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UNHCR Buea IDP Response Operational Update: North West and South West Regions

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Key Figures

IDPs Population estimates*:

246,000 in South West

105,000 in North West

86,000 in Littoral and West regions

Protection response capacity:

30 protection monitors in both regions

09 social workers

Shelter response capacity:

4,000 shelter kits (20,000 people)

Shelter Kits distributed: 00

NFI kits distributed: 1,173

NFI response capacity:

6,000 kits (30,000 people)

Major IDP hosting

locations*: Buea, Tiko, Mbonge, Limbe, Muyuka, Kumba1&2, Tombe, Ekondo-Titi, Konye

* Source OCHA

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Shelter/ NFI Support

NFI distribution was conducted in Mbalangui and Fatabong villages within Mbonge Sub-division, Meme Division during the reporting period. A total of **597** kits were distributed to **3,816** people. Cumulatively, **7,038** IDPs and other crisis-affected members of hosting communities have been provided with NFI assistance. Since mid-November when the delivery of such NFI support began **1,173** kits have been distributed.

UNHCR is replenishing in a timely fashion its NFI stock kept closer to the point of delivery at the INTERSOS-run warehouse in Kumba from its stockpile in Douala so as to avoid any disruption in the rather very effective ongoing distributions. A total of **1,144** NFI kits were delivered to Kumba this week in spite of the fact that the road axis between Buea and Kumba was inaccessible for two days in a row for security-related reasons. Since mid-November **2,492** kits have been dispatched to Kumba for distribution to persons of concern.

Protection Delivery

Community representatives and local authorities in the Fako and Mezam divisions of the SW/NW regions respectively, were trained on child protection, GBV and human rights violations as part of ongoing awareness raising activities to promote community-based protection mechanisms.

Relevant sensitization activities including round table discussions to commemorate the International Day for Persons living with Disabilities, World Aids Day in addition to the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence, at community level and in schools, continued throughout the week.

Twelve protection monitoring missions undertaken this week, resulted in the identification and documentation of **276** cases involving human rights violations and abuses. This brings to **901** the total number of protection incidents recorded to date.

UNHCR-led Protection and Shelter/ NFI clusters have concluded preparations for a mission to Bamenda in the NW region. The mission will establish respective cluster hubs and provide much needed support to local NGOs. The Clusters will ensure the inclusivity of all humanitarian actors engaged in the IDP response and create channels of communication and the exchange of information between members in the SW and NW.

Coordination

Protection Cluster:

As planned, the Protection Cluster (PC) convened a workshop on 04 December bringing together protection actors engaged in the ongoing response to discuss and agree on priority areas around which an overarching protection and durable solutions strategy should be developed through an inclusive and a participatory process. It is expected that such a protection strategy will be finalized and adopted within the next two weeks. Meanwhile, the child protection and SGBV sub-clusters have met with relevant local NGO partners to strengthen coordination, the mapping of services and the development of a case management system.

Following recent reports of improvised explosive device (IED) related incidents in SW/NW regions, the PC will develop mine awareness leaflets and materials for distribution by local partners and NGOs to IPDs and host communities so as to reduce their exposure to the related hazards.

Shelter/ NFI Cluster:

The Shelter/NFI cluster team made preparations this week, to undertake a mission to Bamenda, to set up the cluster hub for humanitarian actors covering the NW region. The inaugural meeting will not only inform and familiarize the new actors on the cluster approach, but it will also brief them on the SC strategy, NFI kit composition and mapping tools.

Five local NGOs trained in data collection by two REACH experts have begun conducting interviews in urban, peri-urban, self-settled rural areas in the IDP-hosting regions of SW/NW, West and Littoral, for shelter/NFI needs assessment purposes. The interviews are being conducted with displaced population groups living in self-settled rural areas, host families, rented accommodation, hosted by families, with partially damaged houses and with totally damaged houses. The results of such a comprehensive shelter/NFI needs assessment will inform the response planning process for 2019.

Information Management:

An information management tool is being developed for data analysis aimed at facilitating the identification of trends and patterns related to protection incidents reported and documented in the context of the ongoing protection monitoring activities.

Partnerships:

UNHCR protection and assistance-related activities, in the context of the ongoing IDP response, are undertaken in partnership with INTEROS, Authentique Memorial Empowerment Foundation (AMEF), and African Initiative for Relief Development (AIRD), in close collaboration and coordination with all relevant partners.

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