

NRC's operations in Cameroon

Humanitarian overview

Despite the attention received when NRC named Cameroon the second most neglected crisis in the world in 2023, as of December 2024 only 45 per cent of the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) had been funded.

The continuous hostilities and violence in the Far North, Northwest (NW), Southwest (SW) and East regions of the country had led to the displacement of more than 2.1 million internally displaced people (IDPs), refugees and asylum seekers at the end of 2024. As of 31 December 2024, the armed violence had led to the displacement of 453,662 people in the Far North region, 583,113 in the Northwest and Southwest regions (NWSW), and 281,488 refugees from the Central African Republic (CAR), according to the UN refugee agency (UNHCR).

In the Lake Chad Basin, local communities and civilian populations continue to be severely affected by frequent attacks forcing hundreds to flee their homes. Moreover, the ongoing crisis in the NWSW regions, entering in its seventh year, has affected every sector of the economy within the two regions and beyond. In the East region, refugees and local community members continue to compete for resources which are often very limited.



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Our core activities



Education



Information, counselling
and legal assistance (ICLA)



Livelihoods
and food security



Shelter
and settlements



Water, sanitation
and hygiene (WASH)

NRC in Cameroon

Established	2017
International staff	11
National staff	150

Our areas of operation

- Yaoundé (country office)
- Far North region
- Southwest and Northwest regions
- East region
- Adamawa region
- Littoral region
- West region



Our activities in detail

NRC opened its country office in Cameroon in 2017 in the Far North region, followed by an office in the Southwest in 2018 and a sub-office in the Northwest followed by an office in the East in 2019. NRC provides integrated multi-sector assistance, covering emergency needs and linking them to recovery interventions and durable solutions. NRC is a key advocacy actor through its leadership role in coordination forums and hosts the INGO coordination forum.



42,483 people reached in 2024 ▼

Education

We collaborate with communities and local authorities to support children's access to quality education. Our education teams:

- train primary school teachers in psychosocial support and inclusive education
- support access to accelerated education for out-of-school children
- assist in providing emergency resources for vulnerable schools and children to enhance teaching and learning
- support transition to and retention into formal basic education
- support pupils' parents in improving their economic condition to sustain children's retention in formal schools



45,606 people reached in 2024 ▼

Information, counselling and legal assistance (ICLA)

We collaborate with communities and local authorities to ensure conflict-affected populations can exercise their rights. Our ICLA teams:

- provide information, counselling and legal assistance on legal identity rights, including establishment of birth certificates and obtaining national identity cards
- provide information, counselling and legal assistance to improve access to arable land and adequate housing for displacement-affected people
- train government and traditional authorities involved in birth registration and access to housing, land and property (HLP) rights
- lead the HLP Area of Responsibility (AoR) under the Protection Cluster
- work with local administrative and traditional authorities to address cultural norms that prevent women from exercising

their constitutionally recognised property and inheritance rights



18,050 people reached in 2024 ▼

Livelihoods and food security

We collaborate with communities to ensure conflict-affected populations can improve their food security and revive their livelihoods. Our teams:

- distribute cash so that displaced people can access food and other necessities
- distribute small livestock, seeds, and agricultural inputs, and ensure access to water
- train young people and adults in income-generating activities and provide them with cash grants for start-up activities
- train women and men in food processing and improved agricultural techniques



14,798 people reached in 2024 ▼

Shelter and settlements

We collaborate with communities to ensure conflict-affected populations have access to safe and dignified housing and learning environments. Our shelter teams:

- provide cash for rent for forcibly displaced individuals and refugees
- support displaced populations with emergency shelter kits and essential household items
- support those experiencing protracted displacement with transitional housing support and essential household items
- support returnees with technical and material support to (re-)construct their homes
- construct and/or rehabilitate emergency and longer-term learning environments for students



83,962 people reached in 2024 ▼

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

We collaborate with communities and local authorities to ensure conflict-affected populations have access to adequate water and sanitation services as well as adequate hygiene items and services. Our WASH teams:

- support displaced people and refugees with access to water by rehabilitating/constructing boreholes and supporting committees with trainings and provision of spare parts and maintenance toolkits
- construct institutional and family latrines in emergency and recovery settings
- support learning environments with access to water and sanitation, and provide hygiene promotion
- conduct hygiene promotion activities, including on cholera prevention, as well as distributing essential hygiene items, including menstrual hygiene kits to women and girls
- support behavioural change in terms of hygiene practices

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