



Cameroon II

Recovery and Resilience in the Far North region of Cameroon: Operationalizing the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus through the Human Security Approach

Background information

Cameroon, while defined by its different cultures, ethnicities and tribes, is currently in a fragile position confronted with multiple challenges including threats related to Boko Haram in the Far North, the refugee crisis in the East, the COVID-19 pandemic affecting the entire country, and political challenges in various regions. The arrival of Boko Haram ten years ago brought violence and conflict to the Lake Chad Basin and led to massive internal and cross-border displacement, coupled with destruction of livelihoods, property and human rights abuses, as well as the weakening in government institutions, educational and medical facilities. In the Far North region where communities were already suffering from extreme poverty, the situation has further degraded the economic and social infrastructure, leading to increased vulnerabilities.

Goals and objectives

The key objectives of the programme are to: (i) improve access to and quality of basic social services with the aim to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other diseases; (ii) improve food security and economic inclusion of people in vulnerable situations; (iii) increase prevention, preparedness and response to risks, disasters and climate change; (iv) improve social cohesion and trust in justice mechanisms and strengthen peacebuilding; and (v) enhance the capacity of local authorities in integrated urban/peri-urban planning, budgeting and programming with a special focus on the improvement of public spaces for increased social cohesion, peaceful coexistence and prosperity.



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UN IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES
UNDP, UNICEF, FAO, UNHABITAT, UNRCO



OTHER KEY PARTNERS
FEICOM (Special Council Fund for Mutual Assistance)

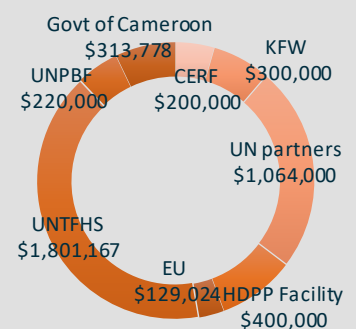


BENEFICIARIES
262,950 individuals in Fotokol and Zamai



TOTAL BUDGET
US\$ 4,427,969

POOLING OF RESOURCES



Beneficiaries

The programme will reach over 260,000 individuals, the majority of whom are direct beneficiaries (women, youth, people with disabilities and municipal councilors). Indirect beneficiaries, including populations of the Fotokol and Zamai districts, will also benefit from this programme.

Applying the Human Security approach

The multidimensional human security analyses conducted in the two communities of Mokolo (including Zamai) and Fotokol in the Far North region revealed multiple causes of human insecurity. These include economic, environmental and social challenges, but also food insecurity and poor health services, as well as limited access to clean water and sanitation, which have become even more crucial with COVID-19 in the region.

Rooted firmly in the human security approach, the programme focuses on promoting comprehensive responses that address the multidimensional causes and consequences of complex challenges. Subsequently, the programme will advance the humanitarian-development-peace (HDP) nexus, calling for integrated actions at the community level in areas of convergence among a network of stakeholders to ensure lasting responses to the most difficult deficits in peace and development.

By adopting the human security approach, the localization of the HDP nexus will be realized in partnership with local, regional and national stakeholders, focusing attention on current and emerging risks and strengthening local capacities to build resilience to enhance social cohesion and advance respect for human rights and dignity for all. The programme will draw together the expertise and resources of a wide range of actors from the Government, the United Nations system, private sector, civil society and local communities, and build on their comparative advantages. It will also promote responses grounded in local realities and ensure that no one is left behind. This experience will provide a proven framework to be expanded to other municipalities.



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