

Cameroon

International Medical Corps has worked in Cameroon since 2008, when we responded to a large influx of refugees from the Central African Republic (CAR). In the years since, we have provided lifesaving assistance during food crises and recurrent floods, responded to outbreaks of cholera and COVID-19,

and cared for displaced people as they fled ongoing violence in the Lake Chad Basin.

Today, Cameroon faces several major challenges stemming from the influx of displaced people seeking security from climate change-related disasters, as well as from conflicts in neighboring countries and Cameroon's Northwest and Southwest regions.

In 2023, International Medical Corps Cameroon provided:



197,500+ people
with curative consultations;



8,300+ pregnant women
with care in two or more antenatal care visits;



delivery of **2,600+ children**
with the assistance of skilled health personnel;



127,500+ persons
with sensitization on the prevention of
diseases and health education; and



9,700+ patients
with referral services to secondary care.

WHERE WE WORK

A ADAMAWA

- Borgop
- Djohong
- Garoua Boulai
- Meiganga
- Ngam
- Ngaoui

B EAST

- Batouri
- Betare-Oya
- Gbiti
- Kette
- Kentzou
- Lolo
- Mandjou
- Mbile
- Timangolo
- Yokadouma

C FAR NORTH

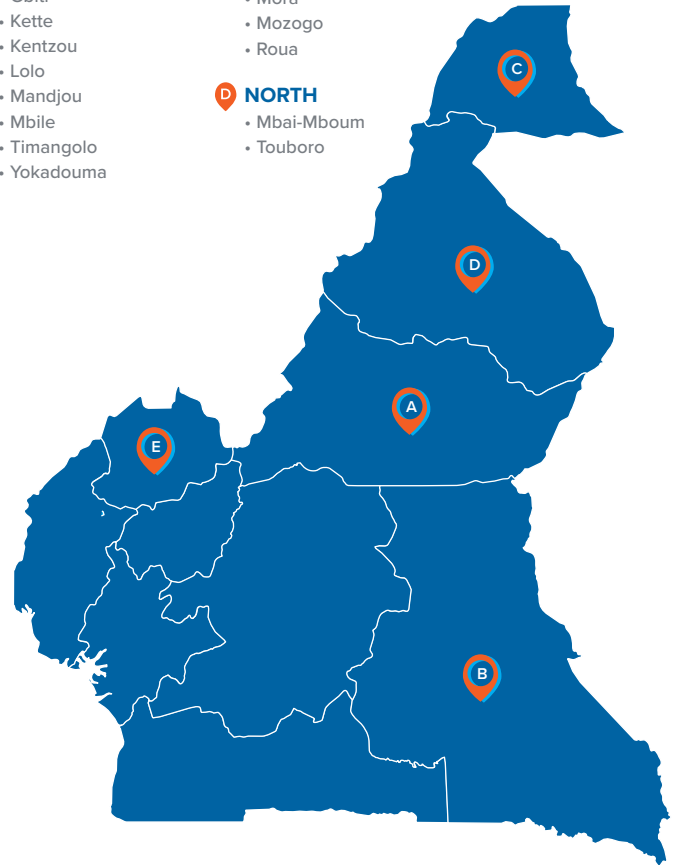
- Bourha
- Fotokol
- Goufey
- Kolofata
- Kousseri
- Koza
- Makary
- Meri
- Mogode
- Mokolo
- Mora
- Mozogo
- Roua

D NORTH

- Mbai-Mboum
- Touboro

E NORTHWEST

- Ako
- Fundong
- Mbengwi
- Ndop
- Njikwa
- Nkambe



PRIMARY AND SECONDARY HEALTHCARE

International Medical Corps supports healthcare facilities across five regions and provides medical care directly through static health facilities, community health services and mobile outreach. Our services include:

- ▶ preventive and curative medical consultations, with referrals to higher-level care in district and regional hospitals;
- ▶ reproductive health, including deliveries, antenatal care and postnatal care;
- ▶ implementation of the World Health Organization's Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (IDSR) strategy;
- ▶ provision of essential drugs, medical supplies and equipment;
- ▶ training and capacity-building sessions for healthcare professionals;
- ▶ training for community health workers (CHWs) on integrated community case management, disease surveillance and risk communication; and
- ▶ construction and rehabilitation of health facilities.





NUTRITION

Malnutrition rates remain high in Cameroon—a crisis that is driven by ongoing displacement, regional food insecurity, insufficient access to clean water, and poor sanitation and hygiene practices. As a result, many children do not have the nutrients required for healthy development, leading to irreversible cognitive and physical stunting. As a combined consequence of the Lake Chad Basin crisis, intercommunal conflicts, the impacts of climate change—especially floods and droughts—and the Russian-Ukrainian war, more than 3 million people in Cameroon are acutely food insecure.

International Medical Corps provides nutrition interventions that include screening and treatment for acute malnutrition, cooking demonstrations and nutrition education in our infant and young-child feeding (IYCF) spaces, vitamin A supplementation, deworming, social and behavior change communication, and training for Ministry of Health (MoH) staff and community health workers (CHWs).

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT (MHPSS)

International Medical Corps integrates MHPSS services into our general healthcare activities so that families have greater access to mental health services. We also work with healthcare facilities and CHWs to increase the number of referrals for mental health services. To promote the greater availability of high-quality mental health services across Cameroon, International Medical Corps also provides healthcare professionals with MHPSS educational materials.

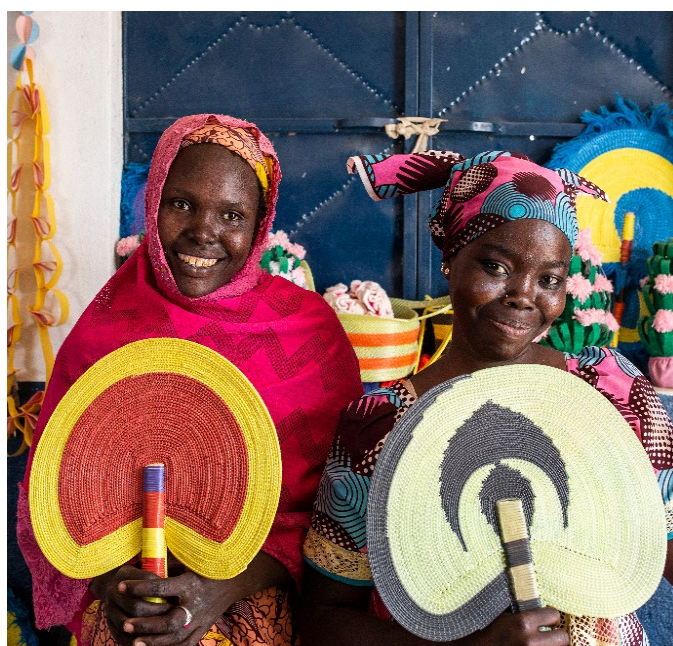
CHILD PROTECTION

Forced child marriage, child labor and lack of educational opportunities for girls continue to impede children's rights in Cameroon. International Medical Corps works in refugee camps and host communities to prevent child abuse and promote the rights of refugee children from CAR and Nigeria, as well as of internally displaced children.

Our staff trains community-based organizations, government personnel and local NGO staff to promote children's rights and to prevent and respond to abuse, violence, exploitation and neglect. We provide recreational education, socio-emotional learning and basic education in safe healing and learning spaces. Our case management teams provide material support to unaccompanied and separated children, children associated with armed forces and armed groups, and children with disabilities.

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

International Medical Corps has been implementing GBV prevention, response and protection programming in Cameroon since 2009. Our staff provides training to community-based organizations, local administrative staff and healthcare professionals on GBV core concepts, refers survivors to local healthcare providers and trains local health staff on clinical management of rape cases. We also provide MHPSS support to survivors and other women and girls, while educating community members on the risks and consequences of GBV.





FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

Climate change has led to drought, floods and landslides. In August 2022, floods in the Far North region led to the displacement of more than 70,000 and affected more than 258,000 people. Since then, heavy rains have submerged more than 35,000 hectares of fields and killed thousands of livestock.

In response, International Medical Corps has supported small-scale agriculture and livestock assistance, kitchen gardening, food distribution, income-generating activities and women's economic empowerment programs that complement our nutrition and GBV programs. Our team in Cameroon also provides livelihood support—operating community cooperatives, implementing community health monitoring and surveillance, developing community groups to support change in climate-resistant food production and nutrition practices, and providing agricultural assistance and training on fishery and animal husbandry to help people diversify and decrease climate change-related risks to their sources of income.



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A pre-eminent first responder since 1984, International Medical Corps delivers emergency medical and related services to those affected by conflict, disaster and disease, no matter where they are, no matter what the conditions. We also train people in their communities, providing them with the skills they need to recover, chart their own path to self-reliance and become effective first responders themselves.

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COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION

Our team in Cameroon is committed to strengthening partnerships with donors, community-based organizations, UN agencies and international and national NGOs.

- ▶ We have consistently been elected by our peers to validate key approaches to humanitarian response as the main Humanitarian Country Team member to represent international NGOs at the UN.
- ▶ Our team is a member of the Cameroon international non-governmental organizations (CHINGO) network, which coordinates NGOs in Cameroon, and has chaired its steering committee for the past two years.
- ▶ The Cameroon team supports the International NGO Safety Organisation (INSO) network, which provides security analysis and incident alerts to other international NGOs.
- ▶ Our staff provides leadership to the health working group at the national and regional levels, to the humanitarian protection cluster at the national level, the GBV sub-cluster at regional level and Far North regional GBV sub-cluster.

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