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

27 January – 02 February 2019

Key Figures

IDPs Population estimates*:

246,119 in South West

104,801 in North West

86,434 in Littoral and West regions

Protection response capacity:

30 protection monitors covering both regions

09 social workers

Shelter response capacity:

4,000 shelter kits (20,000 people)

Shelter Kits distributed: **00**

NFI kits distributed: **6,017**

NFI response capacity:

6,000 kits (30,000 people)

Major IDP hosting

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

UNHCR Response

Shelter/ NFI Support

In addition to the **2,840** wooden beams delivered to the INTERSOS-run warehouse in Kumba's Meme Division, on Sunday 27 January, **1,000** shelter kits and **1,300** wooden beams from the UNHCR stockpile in Douala, were transported to the repository during the week. A little over **4,000** wooden beams are currently in storage, in the Kumba depot. The **3,000** shelter kits still in Douala, will be transported to Kumba warehouse, next week, security along axis routes, permitting. **4,000** shelter kits and wooden beams pre-positioned in Kumba, will be distributed to **12,900** IDPs in Meme and **7,100** in Manyu Division, from 15 - 28 February. The delay in distribution is because of a much publicised period of potential unrest and insecurity around several events taking place from 04 – 14 February, 2019.

Protection Delivery

INTERMOS, UNHCR's protection and assistance partner, will from 15 February begin the distribution of shelter kits to IDPs in the Meme and Many Divisions of the SW region. Targeted beneficiaries will include female headed households including homes with pregnant or lactating women. Families with at least one elderly person or persons living with disabilities including chronically or seriously ill people, will also be prioritised. Large families with more than five children under 18 years of age, child headed households and unaccompanied and separated children, will also receive shelter kits.

Recipients include IDP families living in spontaneous settlements or with host families in poor and makeshift shelter conditions. Families living in community or private structures with no solid walls or in unfinished buildings as well as IDPs with limited or no income to meet their shelter needs will also receive assistance. In addition, newly displaced families or IDPs subjected to secondary displacement with obvious shelter and/or NFI needs, will be assisted.

Due to volatile and increasing insecurity in areas of operation and across other locations in the SW/NW regions, INTERMOS, undertook three protection monitoring missions, this week. **95** cases involving human rights violations and abuses were documented. This brings to **1,893** the total number of protection incidents documented, since mid-November 2018. Destruction of/to property, the violation of the right to life and physical integrity as well as SGBV remain the most common infringements and abuses reported by IDPs.

* Source OCHA

Coordination

Protection Cluster:

The Child Protection Area of Responsibilities (CP AoR) introduced over 30 participants from government line ministries including UN and humanitarian actors to child protection in emergencies (CPIE) and child protection minimum standards. Presentations, interactive discussions and group-work on *children associated with armed forces and armed groups, psychosocial distress and mental health and unaccompanied and separated children*, to name a few issues deliberated over, have equipped CP practitioners to better appreciate and respond to emerging child protection issues in the SW/NW regions.

The Gender Based Violence (GBV) AoR is planning a workshop on case management to strengthen field-based action in multi-sectoral GBV prevention and response in emergency settings. This will also help increase the pool of GBV professionals in the SW/NW regions.

The Protection Cluster (PC) is planning capacity building programs for traditional leaders, chiefs, IDPs and religious leaders on international protection, UNHCR's mandate and the Kampala Convention. Similarly, humanitarian and protection actors in the SW region will be engaged on protection mainstreaming at the next PC meeting.

Shelter/ NFI Cluster:

The Shelter Cluster (SC) discussed the Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring results which presented the opportunity for feedback from humanitarian partner organisations generally satisfied with the cluster's core functions. The importance of accountability towards the affected population and mechanisms to measure, monitor and evaluate this were also proposed.

A SC coordination meeting with the three key actors in the NW region - Plan International, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) - was conducted online, due to insecurity preventing a planned mission to the location. Progress on the shelter/ NFI response in this region is significantly delayed compared to interventions in the SW. Some new international organizations have begun planning concerted shelter/ NFI interventions for implementation in the NW region.

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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