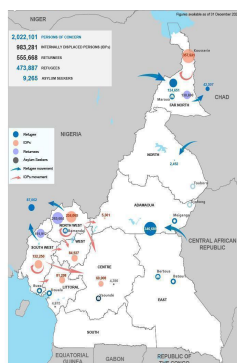
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<b>Country:</b>	<i>UNFPA Cameroon</i>
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## Summary of Humanitarian Situation in Numbers

	<b>1,069,757</b> Internally-displaced persons: (357,631 Far-North, 366,315 North-West South-West, 226,233 other regions)		<b>477,209</b> Refugees: (349,290 Central Africans, 127,919 Nigerians)
	<b>4.7 million</b> people in need		<b>2.7 million</b> people targeted
	<b>1,128,000</b> women of reproductive age targeted by UNFPA		<b>799,000</b> young and adolescent girls (10-19)
	<b>13,608</b> births expected to happen within any given month		<b>13.6 Million USD</b> required - <b>32%</b> received



### 1. Highlights of the humanitarian situation, including security concerns.

The month of August was marked by an upsurge of violent activities in the North West, South West and Far-North regions as well as inter-community clashes over land, the destruction of farms by herds of elephants and an influx of Chadian climate refugees in the Far-North who fled floods in their hometown. While many people are reported dead, movements of civilians have intensified as they seek refuge in safer areas. Highlights of the incidents are as follows:

**Far-North region:** All three divisions bordering on Nigeria came under attacks in August. Two dozen attacks were carried out in Mayo-Tsanaga alone. The deadliest attack occurred on August 2-3 in Darak island in the Logone-and-Chari Division that saw 12 civilians killed and 20 others abducted.

On another score, land disputes evolved into intercommunity clashes. In Warba village, in the Mayo-Sava Division, a land dispute turned into a confrontation between christians and muslims, leaving 4 people dead and dozens others injured; while in the locality of Kai-Kai in Mayo-Danay, competition over ownership of rice fields led to fighting, leaving 3 human casualties. Herds of elephants stormed the locality of Moulvoudaye, destroying farms. This particular incident, coupled with a capricious climatic condition, is projected to be the main cause of famine which, observers say, is unavoidable in the region this year.

**North-West and South-West regions (NW/SW):** Tit-for-tit attacks between separatist fighters and government forces continued in the NW/SW. Government forces reported successful operations against the separatists in several localities. This was the case in Bafut near Bamenda town where the army is said to have ambushed the separatists on August 8, killing 2 persons. The separatists vowed to increase lockdowns in prelude to the resumption of the school year, to be extended beyond the Mondays and special days as it used to be the case. School resumption is billed for September 4.

**Adamawa, East and North Regions:** The number of CAR refugees in the eastern regions has remained relatively stable over the past few days.

**2. Humanitarian Needs:** Presently, some 346 households made up of 2,401 persons who fled floods from Chad are settled in Mourla, Maga Subdivision in the Far-North region. About 80% of them are women and young girls, with about 612 having a reproductive age, thus requiring special attention from UNFPA. Also, the latest security incidents have led to population movements in the affected regions. And the destruction of large farms in the Far North will likely exacerbate food insecurity.

**3. Response by the Government:** As part of anticipatory measures to natural disasters, the Government has re-echoed the ban for people to build houses in risk zones. Meanwhile, the Government distributed food items to vulnerable families affected by last year's floods in the Far-North region.

4. **Response by the UN System in Cameroon:** 09 of the 23 UN Agencies present in Cameroon are operating in the affected Far-North regions with projects spanning across the various clusters.

5. **UNFPA Country Office Response:**

UNFPA Cameroon CO in the course of the month of August continued to provide lifesaving protection and SRH services in the underserved areas of the humanitarian regions with funding from BHA-USAID in the Far North region and UN CERF in the NWSW regions reaching out to a total of 2,484 additional persons (various interventions); and also took part in a multisectoral needs assessment in the locality of Mourla, Far-North region.

**SRH:** UNFPA has deployed 16 midwives within the framework of the BHA/USAID-funded project for the provision of critical comprehensive SRH services in 8 affected districts of the Far-North region, in continuity of the lifesaving work done by the 14 midwives recruited during the EF-406 project.

**GBV prevention & response:** A total of 47 surveyors and field supervisors were trained on the use of data collection tools and the management of GBV data. This is in view of their deployment in the Far North region to map out GBV services and providers in the region. The exercise is expected to improve GBV programming and response through the provision of GBV accurate and up-to-date information on GBV services for GBV survivors and actors in the region.

**Capacity-building:** Capacity-building workshops were held to orient and strengthen the capacities of IPs for a smooth and hitch-free implementation of humanitarian projects. This was the case in Bamenda where CSOs, community leaders, government partners and other stakeholders met to forge a common understanding on the CERF-funded project. On the occasion, the stakeholders committed to accompany UNFPA till the last mile in the hardest-to-reach underserved areas in order to provide lifesaving assistance.

**The total disaggregated number of people reached by UNFPA with integrated GBV and SRH services and information from January to August 2023 is as follows:**



6. **Resources mobilization**

- **Funding required:** 13.6 Millions USD;
- **Funding secured:** 4.35 Millions USD (CERF, EF-406, PBF, EF HR, BHA, Norwegian Funds, AfDB)
- **Funding gap:** 9.45 Millions USD;
- **Pipeline funding:** Proposals (1 Million USD from ILO and UNWOMEN, 3 millions USD from Canada (leftovers) and ongoing negotiations with the AfDB and OAPI).

7. **Staffing and Human Resources**

As part of the implementation of the BHA and Norwegian projects, the CO will be recruiting 07 national staff and 01 international staff on FT, TA and UNV contracts, and in various duty stations (Maroua, Kousseri, Yaoundé). There is a need to fill the absence of an international staff, a GBV coordinator, in the North West and South West regions.

8. **Challenges**

The main challenge of Cameroon’s humanitarian action remains the lack/insufficiency of funding. The funding gap as of now stands at 9.45 Millions USD. This limits the humanitarian preparedness and response capacities. There is a need to preposition large stocks of emergency commodities for timely and efficient lifesaving response.

There is a need to strengthen the CO’s operational presence on the ground, namely in the North-West and South-West regions with full-fledged decentralized offices. To this end, the CO requests the support of the RO to mobilize consequent financial and human resources.

9. **Support Needed (RO and HQs)**

- Additional resources are required to ensure sufficient stock of protection and ERH supplies are available in the country as they are below the minimum stock levels.
- Support is needed for advocacy and political outreach with the community of donors for the financing of humanitarian projects, and for new pledges to address growing protection and SRHR needs.
- The CO has asked for FTP from the RO.



Stakeholders involved in the implementation of the CERF-funded project in the NW/SW regions gathered in Bamenda to foster their understanding, and map out strategies for a smooth running of activities. Photo credit: @UNFPACameroon, August 2023



The Bamenda session was an opportunity for UNFPA to strengthen the capacities of IPs. Photo credit: @UNFPACameroon, August 2023



UNFPA supported the 2-month-long holiday sporting activities organized by youth-led organizations and the Ministry of Youth Affairs in Yaounde with mobile clinics that allowed for the provision of SRH services. Here, the Minister, flanked by UNFPA staff, poses with winners of various competitions. Photo credit: @UNFPACameroon, August 2023



A view of the mobile clinic during the holiday sporting activities. Photo credit: @UNFPACameroon, August 2023



Participants at the training workshop of surveyors on the use of GBV data collection tools in Maroua. Photo credit: @UNFPACmr, Aug. 2023





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