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Emergency appeal operations update

Cameroon: Population Movements

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Emergency appeal n° MDRCM021		GLIDE n° OT-2014-000172-CMR
Operations update n° 1		Timeframe covered by this update: 9 to 28 February 2015
Emergency Appeal operation start date: 9 February 2015		Timeframe: 05 months and end date: June 2015
Appeal budget: CHF 1,671,593	Appeal coverage: 1.11%	Total estimated Red Cross and Red Crescent response to date: CHF 186,000
Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) allocated: CHF 186,000		
N° of people being assisted: 25,000		
Host National Society(ies) 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 ICRC		
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralisation – Civil Protection. Japanese Government.		

Summary:

Since July 2014, a large number of Nigerian refugees have been crossing the border into Cameroon, fleeing clashes between various armies and the Boko Haram insurgents. So far, about 35,000 refugees have been registered by UNHCR. About 30,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) have also been reported, following clashes at the border where some villages and towns have been attacked. From 15 to 30 December 2014, more than 13,000 new arrivals were reported by local authorities, including nearly 5,000 in the city of Mozogo, and 8,000 others recently arrived the localities of Moskota, Mozogo and Koza. Of the 13,000, 5,000 have been registered by the UNHCR and relocation from Mozogo to the Minawao camp has started.

These figures are constantly increasing. The town of Mora (Mayo Sava Division) currently hosts the highest number (as of November 2014, 835 families or 7,830 persons) of IDPs from Amchide, Limani, and Kolofata fleeing the fighting. Some IDPs have also sought refuge in the localities of Maga and Yagoua. Most of them do not want to be registered because they do not want to live in camps.

IDPs management is done in a small committee, under the lead of the Directorate of Civil Protection under the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization. The ICRC and the Federation are members of this committee.

This emergency appeal has been launched for 25,000 beneficiaries (5,000 refugee families that have fled Nigeria to Cameroon, Cameroon-based IDPs, and host communities in the Far North Region). It comprises of health activities that specifically focus on the chronically ill, pregnant women, the disabled, and the elderly. WASH facilities are generally communal-based and are strategically located in the underserved areas or camps where there are no other actors involved or where the assistance provided is considered insufficient to address the needs of beneficiaries. Priority is given to areas where the assistance is below Sphere standards and those with increasingly prevalent water-borne and water-related disease. Hygiene promotion and awareness campaigns will be carried out in communities and inside Minawao camp to equally benefit refugee and host communities. Food security, nutrition and livelihoods support will target 1,000 families to improve their agricultural capacity. Various training sessions covering planned intervention topics will be organized to build the capacity of volunteers. So far, none of these actions have started due to limited funding.

an RDRT member is being deployed to Cameroon to support the NS with the implementation of the appeal.

Coordination and partnerships

A meeting bringing together the National Society, ICRC, IFRC and the French Red Cross was held in Yaoundé, Cameroon to debrief the IFRC/Cameroon RC assessment team. Furthermore, discussions around the population movement are held at the regular monthly Movement meetings. It should be noted that at this stage, the Movement Cooperation agreement has not been signed. This was however discussed during the last Movement coordination meeting. A draft highlighting each organization's responsibilities will be presented during the next meeting.

Interagency coordination meetings are held in Maroua under the aegis of UNHCR, with the participation of UNICEF, WFP, WHO, UN Women, UNFPA, International Emergency and Development Aid (IEDA Relief), Public Concern and IMC (UNHCR partners), Association for Environmental Education in Cameroon (ACEEN. Action21-CAMEROON) - a Cameroonian Environmental NGO based with national and international scope. It works in the fields of environmental protection and the sustainable management of biodiversity through information, education and public awareness with the support of Environmental Education and the NGO, Action Locale, for participatory development. A (LDEPA) - (UNICEF partners) and SAADEP (WHO partner) are also involved. The NS and the IFRC have also participated in various coordination meetings held in Yaounde. These include the inter-ministerial ad hoc meeting organized by the Cameroon government as well as that of the Cameroon Country Humanitarian Team under the auspices of the UN Resident Coordinator. The IFRC also participates in other meetings with partners such as the French Development Agency and information meetings on the humanitarian situation in CAR and Cameroon.

Operational implementation

Overview

Planned interventions	Implementation (%)
Health and care	
Outcome 1: Health risks are reduced for 5,000 families /households(25,000 persons) in the Far North Region	
Activities planned	
Train 200 community health volunteers/ and 7 community disaster response teams (CDRTs) on how to evaluate the health environment outlining the immediate health risks	10% due to insufficient funding. Mobilisation of volunteers underway .The local RC committees have been contacted and volunteers are currently being mobilized.
Continuous monitoring and surveillance of the health situation	00% insufficient funding
Sensitization of pregnant and lactating women and facilitating urgent emergency transportation of beneficiaries to health facilities for appropriate care	00% due to insufficient funding
Active search for missing EIP cases and referral to health structures	00% due to insufficient funding
Provision of First Aid to beneficiaries by volunteers.	00% due to insufficient funding
Undertake regular visits to refugee camps/IDP sites and provide necessary medical assistance and advice/referral to nearby health facilities for immediate and appropriate care	00% due to insufficient funding
Train 50 volunteers in psycho-social programming (PSP) support	00% due to insufficient funding
Ensure PSP support	00% due to insufficient funding
Training of 200 volunteers in various steps of management of malnutrition	00% due to

Awareness raising on malnutrition	insufficient funding
Early community detection of malnutrition cases and transfer to support structures	00% due to insufficient funding
Early detection of cases	00% due to insufficient funding
Early identification of children and follow up monitoring	00% due to insufficient funding
Active search for missing children	00% due to insufficient funding
Identification and training of “mamans lumières” (community focal points on nutrition)	00% due to insufficient funding
Cooking demonstrations	00% due to insufficient funding
Water, sanitation, & hygiene promotion	
Outcome 2: Sanitation and hygiene knowledge and behaviour improved for the targeted 5,000 beneficiaries in targeted localities	
Activities planned	
Train 200 Red Cross volunteers in good hygiene practices and diseases related to dirty hands	00% due to insufficient funding
Train 200 volunteers and 200 community members in hygiene promotion	00% due to insufficient funding
Outcome 3: Access to safe water, adequate sanitation, and hygiene improved for 5,000 beneficiary families in targeted localities	
Activities planned	
Drill 7 boreholes in targeted localities	00% due to insufficient funding
Install 7 manual water pumps and taps and provide necessary user training	00% due to insufficient funding
Provide required material for repair of manual pumps in the future	00% due to insufficient funding
Train 200 volunteers in the construction of family latrines and sensitize beneficiaries on their use	00% due to insufficient funding
Dig 1,000 family latrines in targeted localities	00% due to insufficient funding
Sensitize beneficiaries and host communities on the use of latrines	00% due to insufficient funding
Design hygiene kit based on needs assessment and discussions with beneficiaries and state institutions	00% due to insufficient funding
Procure and distribute 5,000 hygiene kits consisting of soap, toothbrush, towels, razors and	00% due to insufficient funding
Settlements (and household items)	
Outcome 4: Emergency NFI of 1,000 beneficiary families are met	
Activities planned	
Train 200 CRS volunteers in distribution and construction of emergency shelters	10% due to insufficient funding. Mobilisation of volunteers underway
Procure and distribute solar lamps to 1,000 families/households	10% due to insufficient funding. Procurement arrangements are underway
Procure and distribute NFI to 1,000 families/households	10% due to insufficient funding. Procurement arrangements are underway .Logistics Unit is currently purchasing materials for distribution

	activities.
Food security, nutrition, and livelihoods	
Outcome 5 The nutritional situation of 1,000 beneficiary families in targeted localities is improved through the strengthening of their agricultural capacity	
Activities planned	
Training of volunteers in the supervision of beneficiaries	00% due to insufficient funding
Training of 200 volunteers and 100 beneficiary representatives in agricultural techniques	00% due to insufficient funding
Procurement and provision of farm tools and inputs to beneficiaries	00% due to insufficient funding
Cooking demonstration sessions with women	00% due to insufficient funding
Disaster preparedness and risk reduction	
Outcome 6 At-risk communities benefit from an improved early warning early action mechanism at all levels	
Activities planned	
Development of population movement contingency plan for border-area CRS branches	00% due to insufficient funding
Conduct a study with the National Society on camp management	00% due to insufficient funding
Raise awareness of staff and volunteers on mainstreaming of DRR in emergency relief activities	00% due to insufficient funding
Strengthen early warning communication mechanisms from field to headquarter level	00% due to insufficient funding
Raise awareness of communities on risks of disasters common in the targeted area	00% due to insufficient funding
Implementation of peace building activities	00% due to insufficient funding
National Society capacity building	
Outcome 7 The National Society's capacity to ensure delivery and accountability of quality services is aligned with international standards	
Activities planned	
Community Disaster Response Training (CDRT) training for 140 volunteers	00% due to insufficient funding
Training of National Society volunteers in communications skills	00% due to insufficient funding
Training of National Society volunteers and staff on camp management	00% due to insufficient funding
Development of communications and advocacy/ peace building programme	00% due to insufficient funding

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