

## ANGLOPHONE CAMEROON

Due to tensions between English-speaking communities and the central government, violence in the North West and South West regions of Cameroon has intensified sharply since 2016.

The restricted humanitarian access to the two regions, and the significant presence of spontaneous refugee settlements in the region close to Nigeria, make it difficult to monitor displacement. However, the anglophone crisis counted 712,800 internally displaced persons (IDPs) and 334,000 returnees in Cameroon (OCHA), and over 68,000 Cameroonian refugees registered in Nigeria (UNHCR).

The main humanitarian needs of Cameroonian refugees and IDPs are related to protection, food and water, sanitation and hygiene. Insecurity and roadblocks in the North-West and the South-West regions have been obstructing humanitarian access, preventing the delivery of aid to affected people.

About 8,500 persons were reportedly displaced in August 2021 and about 530 persons returned to their areas of origin as they could not cope with the poor living conditions in hosting towns. Furthermore, the education sector has been particularly affected in 2021, with more than 700,000 children deprived of education in the north-west and south-west regions.

## **For further information:**

### *Institutional Websites and NGOs*

OCHA\_ Situation Report

<https://reports.unocha.org/en/country/cameroon/>

UNHCR\_ Nigeria: Cameroonian Refugees Overview

<https://data2.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/89299>

IDMC\_ CAMEROON: A DEEPENING BUT NEGLECTED CRISIS

<https://www.internal-displacement.org/publications/cameroon-a-deepening-but-neglected-crisis>

Caritas Cameroon: "They are hunting us"

<https://www.caritas.org/2018/05/cameroon/>

Catholic Relief Services: "Cameroon Conflict Displaces Families"

<https://www.crs.org/stories/cameroon-conflict-displaces-families>

### *Online Newspapers and Periodicals:*

VATICAN NEWS\_ Cameroon: Armed conflict can't resolve Anglophone crisis

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/africa/news/2021-10/cameroon-archbishop-of-bamenda-says-the-anglophone-crisis-can-t.html>

FIDES\_ The commitment of the Capuchin friars in times of crisis

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/70394-AFRICA\\_CAMEROON\\_Alongside\\_displaced\\_people\\_and\\_children\\_in\\_the\\_name\\_of\\_the\\_Gospel\\_the\\_commitment\\_of\\_the\\_Capuchin\\_friars\\_in\\_times\\_of\\_crisis](http://www.fides.org/en/news/70394-AFRICA_CAMEROON_Alongside_displaced_people_and_children_in_the_name_of_the_Gospel_the_commitment_of_the_Capuchin_friars_in_times_of_crisis)

FIDES\_ Civil War creates lost generation

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/68889-AFRICA\\_CAMEROON\\_Civil\\_War\\_creates\\_lost\\_generation](http://www.fides.org/en/news/68889-AFRICA_CAMEROON_Civil_War_creates_lost_generation)

CISA\_ Pope Francis Condoles With Families of Murdered Students, Prays for Peace in Country

<http://cisanewsafrika.com/cameroon-pope-francis-condoles-with-families-of-murdered-students-prays-for-peace-in-country/>

VATICAN NEWS\_ Cameroon and Nigeria: Struggling communities host Refugees

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/africa/news/2020-11/cameroon-and-nigeria-struggling-communities-host-refugees.html>

CISA\_ Bishops Condemn Killings in Anglophone Regions

<http://cisanewsafrika.com/cameroon-bishops-condemn-killings-in-anglophone-regions/>

VATICAN NEWS\_ Cardinal Parolin brings Pope's message of peace to Cameroon

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2021-02/cardinal-parolin-cameroon-visit-pope-francis-peace.html>

FIDES\_ The Catholic Church takes on the role of mediator

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/69951-AFRICA\\_CAMEROON\\_The\\_Catholic\\_Church\\_takes\\_on\\_the\\_role\\_of\\_mediator\\_People\\_have\\_great\\_confidence\\_in\\_the\\_Church](http://www.fides.org/en/news/69951-AFRICA_CAMEROON_The_Catholic_Church_takes_on_the_role_of_mediator_People_have_great_confidence_in_the_Church)