

NIGERIA/Cameroon situation

9-20 April 2018

Highlights

Key figures

20,485 Cameroonian refugees are registered in Nigeria:
Cross River (16,790)
Benue (3,517)
Akwa Ibom (178)

Achievements:

Oct. 2017 to 31 Mar. 2018

11,757 refugees reached with three-time food and NFIs distributions in **Cross River State**

605 refugees have received shelter assistance in Cross River state

1,635 refugees provided with medical assistance including 36 surgeries in Cross River state

Abbreviations:

- Local Government Area (LGA)

Funding

USD **80.3 million** required for the UNHCR 2018 operation in Nigeria.

On 21 and 22 April, Deputy Governor of Cross River state Ivera Esu visited Cameroonian refugees in Agbokim, Ikom, Etung, and Ikom LGAs respectively. Mr. Esu announced the decision to provide free healthcare and education to refugees in Cross River state henceforth. The Deputy Governor also announced the donation of a new building in Ikom with the capacity to host some 200 refugees.

According to a media report, on 20 April, a Cameroonian army vehicle went over a mine in Eyumedjock, southwest Cameroon killing two soldiers during **clashes with separatists, which also caused internal displacements in Cameroon**. There are increasing reports of the presence of Cameroonian armed forces at borders with Nigeria and arbitrary arrests of Cameroonians fleeing Cameroon amidst clashes between security forces and separatists.

UNHCR met with local authorities in Makurdi LGA, Benue state, for discussions on establishing a state level refugee relocation committee on 17 April. The committee will be made up of Nigeria Immigration Service, National Emergency Management Agency and State Emergency Management Agency, the Police and state representative. Majority of refugees in Benue state are hosted in villages that are less than 50 km from the border. Relocation will ensure better protection and services to refugees.

UNHCR Response

In **Cross River state**, UNHCR and partner, Rhema-Care, assessed two plots of land for refugee relocation in Obanliku LGA. Assessment of two proposed plots of land was also carried out in Ogoja LGA. Joint Shelter/WASH assessment was conducted for a potential new site in Ogoja, 100 km north of Ikom.

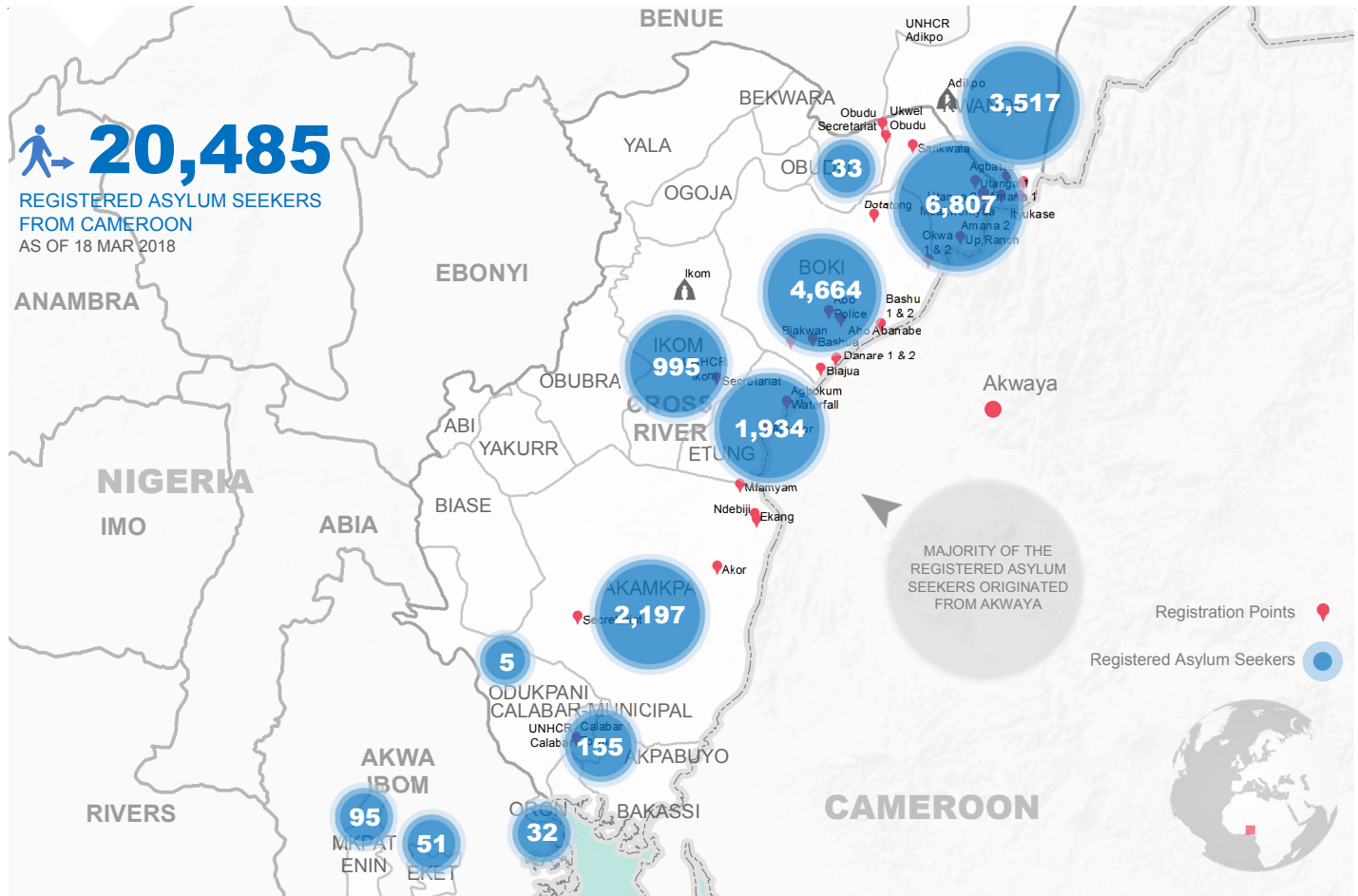
Rhema-Care distributed 45 motherhood kits to 30 pregnant women and 15 lactating mothers in Obanliku, Ikom, Boki and Etung LGAs.

Communities in Nigeria have been stretched hosting the refugees for the past seven months. **Hence, there is increasing cross-border movement of Cameroonian refugees into Cameroon due to lack of food.** Some refugee families are going to their farmlands in Cameroon in search of food. Some Cameroonian refugees in Nigeria reported that they were attacked by Cameroon security forces in Cameroon.

UNHCR partner Caritas organized peaceful co-existence talks with refugee groups in Danare and Biajuaw villages in Boki LGA, where tensions have grown due to insufficient food and non-food items distributions.

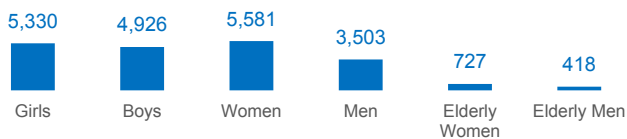
In **Benue, Kwande LGA**, two refugee children with orthopaedic conditions at the Abande, Kwande LGA refugee shelter were referred to secondary healthcare services in Makurdi LGA. Also, seven pregnant refugees were referred for antenatal care at the Abande health centre. Meanwhile, 11 refugees were identified with severe medical conditions. Unfortunately, referral hospitals in Benue are on strike.

UNHCR WASH Officer and WASH partner, Norwegian Church Aid (NCA), have commenced WASH works at the relocation site in Anyake, Kwande LGA including, borehole assessment, water trucking, and setting up of latrines with septic tanks. At the site, water resources, such as surface water or existing boreholes, are not available and thus water trucking will have to be carried out until a borehole is drilled and a reservoir is constructed. Meanwhile, other road and shelter works to prepare the refugee settlement site continue including, construction of multipurpose house and installation of concrete culverts on the access road.

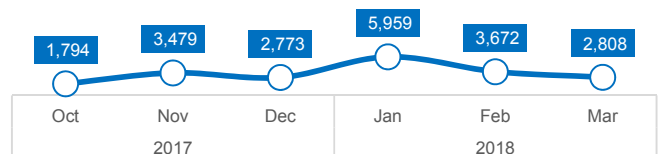


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AGE AND GENDER BREAKDOWN OF ASYLUM SEEKERS



REGISTERED ASYLUM SEEKERS PER MONTH



STATE	LGAs	0-4		5-11		12-17		18-59		60+		Grand Total
		FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	
CROSS RIVER	OBANLIKU	449	456	901	791	513	355	1,994	792	350	206	6,807
	BOKI	338	307	491	481	330	309	1,198	980	152	78	4,664
	AKAMKPA	144	153	162	170	99	120	777	450	80	42	2,197
	ETUNG	106	106	164	185	103	103	431	665	42	29	1,934
	IKOM	68	46	78	64	55	43	357	229	31	24	995
	CALABAR	6	5	6	4	5	6	58	57	4	4	155
	OBUDU	1	2	3	3	-	3	13	8	-	-	33
	ODUKPANI	-	-	2	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	5
BENUE	KWANDE	401	417	539	542	346	236	687	259	63	27	3,517
AKWA-IBOM	MKPAT-ENNIN	4	3	3	2	0	4	38	34	5	2	95
	EKET	4	0	1	1	2	2	14	21	0	6	51
	ORON	2	2	1	3	1	2	13	8	0	0	32
GRAND TOTAL		1,523	1,497	2,351	2,246	1,456	1,183	5,581	3,503	727	418	20,485


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