

## CAMEROON

# THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

JANUARY - JUNE 2023



© Pascaline Njubila/ICRC

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 and strengthening humanitarian law and universal humanitarian principles. Based in Yaounde since 1992, the ICRC's regional delegation for Central Africa covers Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Sao Tome and Principe and Cameroon.

In Cameroon, the ICRC deploys protection and assistance programs for people and communities affected by the 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.

## PROTECTION

### Protection of Family Links

- Families of **328** missing persons were recontacted for the follow up of their cases.
- **65** Red Cross messages have been collected and 25 were distributed to members of separated families.
- **11** messages have been collected from persons deprived of liberty visited outside Cameroon and transmitted to their families in Cameroon.

### Detention Visit

- Donation of a kit made up of football equipment to Kondengui's principal and central prisons.

## RESPECT OF LAW AND FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

- In conformity with its mandate, the ICRC continued to seek and consolidate bilateral and confidential dialogue with weapon bearers. **582 members of the security and defense forces** were trained in international humanitarian law (IHL) and international human rights law (IHRL). One senior officer took part in the advanced IHL course in San Remo, Italy. About 50 officers and non-commissioned officers were trained as instructors in international humanitarian law (IHL) and international human rights law (IHRL).
- **285** academic managers and members of the coalition of international NGOs have been sensitized on international humanitarian law, its implementation at the national level and the importance of integrating it into teaching modules.
- **1'044** community leaders, civil and religious authorities, members of civil society, women and youth associations as well as members of communities affected by armed violence have been sensitized on the ICRC's mandate in the Far North, South-West and North-West Regions.

## WATER AND SANITATION

- **35'857** people benefited from improved access to drinking water in urban and rural areas in the Far North and South-West Regions.
- **1'500** people benefited from the construction of 1 pastoral borehole and 1 vaccination park in the Far North Region.
- **54** people, members of water committees, received training in the management, upkeep and maintenance of built or rehabilitated structures and infrastructure.
- **552** displaced people benefited from emergency assistance in terms of access to better sanitation (emergency latrines) in the Far North Region.
- **3** health centers in the South-West and North-West have benefited from the rehabilitation of their infrastructure to improve patient care.



Women saying prayers of thanks near the drinking water access infrastructures built by the ICRC in Dougmo1 in the Makary District – Far North Region.

## HEALTH CARE

- **81'376** patients, including 33,394 children under 5, received health care in 12 ICRC-supported health centers.
- **17'722** pregnant women benefited from prenatal consultations.
- **26'298** children suffering from malnutrition-were screened and treated in the 12 health centers supported by the ICRC.
- **16'443** children under five were vaccinated.
- **987** patients from ICRC-supported health centers were referred to hospitals for secondary care.
- **503** patients, including 74 with gunshot wounds, received care in 12 hospitals supported by the ICRC.
- **2'470** women gave birth in health centers supported by the ICRC.

Cover picture :

In Bamenda, North-West Cameroon, the ICRC is helping people displaced by armed clashes in the big Babanki area towards the city of Bamenda with donations of essential household items and food products.

- **20** patients from the Physical Rehabilitation Program (PRP) received orthopaedic devices, 18 at the Associated Rehabilitation Center of Handicapped (ARCH) in Buea and 2 at the Centre National de Réhabilitation des Personnes Handicapées (CNRPH) in Yaoundé.
- **916** people, including 306 family members of missing persons, have benefited from the ICRC's Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) program services.
- **10'694** people have been sensitized on the MHPSS program in health facilities supported by the ICRC.
- **390** victims of violence, including 22 of sexual violence received treatment in ICRC-supported health centers.
- **05** victims of sexual violence received emergency financial aid.
- **136** medical staff were sensitized in the protection of the medical mission.



## ECONOMIC SECURITY

- **340'645** 340'645 tons of food consisting of rice, oil, salt and beans have been distributed to 2'619 households making 15'714 people, as part of food ration assistance in Maltam, Kolofata, Blangoua and Kouyapé (Far North).
- **2** training and awareness-raising workshops were organized for 25 people, including volunteers from the Cameroon Red Cross (CRC) and health workers, on the national protocol for the management of severe acute malnutrition coupled with the strategy for promoting Infant and Young Child Feeding.
- **114'138** tons of food products consisting of oil, salt, beans, rice and super cereals (CSB) were distributed to 2,348 households with children suffering from acute malnutrition to improve their nutritional status in the health facilities of Ouzal, Mozogo and Tolkomari in the region of Far North.
- **700** items of essential household goods were distributed to 25 families in the Far North region.
- **1** training course on economic security (project planning and monitoring) was organized for 17 Cameroon Red Cross volunteers.
- **297** tons of staple crop seeds consisting of rice, maize, beans, okra and sorghum were distributed to 13'000 vulnerable households in the Far North, North-West and South-West regions. Of these, 10,808 also received a cash transfer.
- **182** vulnerable households received a cash transfer to launch income-generating activities, in the Far North and Centre regions.
- **148** households received financial support to meet their basic needs in the North-West region.
- **20** groups of cereal producers in the departments of Mayo Sava and Mayo Tsanaga in the Far North of Cameroon received a rice thresher to reduce post-harvest losses and thus improve their cereal production.

- **5** all-terrain motorcycles were donated to MINEPIA vaccination teams to improve their mobility and improve access to quality veterinary services and proximity.
- **36** office equipment and materials were donated to MINADER and IRAD to support varietal maintenance and basic seed production processes in the Far North region of Cameroon.



## COOPERATION WITH CAMEROONIAN RED CROSS (CRC)

- The ICRC contracted insurance to cover **1'000** CRC volunteers in the event of an accident while carrying out their CRC activities.
- **25** managers of CRC committees in the South-West Region strengthened their ability to analyze their context, identify and manage risks, for safer access to beneficiaries.
- **22** CRC branch representatives from the Mayo Danay Division were trained in setting up community projects in Yagoua.
- **02** cross-border meetings involving 18 officials from the Comité départemental du Logone-et-Chari (CRC) and the Chad Red Cross (CRT) were organized in Kousseri and Ndjaména as part of emergency preparedness and response activities.
- **03** Far North departmental committees (Mayo Sava, Mayo Tsanaga and Diamaré) carried out supervision missions in their respective district committees to support them in their emergency response operations.





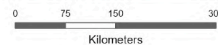
The boundaries, names and designations used in this report do not imply official endorsement, nor express a political opinion on the part of the ICRC, and are without prejudice to claims of sovereignty over the territories mentioned

**Cameroon: ICRC Presence**  
**in Central Africa**  
 (Yaounde Delegation)  
 September 2023



**Legend**

- ICRC presence
- Regional Delegation (Yaounde)
- Sub-delegation (Kousseri, Maroua, Buea, Bamenda)
- Antenna / Structure (Douala/Kribi)
- Localities
- International boundaries
- Water Plan



Source : Referential CICR  
 Date : 11.09.2023  
 Distribution : For external use