

Emergency appeal operations update Cameroon: Population Movement

Emergency Appeal n° MDRCM021	GLIDE n° OT-2014-000172-CMR
Operations update no.4	Period covered by this update: 6 August 2015 to 27 January 2016
Operation start date: 6 February 2015	Expected timeframe: 13 months. (New end date: 29 February 2016)
Appeal budget: CHF 958,660	Appeal coverage: 64%
N° of people being assisted: 12,500	Total estimated Red Cross and Red Crescent response to date: CHF 616,075
Host National Society presence (n° of volunteers, staff, branches): 40,000 volunteers with 18,000 active volunteers across 58 branches and 339 local committees- In Garoua Branch there are 280 volunteers	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation: French Red Cross and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Japanese Government, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralisation (Civil Protection), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nation's High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), World Food Programme (WFP).	
This Operations Update requests one month extension time frame to enable construction of latrines and remaining boreholes, which are at 60 % completion.	

Appeal History:

- This [Emergency Appeal](#) was launched on 9 February, 2015. 1,671,593 Swiss francs required to fully implement this appeal which runs for 5 months. This will enable Cameroon Red Cross provide assistance to some 25,000 persons in emergency health, water, sanitation and hygiene promotion, emergency shelter, food security, nutrition and livelihoods, National Society capacity building and disaster risk reduction.
- Operation update n°1 was issued on 5 March 2015.
- Operation update n°2 was issued on 14 April 2015, highlighting an additional requested allocation of Swiss franc 20,754 to help set up a computer room at the Cameroon Red Cross headquarters, train National Society staff in the use of radio equipment, security and E-learning.



Construction workers installing a tube after drilling in Warba, under CRC and IFRC © IFRC.Photo CRC

- A revised Emergency Appeal was issued on 3 July 2015 for 958,660 Swiss franc to assist 12,500 most vulnerable people (2500 families) and extended the implementation time frame to 31 January 2016.
- A Six-month Summary Update report was issued on 30 September 2015, to report on the operation progress and achievements within the first six months.

The IFRC, on behalf of the Cameroon Red Cross (CRC), would like to thank all those who have contributed to this Emergency Appeal including: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the British Red Cross, Japanese Red Cross Society, Netherlands Red Cross, Red Cross of Monaco, Spanish Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross, as well as the Canadian Red Cross and Canadian Government.

The Situation

The situation in the Far North Region of Cameroon has remained the same, even though the number of arrivals has reduced compared to what was reported at the beginning of the operation. According to the Interagency report published by UNHCR for the period September to October 2015 the number of Nigerian refugees in the far North of Cameroon is estimated at 65,820, among whom 49,968 settled at the Minawao camp, while another 15,852 are outside the camp. As for IDPs, there has been a considerable increase in the Mayo-Sava division (21%), while in the Mayo-Tsanaga division, the population decreased by 38%. According to the UNHCR Interagency report of December 2015, the estimated number of the populations stands at 92,658 people. Most IDPs are residing with communities in the region because of family and ethnic ties. They community members share food, water, land and non-food items with the displaced.

Divisions	Headquarters	Numbers
Logone and Chari	Kousseri	52,942
Mayo Sava	Mora	18,094
Mayo Tsanaga	Mokolo	18,020
Diamare	Maroua (Regional headquarters)	3,602
TOTAL		92,658

Source : UNHCR/IOM

In addition to this, the security situation further restricts the implementation of planned activities thereby causing delays. The security situation has worsened with about 370 attacks recorded in the region in 2015. This translates to about one attack per day. The latest attack was a case of quadruple suicide which occurred in the first hours of 25 January 2016 in the town of Bodo, Far North Region, claiming more than 30 lives and seriously injuring about 85. The insecurity has led to the construction of the latrines through the Emergency Appeal operation to be relocated from the communities that had been initially identified back to the Minawao camp, where the need is obvious and more secure. Since this occurred after the call for tender had been already being launched, it created a need for its revision and logistics procedures re-done. Discussions with partners on the type of latrines, quality of soil, customs and habits of the population was also an extremely time consuming process which also led to delays. As of 26 January 2016, the call to tender has been launched and a comparative bid analysis carried out, however agreement is now required from UNCHR to begin construction of the latrines in the camp – as such the implementation rate is at 5 per cent.

Latrine construction and borehole related activities require close monitoring for quality work to be achieved and completed, thus the need for timeframe extension. This Operations Update also request the extension of the Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) deployment by an additional one month to support the completion of the remaining planned activities and transition of the Emergency Appeal.

Progress to date

Emergency Appeal progress as of 26 January 2016:

Distribution of non-food items (NFIs) consisting of mosquito nets, hygiene and family kits. These distributions, were done in two phases, relief to 221 displaced families in the towns of Djamakia (Mayo Sava division) and Maroua 1, 2 and 3 (Diamare division). Distributions in these areas can be summarized as follows:

- Total number of displaced families 181 or 1,239 people
- Total number of host families 40 or 336 people
- Total number of kits distributed: household kits 222, hygiene kits 183 and Long lasting insecticide treated nets (LLINs) 507

In total, 27 family kits, 14 hygiene kits and 217 mosquito nets remained and have since been handed over to Maroua Red Cross divisional committee for later distributions

Awareness was raised in all targeted areas in the concerned divisions, including door to door awareness and mass sensitization campaigns. In total, 198 awareness sessions on hygiene promotion were carried out in the three divisions covered by the operation, reaching 21,383 people, representing 4,076 families; 1,358 host families and 2718 displaced families with an average of five people per family. In total, 75 volunteers, i.e. 25 volunteers per division, were involved in awareness activities, for a duration of three months.

Table 1: Overview of population reached through raising awareness

Division	Displaced Families	Host Families	Total
Mayo Sava (Tala kola, Bourdala and Mora)	1540 (7,700 people)	660 (3,300 people)	2,200
Mayo Tsananga (Tourou / Mokolo)	880 (4,400 people)	430 (2,150 people)	1,310
Diamaré (Maroua 1, Maroua 2 et Maroua 3)	298 (1,490 people)	268 (1,340 people)	566
TOTAL	2,718	1,358	4,076

Data collection tools for awareness, identification of host, displaced families were designed and used during distribution and awareness creation sessions.

Construction of boreholes: Publication of tender call and selection of the contractor. It should be highlighted that of the seven boreholes planned, 3 are funded by Guinness Cameroon SA, under the partnership signed with the National Society. In Rafa, Kosehone, Mayo Sanganare and Vamai (Mayo Tsanaga Division), Four (4) boreholes have been drilled and the pump installation underway, as well as physical, chemical and bacteriological analysis. The analysis result will enable the completion of the construction of supra-structures and cesspools. In Djamakia, Meme and Warba (Mayo Sava division), the 3 boreholes installed funded by Guinness Cameroon SA have been drilled and are now in the construction stage of the supra-structures and cesspools after analysis of samples by the Garoua laboratory.

Training of volunteers for the community disaster response team (CDRT) yet to be carried out due to a ban on public gatherings in Maroua as a result of in-security. Discussions are still ongoing with administrative authorities for permission or another alternative could be to discuss the issue with the

National Society for the training to be held in Garoua, capital of the North region. If approved, then the training will be carried out in the month of February 2016 as part of the timeframe extension.

As part of coordination, participation at meetings both at central level as on the field, has been effective. These meetings include participation of the Red Cross Movement with the ICRC, the French Red Cross, IFRC / RDRT and Diamare Red Cross divisional committee. These meetings are held on monthly basis, to share activities conducted and security situation in the Region. It also allows working sessions with the three Divisional committees involved in the operation, for a reframing on the understanding of the implementation of activities in the field as well as working sessions with volunteers from the Mayo Sava and Mayo Tsanaga divisions. Participation of the three WASH sector coordination meetings with other humanitarian agencies, led by the Regional Delegate of the Ministry of Mines and Water resources [MINEE] with support from UNICEF. Participation at the Emergency Committee meeting chaired by the Regional Delegate for the Ministry of Health on coordination of activities of humanitarian and government agencies and on security aspects in the region

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