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Reaching out to conflict-affected and underserved communities in the Far North Region

ON THE SPOTLIGHT

BHA USAID in Emergency SRH and GBV Prevention assistance in the underserved Far North Region of Cameroon

Since July 2023, UNFPA and its local partners have been providing lifesaving sexual and reproductive health as well as gender-based violence prevention services for internally displaced persons in conflict-affected communities of the Far-North Region of Cameroon. This was made possible thanks to a project funded by the Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) which covers 8 of the most underserved districts. This project essentially targets 102,000 persons, especially women and girls.

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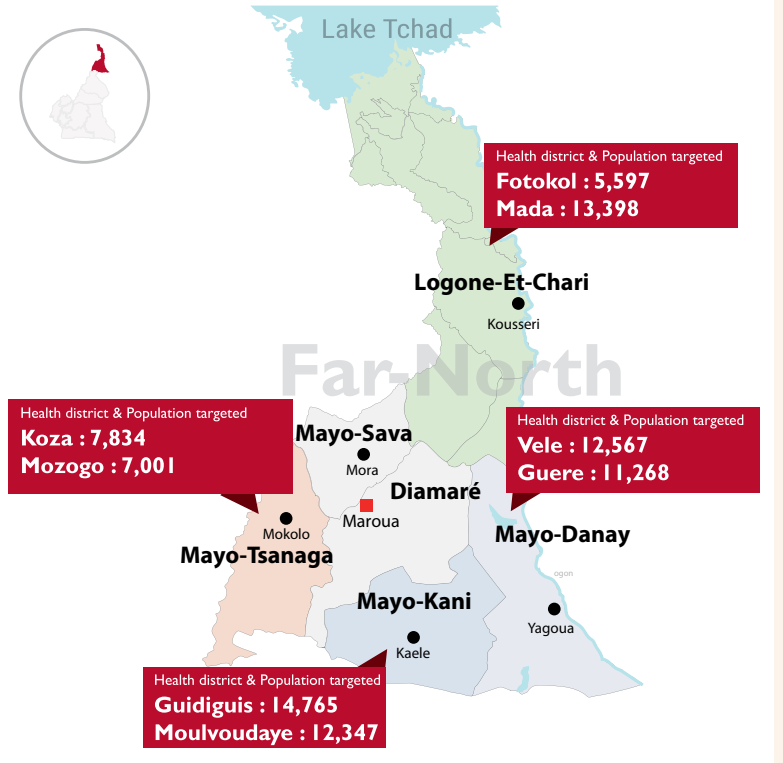

Target Health facilities : CMA Koza, District Hospital of Mozogo, District Hospital of Vele, District Hospital of Guere, District Hospital of Fotokol, District Hospital of Mada, District Hospital of Guidiguis, District Hospital of Moulvoudaye

Activities carried out in the framework of this BHA USAID-funded project include the provision of Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for reproductive health, minimum standards for prevention and response to GBV as well as essential integrated primary healthcare for referral, including the Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (EmONC). This entailed deploying 16 midwives, delivering emergency Inter-Agency reproductive health kits, mobile clinics, holistic service delivery in women and girls' safe spaces.

A project progress review reported after the first six months of project implementation that nearly 72,372 people were reached through GBV case management services; 302 baby boxes were handed over to mothers right after delivery and 60 emergency inter- agency reproductive health kits were procured for 9,148 women and girls.

BHA USAID funding has proven to be a timely and valuable assistance for the population of the Far North who have suffered humanitarian, security and environmental crisis.

Story from Sherifa, a Midwife deployed in the Mozogo district hospital

Sherifa is one of the 16 midwives deployed by UNFPA with BHA USAID funding in the Far North Region of Cameroon, an area stricken by conflict and environmental crisis where gender inequality is widespread and access to basic social services, such as healthcare is limited. She was posted in the Mozogo District Hospital. In October 2023 alone, Sherifa, successfully conducted 90 deliveries and 150 consultations.

She provided essential care to women and girls, including prenatal and postnatal care, safe delivery services, and counseling on SRHR and GBV. Midwives' service is vital to ensuring that women and girls have access to the quality healthcare they need and deserve. They are true heroes, and UNFPA and BHA USAID are proud to support them as soldiers in the fight to end maternal mortality.

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The walk towards ICPD@30

10 Years of AADPD Implementation

The African Population Experts Committee and Ministers in charge of Population held its 10-year review of the Addis-Ababa Declaration on Population and Development (AADPD) on the 7th-10th November 2023 in Lusaka. Prominent among the numerous world and African leaders present, was the attendance of Ms. Diene Keita, UNFPA Deputy Executive Director as well as that of Mr. Paul Tasong, Minister Delegate to the Minister of Economy, Planning and Regional Development who led the Cameroonian delegation.

Minister Tasong shared at this important meeting that Cameroon had submitted a positive progress report on the 88 continental commitments to the African Union earlier in 2023. He forcefully reiterated his government's engagement to harnessing the demographic dividend, based on the 2063 Agenda and through consistent strategic investments in human capital, social well-being, human rights and inclusive economic growth.

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National consensus on the AADPD implementation

Prior to the Lusaka gathering, the Cameroon government organized a consultative dialogue engaging sectorial ministries, civil society organizations, women and youth-led organizations in Yaoundé. This ensured ownership of the country's national evaluation report of the Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development(AADPD) implementation since 2013. In practice, Cameroon has accelerated readiness to roll out the 4th General Population and Housing Census (GPHC) coupled with the General Census of Agriculture and Livestock (GCAL) as a tool to guide population and development policies. This process further attests of the government's willingness to empower women and end GBV as an agreement was set between UNFPA and the Central Bureau of Census and Population Studies (BUCREP) to train all 35000 enumerators on Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA).

The initiative is aimed at increasing the accountability of enumerators while preventing human rights violations and apply zero tolerance policy on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse when partnering with the United Nations System. Cameroon's contribution to the AADPD will be part of the Africa's input to the global review and appraisal of the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action to be submitted to the 57th Session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development in 2024.

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ACHIEVING THE 03 TRANSFORMATIVE RESULTS

#ENDING GBV AND HARMFUL PRACTICES

17th Edition of the #16DaysOfActivism against #GBV

Stakeholders Walk for gender equality

Each year, the international community influencers and artists. The 16 Days of activism commemorates the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence (GBV). In Cameroon, the 17th edition of this commemoration started in Yaounde on the 25th November 2023, a day commemorating the elimination of violence against women. The Minister of Women Empowerment and the Family, Professor Marie Therese Abena Ondoa convened key stakeholders, including UNFPA, for a sports walk for peace and gender equality under the theme: « Invest to prevent violence against women and girls». The 16 days-long campaign mobilized a large number of civil society organizations, government entities, the United Nations System, the private sector, against GBV in 2023 provided venues for UNFPA in Cameroon to amplify the key message from the statement of Dr. Natalia Kanem, UNFPA Executive Director, who said: **«For many women and girls, no place is completely safe»**. Violence invades their homes, schools and workplaces. And now, it is becoming alarmingly widespread in their digital lives...GBV can be prevented, both online and offline.

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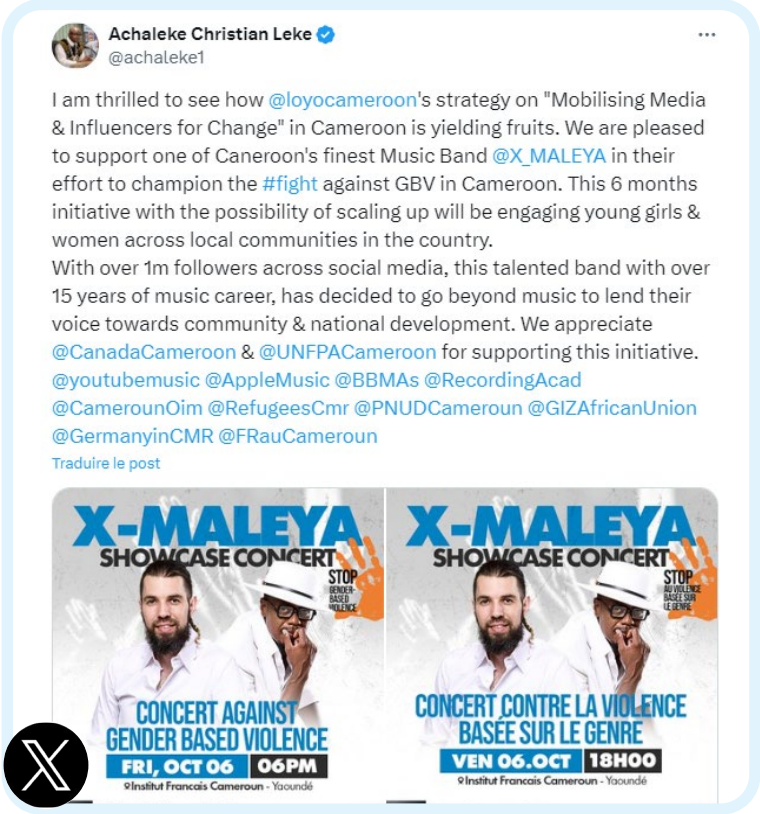
Artists and Youth Inspired to end GBV

In partnership with **Local Youth Corner** (a youth-led organization) and the Canadian High Commission, UNFPA supported X-MALEYA's 2 months-long national sensitization campaign aimed at **«using arts to strengthen the resilience of communities against GBV»**. The music band used community events, concerts and media to reach about 10 000 students in the town of Garoua alone on how to prevent GBV.

The music band X- MALEYA urged young people to break the silence and denounce GBV perpetrators, whoever they are: husbands who abuse their wives, parents who force girls to be married, boys and educators who sexually assault school girls, criminals who abduct, rape or murder women. **No crime should be hidden.** They stressed that ending GBV is merely a paradigm change. It requires taking positive attitude and behavior on male and female equal rights and opportunities in the society.



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Stop Feminicide campaign

The body of a murdered woman bearing traces of sexual violence was found in the Makepe Missoke neigborhood in Douala. *#Stopféminicides237 #Cameroun.* More than 64 women have been killed in 2023 in Cameroon. Most by intimate partners. We can't accept such a number. A moral obligation to support civil society calling for action, including data and legal reform. *@Lorraine_Canada @ unwomenafrica @UNFPACameroon*

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A Midwife campaigns for girls' education in a refugee camp

Gender-based violence, including harmful practices against women and girls, are so widespread that even in situations of collective vulnerability, such as living in a refugee camp, perpetrators continue to violate the rights and dignity of women and girls. This has been observed in Gado Badzere, in the Garoua Boulaï Sub-division..

sensitize the entire community on girl education. Community leaders, teachers, parents and youth were involved.

Jointly with the Garoua Boulai delegation of the Ministry of Women Empowerment and the Family, IMC and Plan Cameroun, Blanche succeeded to lay down the costs and benefits of girls' access to secondary education and beyond. Through educational talks, dialogue sessions, sports and

«Child marriages and girls' exclusion from school are rooted in local cultures and believes. Refugees inflow over the years exacerbated those practices that harm the well-being of women», deplored Monique Blanche Meka, a midwife deployed by UNFPA on the ground. She seized the opportunity given by the commemoration of the International Day of the Girl Child, on October 12th, 2023, under the theme: **«Investing in the rights of the girl: Our leadership and our well-being»** to artistic games, she stressed that: **«Child marriage is a venue toward early pregnancies, school dropout, lack of professional qualification, unemployment, unsafe childbirths, with consequences such as obstetric fistula, high blood pressure, and cervical cancer, death at young age»**. She called upon local community leaders to support girls full access to education and age appropriate sexual and reproductive health information to fight harmful practices.

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Eliminating mother-to-child transmission of HIV and AIDS

UNFPA joined the Ministry of Public Health and UNICEF in the implementation of the Elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV and AIDS Project (PETVISIDAME) financed by the Islamic Development Bank (IDB). This project accelerates and improves early diagnosis and treatment of HIV in infected children and pregnant women and aims to eliminate mother-to-child transmission.

The project is carried out throughout the year 2024 in 55 health districts where UNFPA will bring its comparative advantage in three key areas of intervention, namely supporting midwives to offer quality PMTCT services, strengthening community mobilization actors and promoting daily life skills.

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A plea to invest more on mental health

The United Nations Secretary General António Guterres recently reiterated this: **«Mental health is not a privilege but a fundamental human right –and must be part of universal health coverage»**. It is with that perspective that the Government of Cameroon and its partners, including the United Nations specialized agencies such as WHO, IOM and UNFPA, launched an appeal to mobilize more resources, to bridge the growing gap in access to mental health services, partly due to humanitarian crises.

Cameroon's Humanitarian Response Plan 2023 shows that 1.8 million people were in need of emergency health services and care in the North West, South West, Far North and East regions. A high proportion of these people were in need of mental health services.

The call was made during an advocacy talk held on October 31th, 2023 in Yaoundé, in the framework of the World Mental Health Day. The event gathered participants from technical ministries, the National Working Group on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support; and Civil Society Organizations. UNFPA Cameroon pledged to integrate mental health service delivery as part of its key interventions in its 8th Country Cooperation program (2022-2026) geared at accelerating the achievement of (i) Zero unmet need for family planning; (ii) Zero preventable maternal death and (iii) Zero gender-based violence and harmful practice against women and girls by 2030.

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SITUATION REPORT

UNFPA's intervention in humanitarian context covers Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) as well as GBV Prevention and Response. Highlights from the SRHR intervention include 9,480 new users of contraceptives including 5,150 adolescents and youths reached by a campaign and information-raising sessions to offer family planning services in the Far North, North, Adamawa and East regions, as part the 17th World Contraception Day's activities in from 23th to 30th September. Concerning GBV, one of the key results include 30 civilians and military personnel from the Ministry of Defense in Yaounde trained by UNFPA, in collaboration with the Ministry of Women's Empowerment and the Family, and that of Justice to care for GBV survivors by applying a multi-sectoral, survivor-centered approach.

Cameroon remains embroiled in a complex humanitarian situation, including.. Read more

HNO 2023

In 2023, one out of six people living in Cameroon needs humanitarian assistance and protection, a total of 4.7 million people. More than 3.2 million people are projected to face acute food insecurity in 2023.1 There are over two million people on the move as internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees, or refugees. Humanitarian needs are compounded by structural development weaknesses and chronic vulnerabilities that further challenge the long-term recovery of affected people

HRP 2023

In 2023, 4.7 million people need humanitarian assistance, out of which 2.7 million are targeted by the humanitarian response plan (HRP) with projects aiming to support internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees, refugees, host communities and those left behind. The humanitarian community prioritizes life-saving assistance (strategic objective 1), including protection interventions (strategic objective 2), but in this HRP livelihood support and resilience building (strategic objective 3) are additional important pillars, to ensure people affected by crises can meet their basic needs in a sustainable manner.

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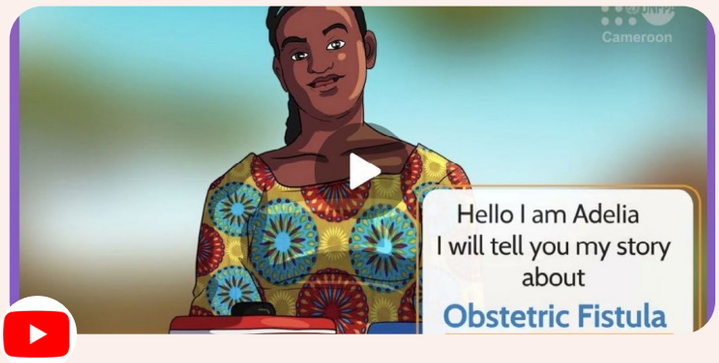
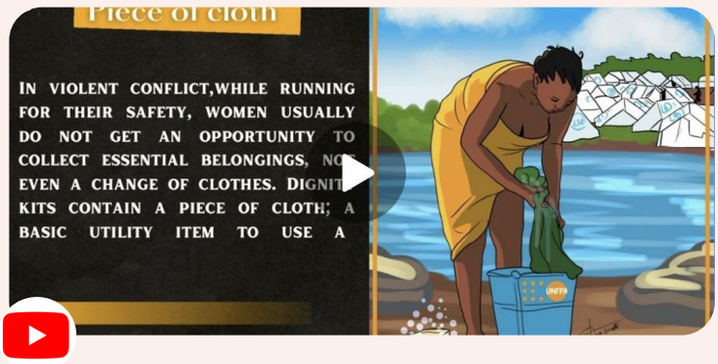
The World of 8 Billions - The challenge of population growth (BUCREP perspective)

In November 2022, the world reached 8 billion people on earth. Alarmist observers worried about the prospect of a population *«explosion»* or *«collapse»*. UNFPA suggest to focus more not on numbers rather to policies and their abilities' to provide social services to all. For the world of 8 billion is that of infinite possibilities and opportunities. In Cameroon, experts provided analyses and policy advice on potential impacts and risks mitigation options.



ADELIA'S STORY

Have you ever heard of Obstetric Fistula? If not, meet Adelia, a survivor of Obstetric Fistula. Like thousands of women in Cameroon and millions around the world, Adelia suffered from an Obstetric Fistula during childbirth.



Dignity Kits : Preserving women's self-esteem and fighting GBV in times of crisis.

A Dignity Kit can be described as a set of hygiene articles, as well as other items explicitly tailored towards the local needs of women and girls of reproductive age in a particular community, to help fight shame, stigma and discrimination.

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