

DRC CAMEROON PRESENTATION

DANISH REFUGEE COUNCIL

INTRODUCTION



1. Who are we?

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WHO ARE WE ?

The Danish Refugee Council (DRC), founded in 1956, is one of the world's leading NGOs for refugees, internally displaced persons and vulnerable people in crisis zones.



ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST NGOS, PRESENT IN 40 COUNTRIES





DRC RANKED FOURTH BEST NGO IN THE WORLD (2022) DRC IS CERTIFIED BY THE FUNDAMENTAL HUMANITARIAN STANDARDS OF QUALITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY (CHS)

WHO ARE WE ?

DRC'S VISION :

A dignified life for all displaced person

DRC'S MISSION :

To help refugees and displaced people, protect their rights and give them the means for a better future

DRC'S VALUE :

Humanity, respect, independence and neutrality, inclusion, honesty and transparency



WHO ARE WE ?

DRC supports refugees and other displaced persons at every stage of their displacement: in exile, during settlement and integration in a new place, or on return.

We help displaced people in refugee camps and urban and rural areas. We provide protection and vital humanitarian assistance. We help displaced people become selfsufficient and integrate into host societies.

DRC works with communities, civil society and responsible authorities to promote the protection of rights and peaceful coexistence

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2. 2025 Vision and DRC Cameroon Strategic Plan

Strategic program initiatives

DRC Cameroun aims to reinforce these 4 initiatives through its actions in the South-West, the Far North and the Adamawa and East regions by 2025.



Key strategic priorities

BETTER-FOUNDED ADVOCACY ACTIONS DRC engages in more informed advocacy and strengthens its humanitarian diplomacy with people affected by conflict and displacement.

STRONGER PARTNERSHIPS AND ALLIANCES

DRC is committed to optimizing its efforts by engaging in strong partnerships and working with or through these partnerships in new areas and sectors, both internationally and locally.

RESOURCE OPTIMIZATION AND MORE SUSTAINABLE FINANCING

DRC is committed to strengthening its capacity to optimize its financial resources and to developing innovative and more sustainable funding models.

5 Organisational Principles

• Ensure voices, interests and capacities of communities are recognised and respected.

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 Address power dynamics which result in marginalization and exclusion within our organisation and programmes.

Be accountable

Go local

- Build self-sustainable, local capacities and development into our programmes
- Increase implementation through local partnerships

- Increase DRC's digital literacy
- Use digital opportunities to add value to displaced communities



Include

Go green

- Increase climate adaptive capacities
- Reduce DRC's carbon footprint

3. What are we doing in Cameroon?

What are we doing in Cameroon?

DRC has been present in Adamawa and Eastern Cameroon since 2017 to support Central African refugees. There, DRC implements a graduation approach and works with refugees and vulnerable Cameroonians to find durable solutions. Since January 2023, DRC has been leading a consortium with several international organizations, funded by the EU, whose activities aimed at a comprehensive response to the Central African crisis spanning the border area between Cameroon and CAR.

In 2019, DRC opened a base in the English-speaking **Southwest region**, affected by an armed separatist insurgency since 2017. DRC supports internally displaced Cameroonians and their host communities with emergency protection, shelter and essential non-food items, and assistance with food security and livelihood opportunities.

In 2023, DRC extended its activities to Cameroon's **Far North** to provide a protection, positive peace, governance and economic resilience response to the multidimensional and interconnected crises affecting the region. Together with its local partner, DRC aims to support the many internally displaced people as well as refugees from Chad and Nigeria.



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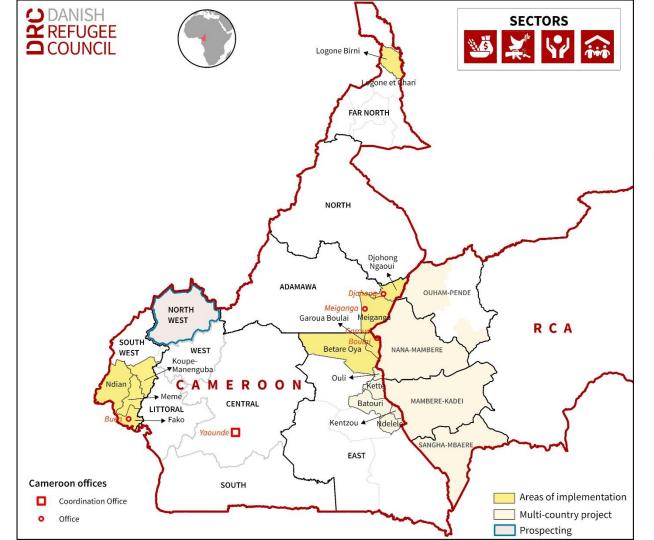
Shelter and Settlements



Humanitarian Disarmament & Peacebuilding

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Areas of intervention

Adamawa (Mbéré) East (Lom-et-Djerem) South-West (Fako, Meme, Ndian, Kupe-Manenguba) Far North (Logone-Birni)

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What are we doing in Adamawa and Eastern Cameroon?

PRM/SDC/DANIDA: Mbéré et Lom-et-Djerem SOLID project (EU): Mbéré, Lom-et-Djerem, Kadey (CMR) and regions 2 et 3 (CAR)

PRM : 10,000 direct beneficiaries SDC : 10,000 direct beneficiaries UE : 83,770 in Cameroon and 71,423 in CAR including 48% of women and 46% of refugees an,

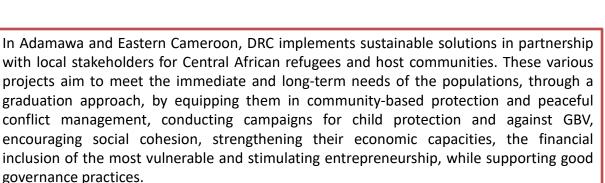
International partners: NRC, ACF, CARE Local partners: AMS, APROSPEN

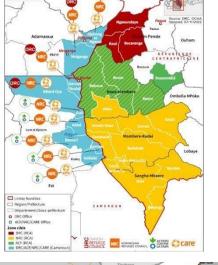
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UE: 18 947 542 EUR including 18 000 000 EUR

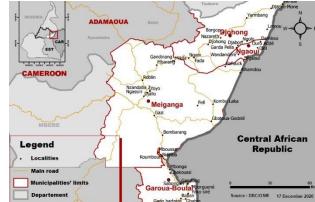
PRM: 4 000 000 USD

SDC: 900 000 EUR





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What are we doing in the South-West ?

BHA/SDC (2023-2025) : Meme, Fako, Ndian et Kupe-Manenguba CDCS (2022-2023) : Meme et Fako

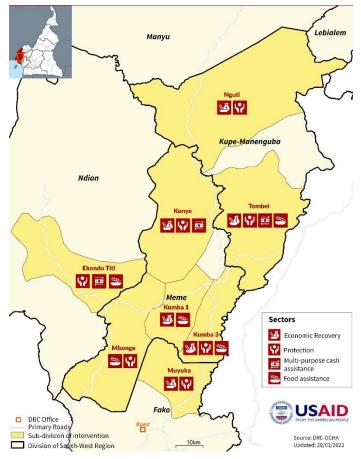
BHA/SDC (2023-2025): 14,715 direct beneficiaries CDCS: 2 635 direct beneficiaries



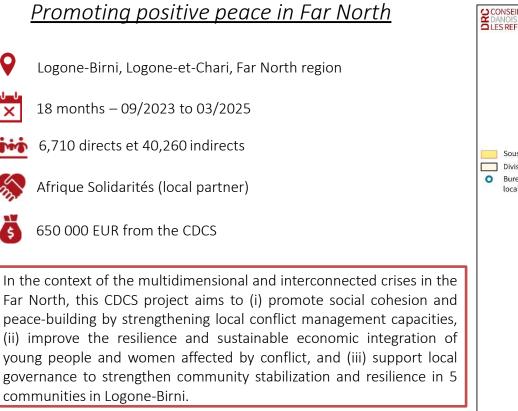
BHA (2023-2025) : 4 000 000 USD SDC (2023-2025) : 700 000 USD CDCS (2022-2023) : 500 000 EUR

LUKMEF (health partner) Royalty World (mentrual hygiene partner) Reach Out (protection partner) Demtou (economic recovery partner)

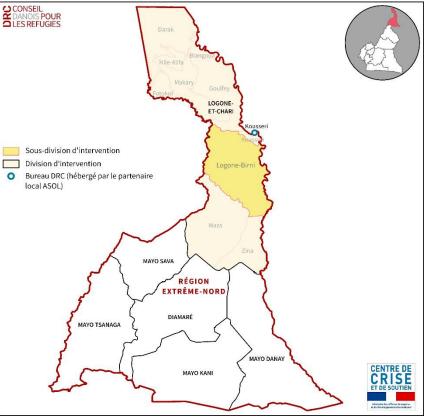
In the South-West region since 2019, DRC has been assisting IDPs as well as refugees who have been victims of the Anglophone crisis raging since 2017. Given the severity of the crisis and the urgency of the needs, DRC's humanitarian response is designed to be rapid, multi-sectoral and sustainable. Working in partnership with local CSOs, DRC is responding to the need for emergency shelter/NFI kits in rural and urban areas through various modalities (voucher, in-kind, cash), protection incidents with a focus on the vulnerability of the youngest and women (psychosocial support, host family training, menstrual hygiene, life skills for adolescents, API, SFN, CM, civil documentation) and health in hard-to-reach areas via mobile clinics and/or external referrals thanks to local actors in the region. DRC also aims to strengthen the livelihoods of the most vulnerable via IGAs, to provide food assistance through vouchers, and conducts sectoral studies on the needs of the area. In addition, since 2023, DRC has extended its area of intervention to the communities of Ndian and Kupe-Manenguba, and aims to expand into the North-West, where needs are just as urgent.



What are we doing in the Far North?



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Key figures in Cameroon (2023)





4. DRC Cameroon areas of expertise





- Protection monitoring using the P21 tool
- Civil documentation (birth certificates, identity cards, disability cards)
- Awareness-raising sessions and community dialogue
- Micro-projects and sessions in peaceful conflict management
- Individual protection assistance, case management, Special Needs Funds (SNF), psychosocial support
- Child protection, positive parenting
- Capacity-building for local protection committees and civil society organizations
- GBV response, primary health care, menstrual hygiene (via local partners)



Economic Recovery & Food Assistance



Unconditional cash transfers to support food consumption

- Emergency food security through food stamps and access to local markets
- Income-generating activities
- Village savings and loan associations (VSLAs)
- Vocational training
- Local community support
- Market price monitoring
- Cash-for-Work activities



Shelter and Non-Food Items 🔝

In kind:

 Distribution of shelter kits and essential non-food item kits for populations affected by conflict and displacement in the South-West.

In voucher:

- Selection and training of local vendors
- Organization of a market day in intervention communities where vendors offer shelter kits and essential non-food kits
- Distribution of vouchers redeemable for the kits at the various outlets set up

In cash:

- Cash-for-rent
- Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance



Humanitarian Disarmament

& Peacebuilding



- Mapping of conflicts
- Community-based protection plans and micro-projects to address the causes of tensions
- Training community leaders, community-based protection committees and administrative authorities in conflict prevention and peaceful conflict management
- Raising awareness of peace promotion and social cohesion through recreational activities
- Facilitating and training facilitation of inter- and intracommunity dialogue
- Preventing the risks associated with the presence of explosive devices





4. Advocacy

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DRC is present in the following forums:

AT NATIONAL LEVEL

Humanitarian Country Team (HCT); CHINGO; Taskforce Nexus Humanitarian, Development, Peace (HDP); Food Security Technical Group; National Cash Working Group; National shelter/NFI cluster, WASH cluster, Protection cluster, PSEA network, Mental health cluster

IN THE ADAMAWA/EAST

Cash Working Group Meiganga; Cash Working Group East; Food Security Group Nagoundéré; Taskforce Nexus HDP Eastern Façade; Refugee Response Coordination Group

IN THE SOUTHWEST

Regional Food security cluster, GBV AoR; Child protection AoR, Voucher and Cash Working Group; Food security and agriculture cluster

Key challenges and issues:

- Difficult humanitarian access in the South-West region (authorities & NSAGs)
- Coordination mechanisms not harmonized at national level
- Development of our partnerships and strong need to set up a reinforcement and support system

- Need to strengthen the FCRM and CoCRM system
- Complexity of 3 differentiated contexts (SW, Adamawa/East, Far North) diluting advocacy and/or collective efforts on specific issues
- Nexus and integrated approach need to be better integrated into programming

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5. Donors and Partners

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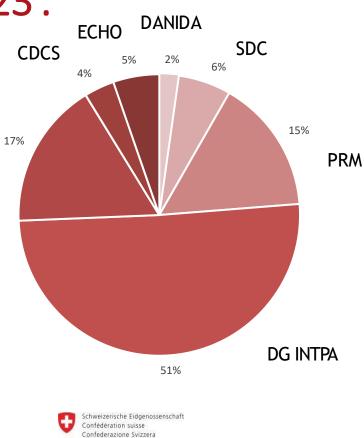
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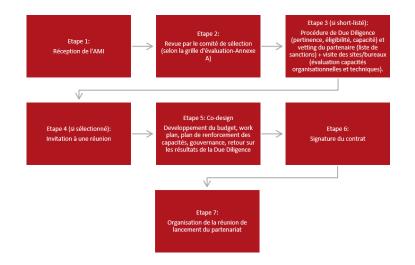


PRM: Population Refugee & Migrants CDCS: Centre de Crise et de Soutien SDC: Swiss Development Cooperation BHA: Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance DANIDA: Coopération Danoise

DRC CMR's localisation strategy in 2023:

In Cameroon, DRC works to support, facilitate and consolidate its local partners in their leading role in responding to the many crises and developing sustainable solutions.

- In the Far North, Afrique Solidarités (ASOL) and DRC work together to implement project activities. In addition, ASOL hosts DRC's small team on its premises, while DRC offers training sessions on various topics (peaceful conflict management, mapping, protection, etc.).
- In Adamawa and the East, Association Mains Solidaires (AMS) and APROSPEN are implementing protection activities (monitoring, community dialogues, awareness-raising on GBV, support for birth registration, etc.) and conflict management as part of DANIDA 2023. After two years of partnership with DRC, DRC teams are providing qualitative support and guidance to partner teams.
- In the South-West, DRC worked in 2023 with Royalty World to raise awareness of menstrual hygiene among 300 young women and will sign an agreement with Reach Out and Demtou as part of the BHA project to implement protection activities (monitoring, civil documentation, etc.) and food assistance, shelter solutions and economic recovery.
- Since September 2023, the DRC coordination office in Yaoundé has been home to **CHOI**, Cameroon's CSO coordination platform, to give it greater visibility and enable it to develop in line with its ambitions.



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DRC follows a well-defined selection process to ensure transparency, accountability, equity, complementarity and a focus on effective, sustainable and non-harmful results.

Partners:

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And others...

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