

# DRC DANISH REFUGEE COUNCIL

ANNUAL BUDGET

**6,556,406 EUR**

**8** PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2022

**238,968** PEOPLE ASSISTED IN 2022



Economic Recovery



Protection



Shelter & Settlements

## AREAS OF INTERVENTION



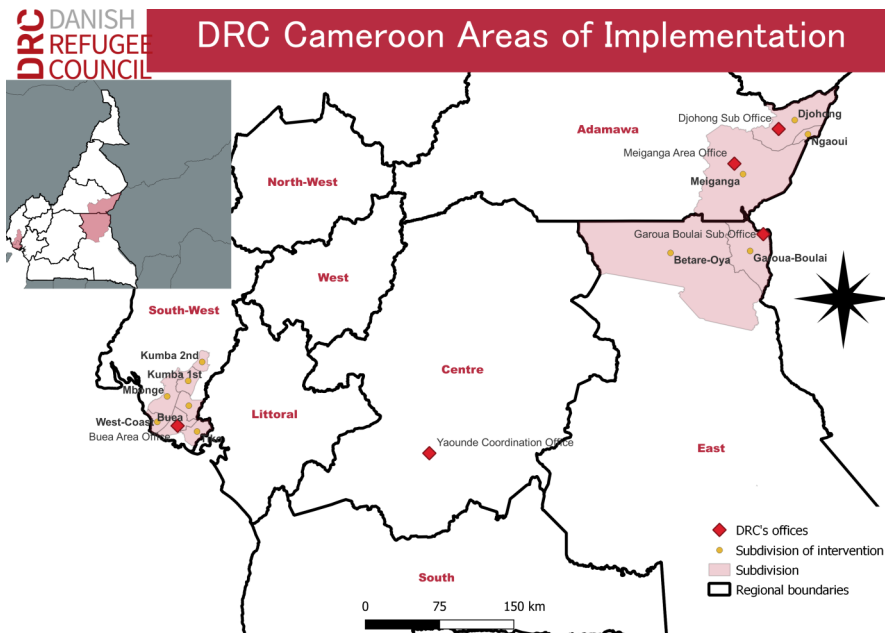
**ADAMAWA REGION** (MBÉRÉ)  
**EAST REGION** (LOM-ET-DJEREM)  
**SOUTHWEST REGION** (FAKO, MEME)

**DRC** established a presence in eastern **Cameroon** in **2017** to assist Central African refugees. DRC implements a **graduation approach** in the Adamawa and East regions to **assist refugees** and **vulnerable Cameroonians** to find **durable solutions**. In 2019, DRC expanded its activities to the Anglophone Southwest region where longstanding grievances of political and cultural marginalization developed into an armed separatist insurgency in 2017. DRC assists **Internally Displaced Cameroonians** and their **host communities** with emergency protec-



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Cameroon is both a major host country to refugees (more than **485,000 refugees**) from Nigeria in the Far North region and from the Central African Republic in the eastern regions, and is increasingly a source of displacement as more than **1 million people are internally displaced**, including almost 628,000 people displaced due to violence in the Northwest and Southwest anglophone regions. These three parallel regional and domestic crises impact nine of the ten regions of Cameroon and have triggered a **deterioration in socio-economic and security conditions** throughout the country.



In 2023, **3.9 million people are still in need of humanitarian assistance**, of which 57% are children. Yet the Humanitarian Response Plan remains one of the lowest funded in the region with only 18% funded as of 11 August 2022. Refugees and Cameroonians are experiencing **increasing food insecurity, malnutrition, loss of livelihoods**, exposure to **human rights violations, family separation, protection risks**, and general **strain on resources and infrastructure**.

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## BUILDING A SAFE AND PROTECTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR DURABLE SOLUTIONS FOR REFUGEES AND RETURNEES ACROSS THE CAMEROON-CAR DISPLACEMENT AXIS

	Adamawa (Mbéré) and East (Lom-et-Djerem) regions; South West (Fako and Meme)		Protection
	1 January 2022 to 31 December 2025		24,120 direct beneficiaries estimated
	DKK 2,880,000 for 2023 (EUR 390,000)		Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Foundation (LUKMEF) APROSPEN AMS
			Humanitarian Disarmament & Peacebuilding

### General objective

To save and protect lives, alleviate suffering and promote the dignity and rights of civilians in crisis situations and to initiate recovery through building resilience to and preventing future crisis by breaking the cycle between crisis and vulnerability.

### Context

The Central African Republic (CAR) and Cameroon are countries that are both facing acute humanitarian crisis, with recurrent patterns of displacements between the two countries (and within each) which increases needs and pressure on already weakened contexts and communities. The action will focus on this main displacement axes across the CAR-Cameroon border, and the displacement crisis of the North-West/South-West (NWSW), while remaining flexible to respond to other displacement crises or humanitarian emergencies.








### Project description

The most urgent **protection needs** are addressed through Individual Protection Assistance, Special Needs Funds and Case Management, and help in procuring birth certificates. Furthermore, DRC is **building the capacities** of national authorities, partner civil society organisations and communities through trainings on protection issues, human rights, international humanitarian law and refugee' human rights. DRC also supports CBPCs in the launching and monitoring of **collective Income Generating Activities** (IGA) to participate in the economic empowerment of local leaders. In



addition, DRC addresses acute needs in the Southwest region, by providing medical treatment through its partner LUKMEF. Regarding the HDP Nexus with which the project is aligned, DRC is co-leading the East Taskforce to roll out the workplan and liaise with all relevant actors in the coming year.

## STRENGTHENING ACCESS TO SOCIAL AND LEGAL SERVICES WITHIN THE GRADUATION APPROACH IN THE EAST AND ADAMAOUA REGIONS OF CAMEROON

	Adamawa (Mbéré) and East (Lom-et-Djerem) regions		10,000 direct beneficiaries estimated		Protection
	1 January 2022 to 30 December 2024		APROSPEN Association Mains Solidaires (AMS) GADDAFF		Humanitarian Disarmament & Peacebuilding
	DKK 6,694,516 (EUR 900,000)				

### General objective

The protective environment in communities hosting Central African refugees is improved - reducing risks, threats and vulnerabilities.

### Context

The armed conflict in CAR continues to trigger movements of vulnerable populations across the border. The refugees settle mostly with host families in Garoua Boulai (East region) and other communities along the border. The eastern regions have one of the highest poverty rates in the country, and the presence of Central African refugees put significant pressure on the already limited natural resources and basic social services in these areas, exacerbating pre-existing vulnerabilities. Findings from Protection Monitoring conducted by DRC highlight persistent protection needs, including the lack of documentation, need for medical/psychosocial assistance, unaccompanied and separated children, and cases of gender-based violence.

### Project description

The approach is based on three complementary axes: (1) strengthening **community and state** commitment; (2) strengthening mechanisms for responding to **inter-community tensions and social cohesion**; and (3) ensuring that communities receive **appropriate assistance**. The proposed three-year intervention period will allow for the sustainability of activities that have been implemented by DRC in the region to date, to propose an integrated and gradual approach, and above all to foster the empowerment of local and state structures with a view to sustaining the action after the end of the project.

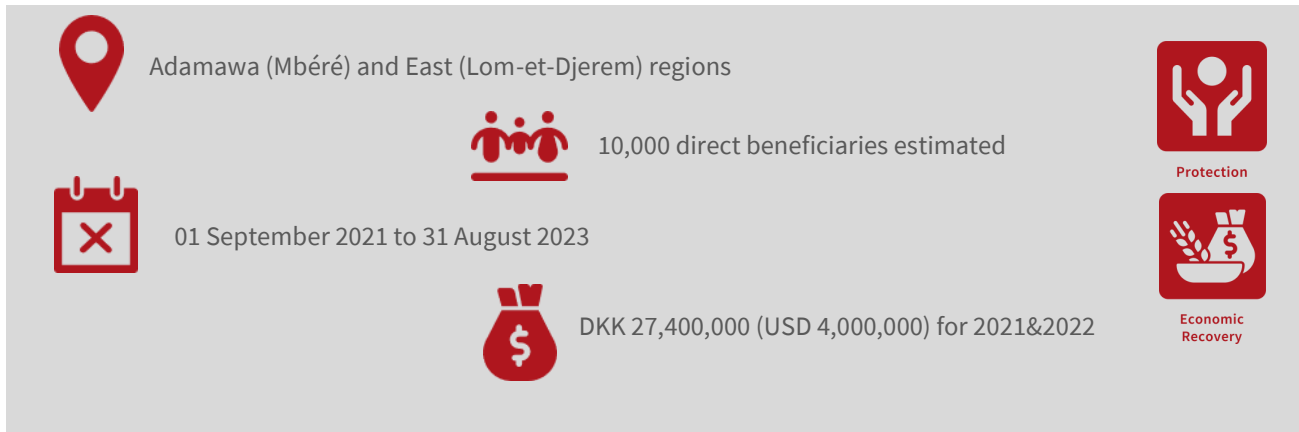




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## STRENGTHENING THE RESILIENCE, SELF-RELIANCE, AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC INCLUSION OF CENTRAL AFRICA REPUBLIC'S REFUGEES AND HOST COMMUNITY HOUSEHOLDS LIVING IN EXTREME POVERTY IN CAMEROON



### General objective

To contribute to Central African Republic refugees and host community's resilience and empowerment through an integrated approach in Cameroon.

### Context

The East and Adamawa regions have some of the highest poverty rates in the country. Most refugees settled in host communities (70%) where social and community services already have limited capacity to meet basic needs. DRC's baseline study conducted in February 2021 with BHA funding confirmed a very worrying food security situation for refugees and host households in Adamawa and East regions including a very large proportion of households implementing negative strategies.

### Project description

The proposed action aims at strengthening the **resilience, self-reliance, and economic and social inclusion** of Central African Republic refugees and host community households living in extreme poverty in Cameroon using the Graduation Approach. This poverty alleviation model combines the four pillars of the Graduation Approach:

- ◆ **Social protection:** consumption support to enable the ultra-poor refugees and host-community households to meet basic needs and protect their assets;
- ◆ **Financial inclusion:** financial education and financial inclusion through community-based mechanisms;
- ◆ **Livelihood development:** assets/cash transfers for livelihood recovery and technical trainings;
- ◆ **Social empowerment:** coaching/mentoring and community social cohesion.





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## CROSS-BORDER PROGRAM TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS TO DISPLACEMENT SITUATIONS IN CAMEROON AND THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR)

	Cameroon: East (Kadey and Lom-et-Djérem) and Adamawa (Mbéré and Djohong) regions CAR: Région n°3 (Ouham Pendé) and Région n°2 (Nana Mambéré, Mambéré Kadéi and Sangha Mbaéré)		Protection
	32,615 direct beneficiaries estimated in Cameroon		Economic Recovery
	02 January 2023 to 1 July 2026		DRC Cameroon : 3 CSOs (to be identified) and 3 INGOs (CARE, NRC, AHH) + DRC CAR
	DKK 134,085,000 (EUR 18,000,000) including DKK 22,000,000 (EUR 2,951,468) for DRC Cameroon		Humanitarian Disarmament & Peacebuilding

### General objective

To strengthen access to rights and socio-economic well-being of refugees, IDPs/returnees and communities in the border areas of Cameroon and the Central African Republic (CAR)

### Context

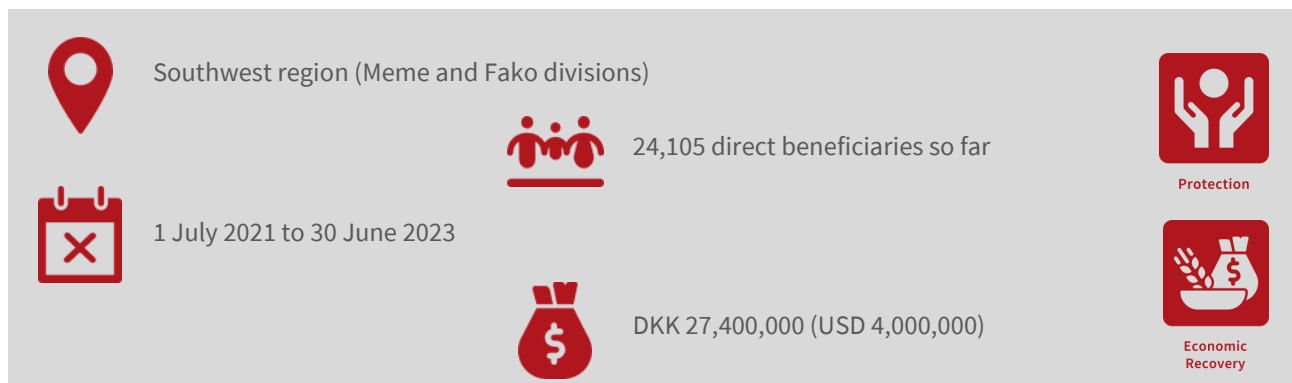
The number of CAR refugees in Cameroon has been steadily increasing since 2014. Nearly 60% of them are in the East and Adamawa regions, outside of camps. Their livelihoods depend on the hospitality of host populations and costly humanitarian assistance, which are both decreasing after nearly a decade and while host communities themselves face difficulties in accessing basic services. The inadequacy of these services and the economic and social barriers to accessing them limit people's ability to fully exercise their rights. According to DRC's protection monitoring, the main needs expressed by communities are **access to food, drinking water, employment, housing, civil documentation and medical care**. 65% of key informants reported **protection incidents in their community, with GBV** at 30%. Cameroon's Humanitarian Response Plan has been promoting access to durable solutions for these refugees since 2020, given the drastic reduction in humanitarian funding, in alignment with the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus.

### Project description

The DRC-ACF-CARE-NRC consortium will implement an **integrated cross-border program** that will directly contribute to sustainable, diversified and localized solutions to displacement situations in Cameroon and CAR. The approach is based on three complementary axes: (1) Address **basic needs** of refugees/returnees and host communities in settlement and return areas; (2) strengthening **economic empowerment** of populations in displacement situations facing shocks and climate change; (3) improving **respect of rights** of populations affected by displacement situations between Cameroon and CAR.



## MULTI-SECTORAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO CONFLICT AFFECTED POPULATIONS IN SOUTH-WEST CAMEROON



### General objective

Conflict-affected households in the South West region of Cameroon are able to meet their emergency food and protection needs and develop their resilience to shocks.

### Context

Since 2017, the number of displaced people in the NWSW (North West-South West) regions has risen exponentially due to the on-going violence between the central government and numerous non-state armed groups (NSAGs) fighting for separation of the predominantly English-speaking regions from the Franco-phone part of Cameroon. The conflict has caused the ongoing internal displacement of 628,000 Cameroonians within or from the NWSW, and forced 87,000 individuals to seek refuge in neighbouring Nigeria (OCHA, Jan 2023). Families often face multiple displacements, and many leave their communities daily to avoid conflict and sleep in the bush, exposing themselves to the weather elements, and being at increased risk of protection violations such as sexual harassment and abuse.

### Project description

This intervention allows DRC to meet the acute **food security and protection needs** of conflict affected populations in South West Cameroon, while contributing to longer term **psychosocial and livelihoods** needs. Priority locations are rural, hard-to-reach communities. The project supports the most food insecure households with secured paper and e-vouchers over five months to ensure that families can meet their basic food needs and mitigate their resort to widespread negative coping mechanisms. A comprehensive protection response complements the assistance by identifying protection risks and needs in the community and assisting those in need of support with individual protection assistance, case management, and psychosocial support. This includes a **focus on children** who have been especially impacted by the conflict. Finally, DRC also provides **economic recovery** to displaced households who have lost their source of income due to their displacement.





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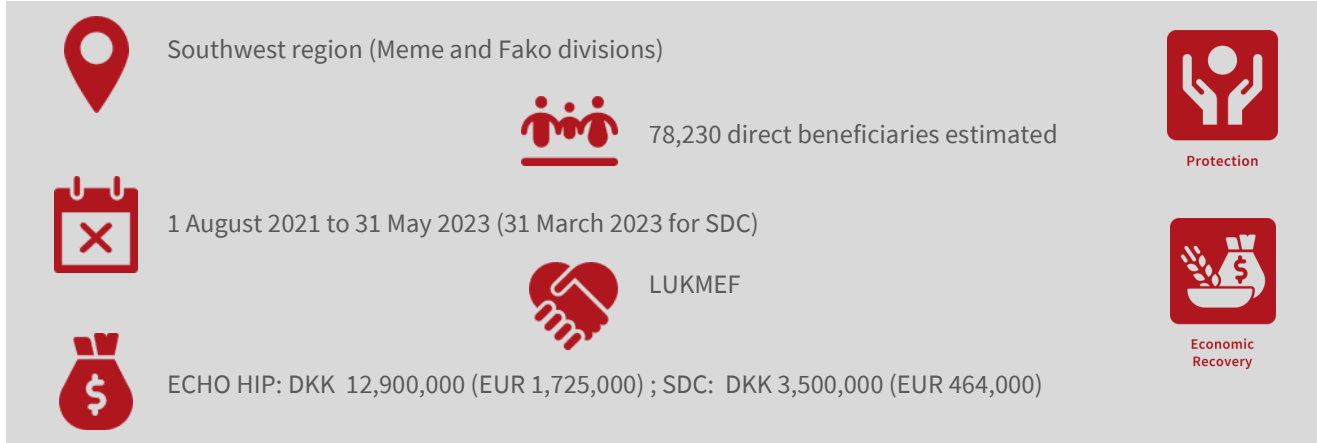


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## EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO VULNERABLE, CONFLICT-AFFECTED POPULATIONS IN CAMEROON'S SOUTHWEST REGION



### General objective

Reduce suffering and increase human dignity for communities affected by conflict in Cameroon's Southwest region.

### Context

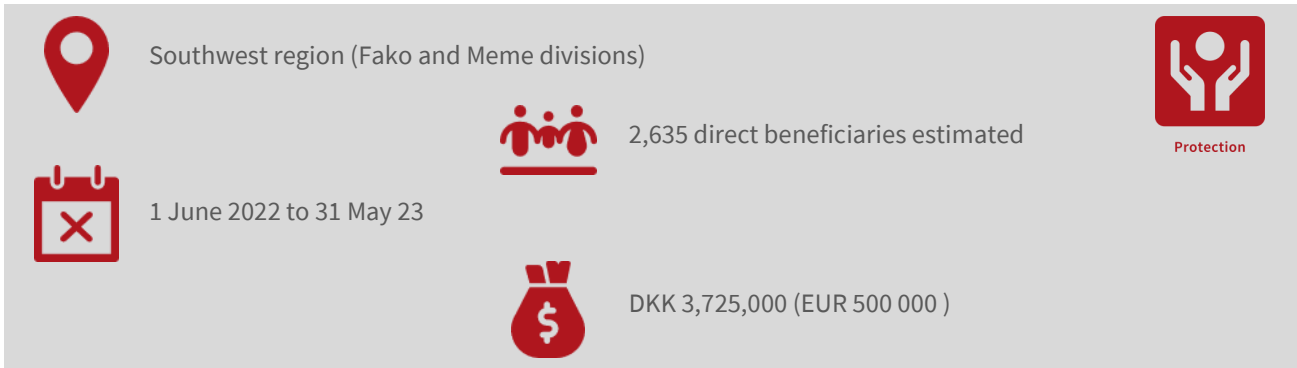
Humanitarian needs resulting from the ongoing violence are acute, with 1.4 million people in need of emergency assistance due to the North-West/South-West crisis (OCHA, Feb 2023), representing 30% of the needs in Cameroon. The protection space has progressively shrunk and grave protection risks, including physical and sexual violence and arbitrary arrests, continue to increase. Children have been out of school for several years now and have witnessed violence committed against their family and neighbours, leaving them traumatised and impacting their emotional and cognitive development. Families often face multiple displacements, and many leave their communities daily to avoid conflict and sleep in the bush, exposing themselves to the elements, leaving them in need of shelter and NFI support and at increased risk of protection violations.

### Project description

The overall objective of this action is to ensure that populations in hard-to-reach, conflict-affected areas in South-West (SW) Cameroon benefit from an **enhanced protection environment** and improved capacity to meet their **basic needs**, thereby reducing their dependency on negative coping mechanisms. DRC will provide a multi sectoral response prioritising **hard-to-reach** and rural areas. All actions will have a protection-integrated approach, ensuring its centrality. **Protection needs** will be addressed through individual protection assistance and case management, awareness raising, and psychosocial support to children and their parents/caregivers, as well as through community protection assistance to build community capacities to better mitigate and respond to protection risks. **Emergency shelter and NFI** needs will be addressed through in-kind distributions, and **emergency health needs** through paid referrals to specific hospitals or to health partners operating mobile clinics in areas without access to health care.



## IMPROVE THE PROTECTION ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN SOUTH-WEST CAMEROON



### General objective

The protection environment of conflict affected communities is improved by reducing risks, threats and vulnerabilities.

### Context

Since 2017, the number of displaced people in the North-West and South-West (NWSW) regions has risen exponentially due to the continuing violence between the central government and numerous non-state armed groups (NSAGs) fighting for separation of the predominantly English-speaking regions from the Francophone part of Cameroon. This crisis is complex, representing chronic movements of populations fleeing continual conflict and facing multi-sector humanitarian needs. The conflict has caused the ongoing internal displacement of 628,000 Cameroonians within or from the NWSW, and forced 87,000 individuals to seek refuge in neighbouring Nigeria (OCHA, Jan 2023). Families often face multiple displacements, and many leave their communities daily to avoid conflict and sleep in the bush, thus being at increased risk of protection violations such as sexual harassment and abuse.

### Project description

The focus of the approach is to **target children and youth** since numerous protection risks have been reported in the South West regarding this population groups. The intervention focuses on communities where DRC has already established protection structures (such as CBPCs or PFPs). It provides a multi-sector humanitarian response to **children, adolescents and their caregivers, as well as young mothers** and other most affected by conflict in Cameroon's southwest region. Through a **protection, child protection, and livelihood response**, DRC aims to contribute significantly to improving the situation of those caught in conflict and unable to meet their basic needs. DRC notably supports the economic recovery of 170 at-risk youth (15-24 years) by providing targeted income generating support.

