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PROTRACTED RELIEF AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JULY–31 DECEMBER 2013) — CAMEROON 200522

Food and Nutrition Assistance for Nigerian and Central African Refugees and Host Populations

Number of beneficiaries	276,560
Duration of project	2 years (1 October 2013–30 September 2015)
WFP food tonnage	19,385 mt
Cost (United States dollars)	
Food	17,772,922
Total	23,834,413

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ABSTRACT

1. The poorest regions in Cameroon are East, Adamaoua, North and Far-North. Large numbers of refugees from the Central African Republic have entered the East and Adamaoua regions, and recently refugees from Nigeria have entered the North and Far-North regions, compounding existing social and economic challenges.
2. In March 2013, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees registered over 1,000 new refugees from the Central African Republic in addition to the 87,000 already present. About 10,000 Nigerian refugees are hosted in the North and Far-North, regions, which are affected by recurrent drought and flooding. A February 2013 food assessment carried out by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and WFP found 38,900 severely food-insecure and 173,000 moderately food-insecure Cameroonians in the North and Far-North regions.
3. Protracted relief and recovery operation 200552 is aligned with the Government's Growth and Employment Strategy Document 2010–2020, the United Nations Development Assistance Framework 2013–2017 and the WFP Strategic Plan (2014–2017), in particular Strategic Objectives 1, 3 and 4. It builds on previous operations to scale up activities targeting vulnerable refugees from the Central African Republic and Nigeria, along with host Cameroonian households, while increasing attention to gender issues. It will provide assistance to 276,560 beneficiaries from 1 October 2013 to 30 September 2015 at a cost of USD 23.8 million.
4. The operation aims to:
 - provide relief assistance to refugees from Nigeria and the Central African Republic (Strategic Objective 1);
 - treat moderate acute malnutrition through targeted supplementary feeding for children aged 6–59 months and pregnant and lactating women (Strategic Objective 1);
 - prevent stunting through complementary feeding for children aged 6–23 months (Strategic Objective 4);
 - assist people on anti-retroviral therapy through supplementary food promoting therapy adherence and nutritional recovery (Strategic Objective 4);
 - enhance livelihoods through food assistance for assets activities for people affected by recurrent droughts, floods and refugee influxes, with special attention to women (Strategic Objective 3).