

# NRC's operations in Cameroon

## Humanitarian overview

Despite the attention received when NRC named Cameroon the third most neglected crisis in the world in 2021, as of December 2022 only 49 per cent of the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) had been funded.

Since 2014, attacks by Boko Haram insurgents have continued to force massive population displacements in Cameroon's Far North region. As of December 2022, the UNHCR counts 385,372 internally displaced people in the region. In the Southwest and Northwest regions, an internal crisis has been unfolding since 2016, leading to the internal displacement of 579,000 people, and 71,000 Cameroonian refugees in Nigeria. Since December 2020, following election violence in Central African Republic (CAR), an additional influx of more than 346,000 refugees from CAR has joined those already in Cameroon.

## NRC's operation

NRC opened its country office in April 2017 in the Far North region of Cameroon, followed by an office in the Southwest region in June 2018 and a sub-office in the Northwest region in March 2019. Here, NRC provides integrated multi-sector assistance, covering emergency needs and linking them to recovery interventions. In addition, NRC opened a sub-office in the East region in July 2019 to provide information, counselling, and legal assistance to refugees from CAR. NRC is a key advocacy actor through its leadership roles in coordination fora.

### NRC Cameroon

Established	2017
International staff	9
National staff	149



## NRC Cameroon

### Country office

Yaoundé

### Areas of operation

Far North region, Southwest and Northwest regions, East region



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### Education

We collaborate with communities and local authorities to support children's access to quality education. Our education teams:

- Train primary school teachers in psychosocial support, inclusive education, and more
- support access to accelerated education for out-of-school children
- assist in providing emergency resources for vulnerable schools and children to enhance teaching and learning
- support transition to and retention into formal basic education

### Food security and livelihoods

We collaborate with communities to ensure conflict-affected populations can improve their food security and revive their livelihoods. Our teams:

- distribute cash so that displaced people can access food and other basic necessities
- distribute small livestock, seeds and agricultural inputs, and ensure access to water

- train youth and adults in income generating activities and provide them with cash grants for start-up of activities
- train women and men in food processing and improved agricultural techniques

### Information, counselling and legal assistance (ICLA)

We collaborate with communities and local authorities to ensure conflict-affected populations can exercise their rights. Our ICLA teams:

- provide information, counselling, training and legal assistance on legal and civil documentation, as well as promoting security of tenure and claiming other housing, land and property (HLP) rights
- train local entities involved in childbirth registration, as well as HLP and dispute resolution
- lead a working group on HLP, coordinating with actors to ensure that HLP is integrated as cross-cutting
- provide technical support to the humanitarian community

## Shelter and settlements

We collaborate with communities to ensure conflict-affected populations have access to safe and dignified housing and learning environments. Our shelter teams:

- support displaced populations with emergency shelter kits and essential household items
- support those experiencing protracted displacement with transitional housing support and essential household items
- support returnees with technical and material support to (re-)construct their homes
- construct and/or rehabilitate emergency and longer-term learning environments for students

## Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion (WASH)

We collaborate with communities and local authorities to ensure conflict-affected populations have access to adequate water and sanitation services as well as adequate hygiene items and services. Our WASH teams:

- support displaced people with access to water by rehabilitating/constructing boreholes and supporting councils with spare parts and maintenance toolkits
- construct emergency institutional and family latrines in emergency and recovery settings
- support learning environments with access to water and sanitation, and provide hygiene promotion
- conduct hygiene promotion activities, including on cholera and Covid-19 prevention, as well distributing essential hygiene items, including menstrual hygiene kits to women and girls

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