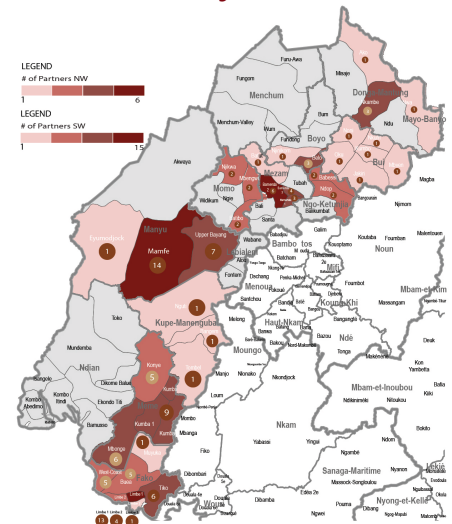




NFI distribution NW Cameroon. Jecinta Mwongeli, Norwegian Refugee Council, 2019.



Shelter/NFI partner presence. SHELTER CLUSTER, OCHA Based on OSM/INC, 2018.

NEEDS ANALYSIS

The results of the Shelter/ NFI and WASH Joint Needs Assessment conducted by REACH in cooperation with locally based Non-Governmental Organisations, indicate that an overwhelming 95 percent of key informants interviewed confirmed that the affected population in the SW/NW regions are in dire need of shelter and NFI assistance. Similarly, it was revealed during the assessment the depletion of the economic resources, added to the insecurity, are the two key reasons that explains the mentioned needs.

Findings of the assessment also indicate that IDPs living in precarious self-settled conditions, in makeshift shelter in forests, as well as in agricultural infrastructure not appropriate for this purpose, are increasingly exposed to ill-health, including malaria and respiratory diseases.

Living conditions of the most vulnerable host families, their hosted IDPs and the displaced population renting accommodations are gradually worsening due to the overcrowding and very limited access to sanitation facilities. Moreover, cohabitation problems have been reported extensively by interviewed IDPs.

RESPONSE

- An estimated 23,635 people have been reached with shelter assistance. Approximately half of them with standard shelter kits and the other only with light shelter kits (tarpaulin and rope, without tools in the areas with stronger access constraints).
- Around 100,150 people have been reported supported with NFI support since the beginning of the response until the end of this month.
- Shelter/NFI response in the NW is significantly delayed compared to the SW. Affected population in NW has received approximately 17 percent of distributed NFI kits and seven percent of shelter support provided to the affected population in the crisis.

GAPS & CHALLENGES

- The difficulties on gaining access to the affected populations and the scarcity of the information has negatively influenced the beginning of the humanitarian response. Gradually however, humanitarian actors are making steady progress and in-roads into the affected communities with material assistance and support.
- One suggested solution to the challenge voiced by shelter cluster partners, particularly in the NW, is the importance of distributing shelter and NFI support immediately after the finalization of the profiling of the target population. Otherwise, the chances of meeting all the selected households after more than one week decrease significantly.
- According to some organizations, finding long lasting insecticidal mosquito nets in the NW and SW markets is currently difficult.
- The reluctance towards the approval of cash based interventions (CBI) remains a key constraint. Based on the functionality of a big part of the markets added to the demonstrated resilient abilities of the affected population, CBI seems could be a suitable modality for a big part of the response, in urban settings.

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KEY DATES

On the 17th of October 2018, the Shelter/NFI Cluster was activated for the South-West and North-West regions of Cameroon, together with 7 other clusters, to support the response to the recent crisis occurring in both these regions.

The Shelter/NFI Cluster SWNW Cameroon is led by UNHCR. The Shelter/NFI Cluster SWNW Cameroon was established in Buea in October, and had set up a mirror hub in Bamenda in December 2018.

KEY DOCUMENTS

- [Shelter/NFI Cluster Strategy](#)
- [SWNW Cameroon Minimum NFI Kit](#)
- [SWNW Cameroon Minimum Shelter Kit](#)

KEY LINKS

- <http://www.sheltercluster.org/response/cameroon>

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