

CAMEROON**THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS**

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The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is an impartial, neutral and independent organization whose exclusively humanitarian mission is to protect the lives and dignity of victims of armed conflict and other situations of violence, and to provide them with assistance. The ICRC also endeavours to prevent suffering by promoting universal humanitarian law and principles.

In Cameroon, the ICRC deploys protection and assistance programs for people and communities affected by consequences of armed conflict and violence in the Far North, North-West and South-West regions, often in collaboration with the Cameroon Red Cross (CRC), its privileged operational partner. In the Far North region, the ICRC has a sub-delegation in Maroua and an office in Kousseri. It has a sub-delegation in Buea in the South-West region and a sub-delegation in Bamenda in the North-West region.

This document is an infographic of key facts and figures of the ICRC's action in Cameroon in 2023.



37 COMMUNITY LEADERS, 40 traditional birth attendants and nursing staff were sensitized on the issue of sexual violence.

PROTECTION OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION



17 FOCUS GROUPS with more than 535 community members to understand their resilience mechanisms in view of the humanitarian consequences of armed conflict and violence.



CONSTANT DIALOGUE, bilaterally and confidentially, with arms carriers in the field and with their headquarters, on the behaviour of their staff and their responsibilities for the fate of protected persons in the context of the conduct of hostilities and law enforcement operations.

DETENTION



21 PLACES OF DETENTION were visited.



1'154 FAMILY members of missing persons were contacted as part of the follow-up of their file.



153 LETTERS exchanged (Red Cross Messages), enabled families of separated people to exchange news and keep in touch.

PROTECTION OF FAMILY LINKS



204 SEPARATED OR MISSING persons have been located and are in contact with their family.



3 REUNIFICATIONS were organized for children who had been separated from their parents.



40 REQUESTS for notification were collected from detainees to inform their families of their detention.



200 FAMILIES of missing persons benefited from the ICRC's multifaceted support.



63 REPRESENTATIVES of local and international NGOs were sensitized on the legal framework applicable to armed conflicts and other situations of violence.

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL) AND HUMANITARIAN ACTION



304 OFFICIALS from central services of key ministries and institutions were sensitized on the challenges related to implementation of IHL at national level.



826 MILITARY, GENDARME and POLICE personnel have been trained in IHL and IHRL. 62 officers and non-commissioned officers have been trained as instructors.



1'042 PEOPLE, teachers, researchers, students, magistrates and journalists were sensitized on the issues and challenges of IHL.



16'603 COMMUNITY LEADERS, civil and religious authorities, and members of civil society were sensitized on the ICRC's mandate and activities.



1'000 VOLUNTEERS

benefited from an insurance policy in the event of a professional accident.



50 OFFICIALS of CRC committees

in the North-West and South-West regions have strengthened their ability to analyse their context, identify and manage risks, to ensure safer access to beneficiaries.



22 REPRESENTATIVES of the CRC

branches in Mayo Danay were trained in setting up community projects and implemented 10 micro-projects in their localities.



30 VOLUNTEERS, including 15 from

the CRC and 15 from the Red Cross of Chad (RCC) were trained in N'Djamena to set up a cross-border Emergency Response Team (ERT).



30 CRC VOLUNTEERS were trained in

project management, including 17 in economic security and 13 in emergency water and sanitation.



16'500 COMMUNITY MEMBERS have

been trained in life-saving techniques.



1 OFFICE, headquarters of the CRC Mokolo

(Far North) subdivision committee, built and equipped.

COOPERATION WITH THE CAMEROON RED CROSS (CRC)



68'810 PEOPLE benefited

from improved access to drinking water in urban and rural areas.



284 MEMBERS of water committees received

training in the management, upkeep and maintenance of facilities and infrastructure built/rehabilitated.



1'500 HOUSEHOLDS

benefited from the construction of one (1) pastoral borehole and one (1) animal vaccination park.



1'952 DISPLACED PEOPLE received emergency

assistance with latrines and access to drinking water.



4 HEALTH CENTERS and one (1) hospital infrastructures were improved.

WATER AND SANITATION



171'744 PATIENTS, including 89'116

children under the age of 5, received health care in 13 health centers supported by the ICRC.



35'592 PREGNANT WOMEN

received antenatal consultations. Of these, 5'583 gave birth in health centers supported by the ICRC.



54'266 CHILDREN under the

age of 5 were consulted for growth monitoring, including 7'928 suffering from malnutrition detected and treated.



39'806 CHILDREN under

the age of 5 were vaccinated under the Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI).



1'552 PATIENTS, including

104 injured by firearms, received treatment funded by the ICRC in 12 hospitals.



35 PATIENTS from the Physical Rehabilitation

Programme (PRP) received orthopaedic devices, 27 of them at the Associated Rehabilitation Centre of Handicapped (ARCH) of Buea and 8 at the Centre National de Réhabilitation des Personnes Handicapées (CNRPH) of Yaoundé.



1'826 PEOPLE, including 306 family

members of missing persons, benefited from the services of the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Program (MHPSS).



30'060 PEOPLE were sensitized

on the MHPSS program in health facilities supported by the ICRC.



1'226 VICTIMS of violence - including 49


cases of sexual violence - received treatment.





302 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS were

sensitized on the rights and responsibilities of health workers.

HEALTH CARE


 **52'590** PEOPLE, members of 21'433 households, received 1'467 tons of food consisting of oil, rice, salt and beans as part of the emergency response and food ration assistance.


 **24'828** PEOPLE, members of 4'138 households, received 193 tons of food consisting of oil, rice, salt, beans and super cereal (CSB) to improve the nutritional status of children, pregnant and breastfeeding women suffering from acute malnutrition.


 **25** PEOPLE, Cameroon Red Cross volunteers and health workers, were trained on the national protocol for the management of acute malnutrition, coupled with the strategy for the promotion of Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF).

ASSISTANCE WITH FOOD AND ESSENTIAL ITEMS


 **2'886** DISPLACED FAMILIES received 78'807 items of essential household goods, including mats, blankets, hygiene kits, kitchen kits, tarpaulins, soap, solar lamps, loincloths, buckets and mosquito nets.


 **7'720** MOTHERS with children aged 0-59 months received 15'440 soaps as part of the promotion of handwashing in health areas.


 **3'350** MOTHERS, with malnourished children were sensitized on the early onset detection of malnutrition on their children.


 **9'438** PEOPLE, members of 1'573 vulnerable households, displaced or missing persons, received a cash transfer to launch income-generating activities or cover essential needs.

CASH ASSISTANCE

 **78'000** PEOPLE, members of 13'000 vulnerable households, received 202'500 tons of staple crop seeds consisting of rice, maize, beans, okra and sorghum.

 **807'420** SMALL RUMINANTS belonging to approximately 22'625 households were vaccinated against the plague of small ruminants. 81% of them were permanently notched.

 **250** HOUSEHOLDS organized into 10 groups of cereal producers, received 1'390 farm tools, 5'000 kg of fertilizer and 1'002 kg of market gardening seeds (tomato, onion, garlic and eggplant). Of these, 05 groups of cereal producers received equipment to fence their plots.

 **467'449** LOCAL BIRDS belonging to 37'941 households were vaccinated against the Newcastle disease.

 **5** OFF-ROAD MOTORBIKES were donated to MINEPIA vaccination teams to improve their mobility and access to quality veterinary services and proximity.

 **40** GROUPS of cereal producers each received a rice thresher to reduce post-harvest losses and improve cereal production.




 **3'345** EQUIPMENT and office materials were donated to MINADER and IRAD to support varietal maintenance processes and basic seed production.

SUPPORT FOR PRODUCTION



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