

Alert / Update

Cameroon

Influx of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the Far North Region, Cameroon – Follow-up on response to RRF 03/2015

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1. Brief description of the emergency and impact

The increasing attacks of the terrorist group Boko Haram in the towns and villages of the Far North Cameroonian border with Nigeria continues to create panic amidst the population. These attacks have led to the displacement of persons, destruction of property and critical facilities, as well as theft of livestock. Following these attacks, people were forced to flee to the cities of Mora, Mozogo and Moskota. Over 38,000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) have been registered in the city of Mora in October and more than 11,000 in the cities of Mozogo and Moskota.

2. Why is an ACT response needed?

An ACT Alliance response is needed to ameliorate the living conditions of IDPS in the host communities. The Church of the Lutheran Brethren of Cameroon present on the ground with its diaconal department is well known in the affected areas and can lead many life-saving interventions if resources are available to respond to their urgent humanitarian needs.

3. National and international response

The IDPs in the town of Mora have received support from Christian associations and the World Food Program (WFP). They are also benefiting from primary health care from Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) and the Red Cross. Those of Mozogo and Moskota have benefited from the host community but have not received any support or assistance from any organization. The government on its part has put more emphasis on the security issue.

4. ACT Alliance response

The ACT Alliance through the Church of the Lutheran Brethren of Cameroon supported the refugees in 2013 and in March-May 2015, through the RRF 03/2015, with food and non-food items to the refugees' camp and IDPs in Mozogo and Koza. A total of 45,896 people were assisted: 32,621 Nigerians refugees and 13,275 IDPs. Given the current worsening of the situation, there is need for more support from ACT to assist the influx of IDPs in the affected communities. The Church of the Lutheran Brethren of Cameroon is planning to issue a preliminary appeal, which will include the RRF 03/2015.

5. Planned activities

- Distribution of food and non-food items
- Protection of the vulnerable populations

6. Constraints

The main difficulties are inaccessible roads due to attacks from Boko Haram, including kidnappings and killings.

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