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C.A.R. Crisis Regional Impact




In Numbers

128,000 refugees have been registered arriving in Cameroon since January (in addition to stateless persons and Third Country Nationals)

113,000 persons have arrived in Chad (refugees, returnees) since January

In DRC there are some **63,000** refugees from C.A.R. (new + previous caseload)

In RoC there are **13,000** refugees from C.A.R. in Likouala

 Current Needs (in USD) To Cover now—December	
Cameroon	*6.6 million (thru Jan)
Chad	*2.8 million (thru Oct)
DRC	9.6 million
RoC	3.5 million



WFP Response Cameroon

- In August, WFP reached 80,000 refugees in camps, transit-centres and host villages through a fourth round of General Food Distributions. WFP and partners have actively been searching for refugees and have continuously extended food distributions to new sites where refugees have settled. WFP is thus assisting all refugees found in the East, Adamaoua and parts of the North regions. However, after arrival and registration, refugees who are not transferred to established camps tend to stay mobile, moving from village to village or continuing to urban areas. Therefore, WFP has not reached all of the 128,000 refugees registered by UNHCR.
- Congestion at the Douala port has significantly impacted WFP operations, resulting in immediate shortfalls for this month. Consequently, WFP adjusted distribution plans by cutting rations in half in an effort to reach as many refugees as possible.
- Support was provided to over 18,000 children under the age of 5 year and 3,200 pregnant and nursing women under the Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme. Some 10,200 children and 6,300 pregnant and nursing women suffering from malnutrition received treatment under the Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme.
- WFP and partners have rapidly scaled-up assistance in recent months, and there are signs that the nutrition situation is improving, as indicated by the significant drop in the mortality rate at in-patient Nutrition treatment centres. The mortality rate decreased from 18.4 percent in May to 5.2 percent in June and then to 4.8 percent in July. This amelioration is further shown by the consistent decrease in admissions from one week to the next. It is crucial that efforts continue in order to maintain gains already made.
- *A budget revision is underway to include the new arrivals (refugees and Third Country Nationals), which are expected to reach 210,000 by the end of 2014.

Situation Update

Port congestion challenges in Cameroon

Congestion at the port in Douala, Cameroon has resulted in extended lead times for food commodities to arrive in Cameroon. This has impacted the effective delivery of food commodities to WFP operations. WFP is working to explore new ways to overcome the challenges in Douala, including prioritization and diversification of cargos through alternative ports in the sub-region and borrowing commodities from operations in nearby countries. The port in Libreville, Gabon has been identified as an alternative corridor and negotiations are under way with the customs authorities.

Chad

- The fifth cycle of voucher transfers in Doyaba, Sibou, Doba and Danamadja reached 57,400 returnees. Targeted Supplementary Feeding for children aged 6 to 59 months reached 680 children.
- Post distribution monitoring is ongoing in all seven returnee sites in the South, in collaboration with OXFAM.
- WFP is planning to implement blanket feeding activities in the same sites starting this month.
- *WFP is preparing a 2-month extension of its Emergency operation in Chad.

DRC

- In the Mole and Boyabu camps, WFP has provided cash since June. Food is being provided in the Inke camp, but WFP will switch to food vouchers in September after refugee sensitization is completed.
- WFP delivered cash assistance to 26,100 refugees in Mole and Boyabu in August. WFP's planned distribution of food vouchers targeting 13,000 refugees in Inke is pending refugees' acceptance of the food voucher modality. WFP and UNHCR have conducted a series of sensitization meetings with refugee leaders.
- If no new contributions are received for C.A.R. refugees in DRC, assistance to 35,000 camp-based refugees will gradually end after September.
- WFP, UNHCR, FAO, WHO and UNFPA submitted a USD 5 million CERF appeal to OCHA, but it did not receive a favourable response.

RoC

- WFP started assisting C.A.R. refugees relocated to RoC in February 2013. Through a fifth budget revision, the project has been extended until December.
- In August, the Country Office distributed 281,378 mt to 18,826 refugees (DRC and C.A.R.).