

Project for Improving Infrastructure for the Stabilization of the Lake Chad Basin Area



COUNTRY: Cameroon

PROJECT TITLE: Project for Improving Infrastructure for the Stabilization of the Lake Chad Basin Area

PROJECT DURATION: January 2022 - March 2023

PARTNERSHIPS: Ministry of Economy, Planning and Regional Development (MINEPAT), Ministry of Territorial Administration (MINAT), law enforcement and military units under the authority of national command or the Multinational Joint Task Force on security matters

BUDGET: US\$ 2,227,471.82

DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES

The North and Far North regions have historically been conflict-prone, with widespread cattle rustling and other intra pastoralist conflicts and criminal activities such as hostage taking and farmer – herder conflict as the main drivers. However, the situation has significantly worsened with the insurgency of Boko Haram, a violent extremist group rooted in neighboring Nigeria. Boko Haram's ambition to capture territory beyond Nigeria's borders escalated in 2014 with the spread of its fighting ground into Cameroon. Currently, Cameroon hosts around 101,000 Nigerian refugees, 42,000 non-registered refugees and has a caseload of 244,000 internally displaced persons.

The armed conflict with Boko Haram has slowed down economic activity and destroyed basic infrastructure in a region already suffering from high levels of poverty before the onset of the conflict, further increasing the vulnerability of its population. Some villages and towns have become deserted due to Boko Haram attacks further reducing the presence of the State and the delivery of basic services. The Far North region is directly affected, while the North region suffers the indirect consequences of the conflict with (to date) no Boko Haram incursions.

Both regions suffer the consequences of the climate crisis, which, in combination with pressures created by displaced populations, further exacerbates the vulnerability of the region.

OBJECTIVES

The primary objective of the stabilization programme in the Far North and North is to extend state presence and legitimacy in targeted areas by

- reducing violence and establishing minimum security conditions
- providing essential infrastructure and delivering basic services
- providing livelihood opportunities necessary to ensure stability to take hold and allow longer-term social cohesion and development processes to achieve impact.

PROJECT OUTPUTS

Output 1: Security Infrastructure provided in target areas

This project will support the extension of civilian law enforcement and early warning against infiltration and attack by armed groups.

Output 2: Essential infrastructures & basic services in place and functioning in the target localities

The project will reinstate functioning services in targeted localities.

Output 3: Livelihood infrastructures provided in the intervention areas

The project will support the construction of Center for the Promotion of Women, livestock and fisheries office, cattle loading dock, drilling with solar immersed pump.

CONTRIBUTION TO SDGS

The project will contribute to SDGs 8, 9, 16

