



Cameroon

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SITUATION		
<p>Since December 2016, the two English speaking regions of Cameroon (South West and North West Regions) have been experiencing an alarming and growing situation of unrest and uncertainty. Following decades of marginalisation, a strike by lawyers and teachers in October 2016 has degenerated into a severe socio-economic, political, and humanitarian crisis, disrupting education and leading to a drastic downturn in the economy in Anglophone Cameroon, resulting in increased poverty and insecurity.</p> <p>Due to the fighting between separatist groups and the Cameroonian army, the region is seeing unprecedented levels of mass displacement. According to UN OCHA (August 2018), there are at least 245,000 IDPs in the South West Region, equally as many in the North West Region, and at least 21'000 refugees in Nigeria, with many living with family in the francophone part of the country. As a result of fighting, villages are burnt down and destroyed, education facilities and farms as well, putting the next harvest at stake. A famine of critical dimension is foreseeable, and many communities have lost all possibility of earning a living.</p> <p>Mission 21, a new member of ACT Alliance, has set up an Ecumenical Relief and Rehabilitation Programme. Mission 21 is working together with its main partners, the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon (PCC) as well as the Cameroon Baptist Convention (CBC). The program is working with five local NGOs, UN-OCHA and the ICRC to coordinate the response. Distribution of food and non-food-items, provision of shelter and income generating projects for IDPs have started within the most affected areas of the two Anglophone regions.</p>		
NEEDS		
<p>The conflict has put the region into a state of crisis. The conflict affected persons find themselves in a desperate situation, with many unmet vital humanitarian needs such as access to basic human needs such as food, water and access to health and education.</p> <p>The conflict and influx of IDPs has put the whole area in a state of crisis. The people affected by the conflict find themselves in a desperate situation with multiple unmet basic humanitarian needs. IDPs are either fleeing into the forest, where they lack basic humanitarian provision such as food, drinking water and shelter, or they are seeking refuge in urban settings, where they have to live under dire conditions. Shelter, provision of non-food items, food, and WASH are the focus of attention in this intervention.</p> <p>As people had to leave their crops behind, food insecurity will increase soon. Basic health care, particularly for children under five, pregnant women, and people living with HIV is not provided for the IDPs. In addition to the above, psycho-social support is needed, especially for young people.</p> <p>As education has been disrupted for the past two years, resuming schools where possible and trainings for livelihood security in a context with very little opportunities for formal employments are crucial elements of the programme. The volatile security situation has added to the vulnerability of the people.</p>		
STAKEHOLDERS		
<p>The following national and international entities are present and doing their best to respond to the crisis:</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National government	Ministry of Territorial Administration (specifically the Department of Civic Protection)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UN Agencies	UN-OCHA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INGOs	Mission 21 (in the process of registration as INGO)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Red Cross Red Crescent Movement	ICRC: Helping with training
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National NGOs	AI_ChrisWoV: Christian Women of Vision, YOP: Youth Outreach Programme, Buritas, HOVO: Hope for Vulnerable Orphans, RECHAFOND: Human Rights to Education Centre
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Civil society groups	Part of National NGOs.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Faith based groups	Mission 21, Presbyterian Church in Cameroon (PCC), Cameroon Baptist Convention (CBC)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Host communities	Hosting IDPS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affected communities	Affect communities are fleeing into the forest, living as IDPs , or are seeking refuge in urban settings where they must live under dire circumstances.

ACT Cameroon emergency response is currently being coordinated by Mission 21. To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, Mission 21 will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders and involve with other stakeholders including UN-OCHA. Mission 21 has established an open line of communication with crisis affected persons and communities to ensure a humanitarian response based on participation and feedback

ACT Alliance

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance member Mission 21 and local partners have been working in Cameroon and are currently involved in livelihood security, education, health care projects in collaboration with local partners and is now planning to support affected communities.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance member Mission 21 works in areas affected by the conflict, and is assessing the impact of the disaster to better understand the needs and vulnerabilities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance member Mission 21 is monitoring the situation while emergency teams are already responding according to the results of a contextual analysis and rapid needs assessment.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In collaboration with relevant stakeholders, Mission 21 has identified a gap in food, shelter, psychosocial support, WASH, capacity development and has resolved that if funded, it will have the capacity to properly bridge the identified gap.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT alliance member, Mission 21 is planning to submit a concept note to provide multi-sector support to 10,000 affected persons in the coming 24 months.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Furthermore, Mission 21 will engage in advocacy on the national and international level to ensure that the voices of those affected by the conflict are amplified.

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