

NRC's operations in Cameroon

Humanitarian overview

Despite the attention received when NRC named Cameroon the most neglected crisis in the world in 2024, as of December 2025 only 23 per cent of the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) had been funded.

The continuous hostilities and violence in the Far North, Northwest (NW), and Southwest (SW) regions, combined with the socioeconomic vulnerability and exclusion affecting refugees in the East region of the country had led to the displacement of more than 2.2 million internally displaced people (IDPs), refugees and asylum seekers at the end of 2025. As of 31 December 2025, the armed violence had led to the displacement of 510,855 people in the Far North region, 493,402 in the Northwest and Southwest (NWSW) regions, and 409,379 refugees from the Central African Republic (CAR), according to the UN refugee agency (UNHCR).

In the Lake Chad Basin, local communities and civilian populations continue to be severely affected by frequent attacks that force hundreds to flee their homes. Moreover, the ongoing crisis in the NWSW regions, entering in its ninth year, has affected every sector of the economy within the two regions and beyond. In the East region, refugees and local community members continue to compete for resources which are often very limited.



Our core activities



Education



Information, counselling
and legal assistance (ICLA)



Livelihoods
and food security



Shelter
and settlements



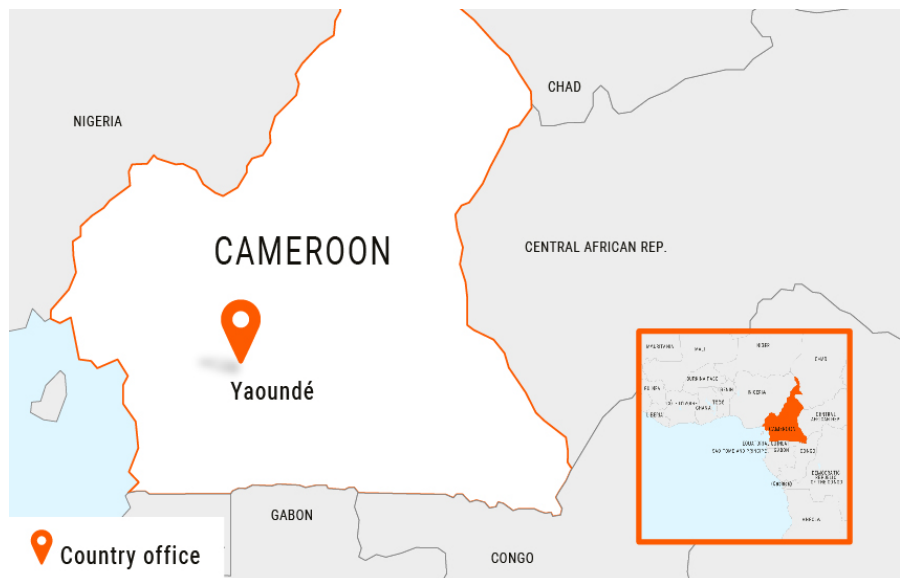
Water, sanitation
and hygiene (WASH)

NRC Cameroon

Established	2017
International staff	7
National staff	80

Our areas of operation

- Yaoundé (country office)
- Far North region
- Southwest and Northwest regions
- East region
- Adamawa region



Our activities in detail

NRC opened its country office in Cameroon in 2017 in the Far North region, followed by an office in the Southwest in 2018 and a sub-office in the Northwest, and an office in the East in 2019. NRC provides integrated multi-sector assistance, covering emergency needs and linking them to recovery interventions and durable solutions. NRC is a key advocacy actor through its leadership role in coordination forums and hosts the INGO coordination forum.



42,191 people reached in 2025 ▼

Education

We supported access to quality education for 42,191 crisis-affected children (20,785 girls and 21,406 boys) through formal and non-formal education interventions.

Key results included:

- Learning spaces for out-of-school children: establishment of temporary learning spaces and a mobile school, reaching 3,400 children (including catch-up classes in the Far North, NW, and SW regions).
- School kits distribution: 26,741 kits provided to 12,966 girls and 13,775 boys to support enrolment, attendance and retention.
- Teacher capacity strengthening: training of 483 teachers (321 women and 162 men) and 17 non-teaching staff on improved learning delivery.

- Inclusive education support: targeted assistance to 120 learners with disabilities with adapted learning materials
- Recreational and psychosocial activities: engagement of 8,896 children to promote wellbeing, resilience and social cohesion
- Infrastructure rehabilitation.



29,747 people reached in 2025 ▼

Information, counselling and legal assistance (ICLA)

Our ICLA programme strengthened the legal protection environment for displacement-affected populations through legal assistance, community mobilisation, institutional capacity-building, and coordination and advocacy. A total of 29,747 participants (18,207 women and 11,540 men) benefited from improved access to legal identity and Housing, Land and Property (HLP) rights.

Key results included:

- Legal identity support: issuance of 150 national identity cards and 5,979 birth certificates, enabling access to education and basic services.
- HLP protection: support to 1,414 households (including 734 female-headed households) to resolve land disputes, prevent evictions, and strengthen tenure security.
- Legal awareness and counselling: 3,237 individual legal counselling sessions and 945 community awareness sessions reaching 17,950 people in remote areas.
- Institutional strengthening: training of 436 civil status actors with BUNEC on civil registration procedures and supervision of civil status centres.
- HLP capacity-building: training of 530 participants, including community mechanisms, traditional leaders, and women paralegals, on HLP rights and due diligence.
- Integrated programming: strengthened linkages with Shelter, WASH, and Livelihoods programmes to ensure protection-sensitive responses and durable solutions, including support to business registration and voluntary return processes.



31,687 people reached in 202 ▼

Livelihoods and food security

We collaborate with communities to ensure conflict-affected populations can improve their food security and revive their livelihoods. We prioritised newly displaced and highly vulnerable households through a community-based targeting approach involving local leaders, IDPs, host communities, and authorities.

Key results included:

- Food assistance and nutrition awareness for 31,687 individuals, promoting dietary diversity, safe food handling, and reduced negative coping strategies.

- Livelihoods and agropastoral support for 507 individuals (437 women and 70 men) through cooperatives, provision of agricultural inputs (seeds, fertilizers, pesticides), and post-harvest processing equipment.
- Strengthening of value chains through support for local processing activities (e.g., rice, maize, cassava, and honey production) to enhance self-reliance and recovery.



17,068 people reached in 2025 ▼

Shelter and settlements

We collaborate with communities to ensure conflict-affected populations have access to safe and dignified housing and learning environments. We have adapted our shelter response to address both immediate and longer-term needs of conflict-affected households, linking interventions with Housing, Land and Property (HLP) considerations to ensure protection-sensitive and secure tenure solutions. In total, 17,068 individuals benefited from shelter assistance.

Key results included:

- Rental and shelter support, including materials and rehabilitation, for 17,068 newly displaced and conflict-affected individuals (8,972 women and 8,096 men).
- Support to 2,214 individuals through the rehabilitation of community infrastructure and capacity-building on repair works, combined with cash assistance for shelter materials.
- Distribution of essential household items (NFIs) to 7,837 individuals, including blankets, cooking items, solar lamps and kitchen sets.
- Construction and rehabilitation of community infrastructure such as a community hall, market sheds and meeting spaces in the East and Adamawa regions to strengthen cohesion and recovery.



80,246 people reached in 2025 ▼

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

We supported 80,246 crisis-affected individuals, including 43,856 women, with access to WASH services through:

- Safe water access for 13,900 individuals through the rehabilitation and construction of water systems and boreholes.
- Distribution of hygiene and water-handling kits to 6,245 households, including 3,394 women-headed households.
- Construction of 250 shared household latrines and 33 gender-segregated school latrine blocks with 70 cubicles.
- Hygiene promotion activities through school hygiene clubs and trained sanitation committees.
- Menstrual hygiene management support for 7,344 girls through kit distributions and awareness sessions.
- Strengthening community-based water governance through 26 local water management networks.

Our donors

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