This document details the IFRC’s support in areas agreed upon with the relevant National Society. The IFRC seeks resources to carry out this country/cluster plan listed here as funding requirements.
SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

26.7 million

Vulnerability to disasters

Floods  Landslides  Drought  Conflict  Refugees/migration  Disease outbreak

Cameroon is among the poorest countries in the world. In 2020, 3.9 million people in Cameroon required humanitarian assistance, with eight out of the country’s ten regions affected by major crises.

The far north region continues to be impacted by Boko Haram related armed conflict, with approximately 322,000 internally displaced people and 115,000 Nigerian refugees facing serious protection risks. Existing vulnerabilities in local communities have been further exacerbated by these population movements, causing disruption to the basic social services that support their livelihoods.

Cameroon’s eastern regions are still home to more than 272,000 refugees from the Central African Republic, with the influx continuing to exert significant pressure on natural resources and basic social services in host areas. Access to food, WASH services and education remains limited for both refugees and their host communities.

The ongoing socio-political crisis in the north-west and south-west regions of Cameroon has prompted reports of human rights violations and abuse, including extra-judicial killings, arbitrary arrests and destruction of property, as well as rising humanitarian needs. Almost 680,000 Cameroonians are now internally displaced due to this crisis, mainly in the north-west and south-west regions, but also in the west and littoral regions. People who could not flee the violence, most notably the elderly and those with disabilities, are at a heightened risk of attacks and sexual violence. Humanitarian workers and medical personnel have also been subject to violence.

The first COVID-19 case in Cameroon was detected in early March 2020. Despite a relatively low number of cases compared to Western countries, the socio-economic effects of the pandemic have exacerbated the existing challenges faced by people in Cameroon. In addition, the response required to deal with the pandemic has had a noticeable effect on the provision of humanitarian aid to vulnerable communities.

Climate change presents an ongoing disaster risk in Cameroon, as well as deforestation across the country, drought in the northern regions, floods in the northern and coastal areas, and landslides in the west.
Established on 30th April 1960, the Cameroon Red Cross is recognised as a public utility association and voluntary relief society, with a presence in all 10 regions and over 320 districts. Out of a network of approximately 65,000 trained volunteers and rescue workers, there are currently 20,000 active members providing humanitarian aid in Cameroon.

The National Society prioritises health, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), climate change, disaster preparedness and response, community engagement and accountability (CEA), organisational development, administration, finance, logistics and communication.
MEMBERSHIP COORDINATION AND MOVEMENT FOOTPRINT

Membership coordination

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Movement footprint

The International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) have a strong presence in Cameroon, operating under a tripartite Movement Coordination Agreement (MCA). The Central Africa Country Cluster Support Team is based in the capital city, Yaoundé. Movement coordination meetings are held in Yaoundé on a monthly basis and serve as a forum to discuss Movement support to the National Society.

Partner National Societies also play a major role in supporting the work of the National Society in Cameroon. The French Red Cross has had a presence in Cameroon since 1967, working to ensure the sustainability of the National Society’s actions and intervening in the far north and east of the country to improve the resilience of vulnerable populations.

The Swedish Red Cross is also supporting the National Society in Cameroon in the far north region, assisting internally displaced people following the Lake Chad Basin crisis. The Luxembourg Red Cross is supporting internally displaced people in the west region.

Regular security consultations ensure the safe implementation of activities in conflict-prone areas of the region. With IFRC support, the National Society is assisting Central African refugees in the east, Adamawa, and northern regions, as well as internally displaced people in the west, littoral and far north regions.
People in Cameroon are facing three major climate crises: drought, floods and landslides. These are compounded by increasing deforestation due to climate change. Since 2012, the Government of Cameroon has invested in climate change adaptation with the development of a National Climate Change Adaptation plan, supported by several partners including the Japanese Government and the German Cooperation.

In October 2019, around 100,000 people were affected by floods in the far north, causing displacement among families, the loss of livestock and significant damage to houses and bridges. The National Society responded with a Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) and assisted 3,248 families with household items, as well as hygiene and dignity kits. In 2020, due to more flooding in the area, the National Society supported a further 8,925 vulnerable people.

With subsequent climate-induced disasters likely to occur in the future, there is a growing need to prepare both the National Society and communities to better cope with the ongoing challenges they face as a result of climate change.

**TARGET 1**
The IFRC will support the National Society to provide livelihood assistance to 1,000 vulnerable households.

**TARGET 2**
The IFRC will support the National Society to implement a reforestation campaign in 2 localities.

**TARGET 3**
The IFRC will provide training for 200 volunteers on climate change, disaster preparedness and management.

**ACTIVITIES**
- The IFRC will support the National Society to set up a campaign to collect waste and plastic paper for recycling
- The IFRC will support the National Society to raise public awareness on biodiversity and climate change
- The IFRC will support the National Society to set up small-scale water channelling works and drainage mechanisms during floods

**Funding requirement in Swiss francs**
177,000

**People to be reached**
2,671,605

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In recent years, people in Cameroon have faced a number of crises, including ongoing internal conflict in the north-west and south-west regions, Boko Haram attacks in the far north, and natural hazards, such as floods, drought, landslides and epidemics. It is clear that the National Society requires support from the IFRC, partner National Societies and external partners to respond effectively and efficiently.

### TARGET 1
The IFRC will support the National Society to conduct 4 Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments (VCAs).

### TARGET 2
The IFRC will support the National Society to set up early warning systems in 4 communities.

### TARGET 3
The IFRC will support the National Society to put community contingency plans in place in 4 target communities.

### ACTIVITIES
- The IFRC will support the National Society to raise community awareness of disaster risks and prevention measures.
- The IFRC will support the National Society to preposition relief stocks in disaster prone locations.
- The IFRC will support the National Society to procure smart phones for rapid data collection to improve disaster response planning.

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### People to be reached
2,671,605

### Funding requirement in Swiss francs
41,000

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1,960,832 persons of concern related to migration
GROWING GAPS IN HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Funding requirement in Swiss francs
955,472

People to be reached
2,671,605

Recurrent flooding in various parts of Cameroon often causes epidemic outbreaks, particularly water-borne diseases such as cholera. The COVID-19 outbreak in 2020 has further exacerbated the country’s capacity to respond to health-related disasters.

**TARGET 1**
5 health facilities purchase equipment to improve reception areas with the support of the IFRC and the National Society

**TARGET 2**
5 mobile clinics set up by the National Society with the support of the IFRC

**ACTIVITIES**
- The IFRC will support the National Society to strengthen social mobilisation and risk communication
- The IFRC will support the National Society to purchase equipment to enable the Henri Dunant Medical Centre to become a reference centre for blood transfusion
- The IFRC will support the National Society to establish a community alert system for disease outbreaks

721 deaths from COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic
69 deaths from cholera in 2020
400,000 Blood bags needed in 2020
100,000 Blood bags collected in 2020
In Cameroon, three significant humanitarian crises have led to mass displacement. The Lake Chad conflict in the far north has resulted in increasing numbers of internally displaced people, Nigerien refugees and Cameroonian expats, while the Anglophone crisis in the north-west and south-west of the country is forcing people to flee. The Central African crisis in the east has also led to increased numbers of refugees. Natural disasters are also a catalyst for population displacement, with a rising number of Cameroonian emigrating to other countries.

**TARGET 1**
The IFRC will support the National Society to set up 10 Humanitarian Service Points (HSPs) along migration routes.

**TARGET 2**
The IFRC will support the National Society to purchase food and non-food items for distribution to HSPs, targeting 2,000 people.

**ACTIVITIES**
- The IFRC will support the National Society to promote and support migrants’ rights along migration routes with public authorities.
- The IFRC will support the National Society to establish a Return and Reintegration Programme for irregular migrants.

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**Funding requirement in Swiss francs**

444,000

**People to be reached**

267,160

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VALUES, POWER, AND INCLUSION

The National Society in Cameroon made gender and diversity one of its thematic priorities in 2019, with the creation of a Gender and Diversity department. In 2021, the focus will be on institutionalising the values, power and inclusion (VPI) approach in all National Society operations through an organisational development process.

**TARGET 1**
40 clubs created in high schools and communities

**TARGET 2**
Temporary schools create for 500 displaced children

**TARGET 3**
Awareness-raising campaigns on sexual and gender-based violence developed in 50 schools

**ACTIVITIES**
- The IFRC will support the National Society to submit partnership proposals to organisations committed to the education of young people in crisis zones
- The IFRC will support the National Society to install a listening centre to provide psychosocial support to SGBV survivors
- The IFRC will support the National Society to develop a new Protection Gender and Inclusion policy that includes considerations of gender-based violence and the “Prevention and Response to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse”.

**Funding requirement in Swiss francs**
69,000

**People to be reached**
267,160
ENABLER 1
ENGAGED WITH RENEWED INFLUENCE, INNOVATIVE AND DIGITALLY TRANSFORMED WITH GREATER EMPHASIS ON NATIONAL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT

Funding requirement in Swiss francs
60,000

The IFRC will support the National Society to strengthen its engagement with partners within and outside the network to work collectively on the key challenges facing communities.

The IFRC will support the National Society to become an effective advocate, influencing both public behaviour and policy change at the domestic, regional and global levels. The National Society is supported with communications and public advocacy resources and advice to increase its impact and nurture public trust and understanding of its role and activities.

The IFRC will support the National Society to strengthen its auxiliary role, positioning and voice in humanitarian and development forums.

The IFRC will support the National Society to develop foundational IT digital systems to efficiently run, and ensure accountability in its daily operations. The IFRC will support the National Society to be ‘data-ready’ for engagement with staff and volunteers, operational decision-making and business intelligence.

The IFRC will support the National Society to enhance data protection and adopt best practices and information security measures in ongoing and new operations.

ACTIVITIES

- The IFRC will support the National Society to engage in humanitarian working group forums
- The IFRC will support the National Society to develop its communication and branding strategy
- The IFRC will support the National Society to train staff on the IFRC Go platform and other relevant IT tools
ENABLER 2
ACCOUNTABLE WITH AN AGILE MANAGEMENT AND A RENEWED FINANCING MODEL WITH GREATER EMPHASIS ON NATIONAL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT

Funding requirement in Swiss francs
60,000

The IFRC works as one organisation globally, delivering what it promises to National Society volunteers and leveraging the strength of the communities it serves as effectively and efficiently as possible.

ACTIVITIES
• The IFRC will support the National Society to develop a plan of action to mitigate the risk of fraud and corruption, sexual harassment, exploitation and abuse
ENABLER 3
TRUSTED BY COMMUNITIES, OWNED AND VALUED BY THE MEMBERSHIP WITH GREATER EMPHASIS ON NATIONAL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT

Funding requirement in Swiss francs
60,000

The IFRC will support the National Society to prioritise volunteering development and youth action as critical catalysts of behavioural change and local action, ensuring access and nurturing trust. Young people and volunteers are encouraged to contribute to decision-making and innovation.

The IFRC will support the National Society to empower people and communities, vulnerable to and affected by crises, to influence decisions affecting them.

The IFRC will support the National Society to strengthen its engagement with, and accountability to the communities it serves, through integrating mechanisms for communication, participation, feedback and complaints within programmes and operations.

The IFRC will support the National Society to adopt a community engagement and accountability performance measurement framework, with clear benchmarks that ensure consistency and alignment with international commitments.

ACTIVITIES
• The IFRC will support the National Society to encourage youth participation in the 2021 Pan African Conference
• The IFRC will support the National Society to institutionalise community engagement and accountability into programmes and operations
• The IFRC will support the National Society to strengthen community feedback mechanisms
• The IFRC will support the National Society to produce regular case studies
The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is the world's largest humanitarian network, with 192 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and around 14 million volunteers. Our volunteers are present in communities before, during and after a crisis or disaster. We work in the most hard to reach and complex settings in the world, saving lives and promoting human dignity. We support communities to become stronger and more resilient places where people can live safe and healthy lives, and have opportunities to thrive.

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