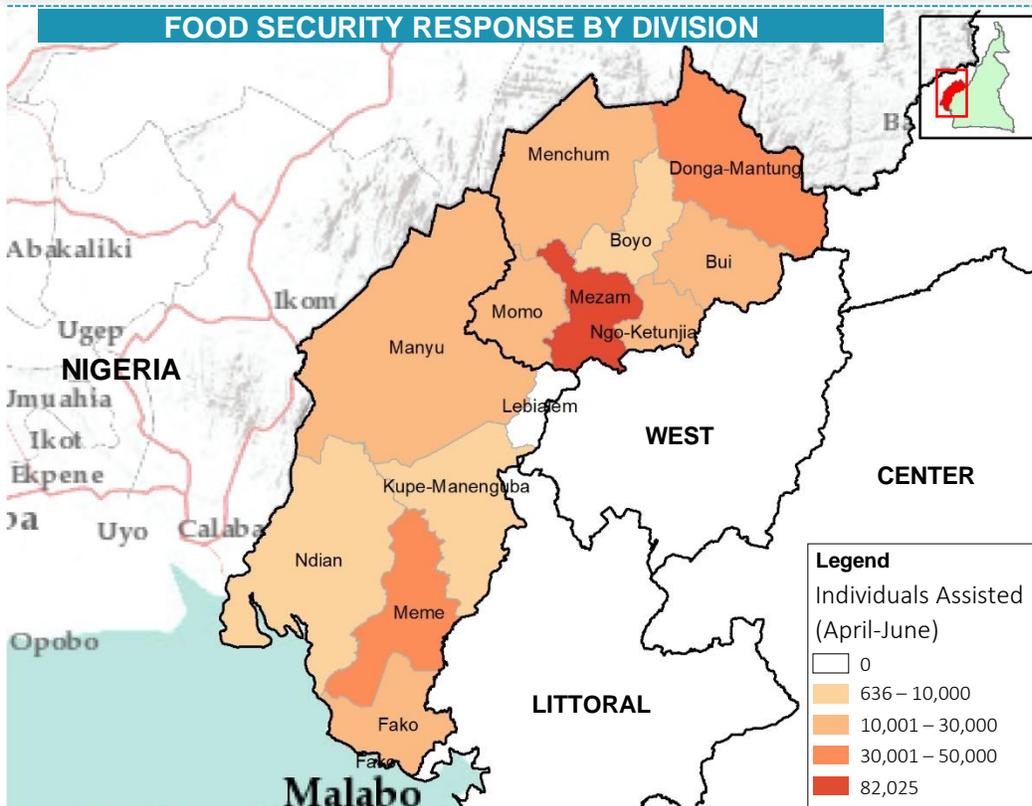


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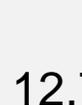
The unprecedented health pandemic continues to have lasting impact on the global food security situation and Cameroon is no exception. COVID19 has been added to an already long list of food insecurity drivers, the main being conflict and mass displacements. While the humanitarian partners in NSW continue to fight the health impacts of the COVID it remains paramount to also address the growing food insecurity in the region. According to the Global food security cluster without an immediate and sustained response, the unprecedented health and economic crisis posed by COVID-19 could deteriorate into a global food security emergency. As United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres has urged: “We must rapidly mobilize now to save lives and livelihoods, focusing attention where the risk is most acute. But we must also invest in the future, by addressing the shortcomings in our food systems that the pandemic has rendered so starkly obvious.”

There is a growing number of people who are in need of urgent food assistance . In NSW the figure now stands 1,473,048 which represents about 66 % increase from 968,477 in January 2020. The cluster’s annual target is 515180 which represents about 37% of the people in need. There is a growing number of people who are not being reached with food assistance even though they have been reported to have worsening food insecurity needs. The collective capacities amongst all the partners are not able to reach a greater majority of these people, this calls for an urgent need to mobilise resources to save lives and the livelihoods. The cluster this quarter emphasised integration and prioritization as an effort to optimize the little resources that partners have raised for this response. Another strategy is to explore the use of cash/voucher programing in the place of in-kind were this is feasible, this will ensure that our response can help stir the local economy , give the people a sense of autonomy while reaching more people in need as this is has a lower cost per person. A total of 33 000 people have been reached with cash and voucher programming. This period would like to appreciate the efforts led by the cluster lead agencies WFP and FAO, the international NGOs, national NGOs, CBOs and faith groups in delivering a food security response to 268 987 people. This great effort is being made at such a difficult time of the COVID19 pandemic, the cluster would like to pay great tribute to the front-line staff who have had to brave the great risks in some cases with inadequate personal protective equipment. Going forward , ensuring that all the frontline staff and community volunteers have adequate PPE should be a priority to all the partners involved and is also our a passionate plea to those who are able to assist particularly the smaller national partners who do not have much of a budget to accommodate this.

The cluster will continue to support the response at this difficult time through COVID 19 tailored approaches that ensure low risk to the affected community, the frontline staff while remaining efficient and effective. The protection of the affected communities remain central to our response and will continue as evidenced by the improved integration of the GBV, AAP, PSEA and effective community engagement during this quarter.



Key Facts & Figures (April – June 2020)

|  PEOPLE TARGETED 513,180 |  PEOPLE ASSISTED 268,987 |
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| BENEFICIARY BREAKDOWN BY REGION | |
| North-West | South-West |
|  SO1 170,387 |  73,482 |
|  SO2 12,340 |  12,778 |
| PARTNER PRESENCE BY REGION | |
|  19 Partners in the North-West Region |  18 Partners in the South-West Region |

Impact Stories from our Partners

SHUMAS in The North-West Region

“SHUMAS has brought hope to my life” – words of Ngum Mispa Amien as she happily narrates her experience.

Strategic Humanitarian Services (SHUMAS) and its partner Building School for Africa (BSFA) empowered 100 IDP women led household on sustainable integrated farming and marketing skills. These women received training on poultry management, psychosocial support and urban gardening. Thereafter each beneficiary received 25, three weeks birds, 2 bags of feed, one bag of manure, three variety of vegetable seed, a wheel barrow, feeders and 2 drinkers to enable them improve on their nutrition and source of daily income.

A beneficiary, Ngum Mispa Amien, 34 years, an IDP from Oku, heading a household of 5, have been involved in mean jobs, exposing herself to potential GBV risks just to feed her family. She is overwhelmed with joy from the assistance provided. She raised and sold the 25 fowls and is able to provide for her basic needs. She has restock her poultry farm with 25 chicks and is able to feed her family from her vegetable garden as well.



AMEF in The South-West Region

Since the beginning of the crisis in the two Anglophone Regions of Cameroon, the Authentique Memorial Empowerment Foundation (AMEF) NGO based in Kumba has been providing food assistance to affected persons in the South West Region. Following frequent displacement of the affected resulting to food insecurity, the need for food assistance has intensified. AMEF has continued, however, to give available assistance, sometimes in collaboration with its partners. It is on this backdrop that the period from May to June 2020 experienced 2 forms of food distribution in Limbe (Fako Division) and Mamfe (Manyu Division) respectively.

In collaboration with Better Days Empowerment, USA, AMEF reached out to 60 persons on the 17th of May 2020, 20 widows and 40 IDPs in MAWO Quarters Limbe. This was followed by the “AMEF MERCY HOME PROJECT”, a yearly activity since 2017 which entails profiling and visiting of very vulnerable homes especially IDPs who have relocated and can no longer carry out normal subsistence activities. This year, 33 persons notably the elderly, disabled, orphans and displaced persons were reached in Mamfe. Food items comprised of rice, salt, magi, palm oil, as well as soap and face masks distributed in both locations.



Cross Cutting Issues

Inter - organizational reporting mechanism in place; WFP prevents retaliation Fears galore in northwest regions of Cameroon, stigma is not the only reason why communities fear reporting sexual exploitation and abuse. While knowledge barriers related to understanding - sexual exploitation and abuse persists, prevention methods are put in place for countering retaliation towards staff and communities. Sexual exploitation is when a humanitarian staff takes advantage of beneficiary vulnerability and differential power exists. Here, victim’s sexual activity about another person generates political, social or monetary profit for the exploiter. Sexual abuse also happens between humanitarian staff and beneficiary, here physical intrusion of a sexual nature is accorded. Inter - organizational reporting mechanism has been put in place that allows reporting of these concerns to be done also through non beneficiaries. These are people in the external environment who witnessed abuse towards beneficiary who is scared to report. The mechanism facilitates confidence building measures through preparedness communications and sensitization for prevention of retaliation towards those who have reported an abuse. Through this mechanism communicating on investigative outcomes is also facilitated.

Upcoming Events

- Cluster meetings, Food Assistance meetings, Agriculture TWG meetings every **1st week of the month.**
- Strategic Advisory Meeting- **30 July 2020, 28 August, 30 September**
- Cluster Lead Agency Meetings- **17 June, 31 June (every 2nd and 4th Friday)**
- PSEA training for food security partners- **August 2020**
- Rapid Needs Assessments training(Data collection and Analysis)-**September 2020**
- MSNA training for data collection- food security cluster-**22 June 2020**
- 5Ws Training-Online-**25-26 August 2020**
- NWSW humanitarian partners preparation meeting for the next CH Analysis-**5 August 2020**
- Humanitarian standards, cluster coordination system and community engagement for new entrants- **9-10 September**