

## CAMEROON

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|------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1951 Convention: | State party | Region (MDGs):              | Developing regions |
| 1967 Protocol:   | State party | Sub-region (MDGs):          | Sub-Saharan Africa |
| United Nations:  | Africa      |                             |                    |
| Bureau (UNHCR):  | West Africa | Other UN country groupings: | Not applicable     |
| Region (UNHCR):  | West Africa |                             |                    |

## A. REFUGEES, ASYLUM-SEEKERS AND OTHERS OF CONCERN TO UNHCR

## 1. Population of concern to UNHCR, end of year

| Category             | 1996      | 1997          | 1998          | 1999          | 2000          | 2001          | 2002          | 2003          | 2004          | 2005          |
|----------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Refugees             | 46,407    | 47,057        | 47,826        | 49,227        | 43,680        | 41,186        | 58,288        | 58,583        | 58,861        | 52,042        |
| Asylum-seekers       | 3,493     | 3,705         | 4,272         | 737           | 1,633         | 2,577         | 5,308         | 5,675         | 6,123         | 6,766         |
| Returned refugees*   | -         | 1             | 6             | -             | 3             | 1             | -             | 4             | -             | -             |
| Internally displaced | -         | -             | -             | -             | -             | -             | -             | -             | -             | -             |
| Returned IDPs        | ..        | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            |
| Stateless persons    | ..        | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            |
| Others of concern    | ..        | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            | ..            |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>..</b> | <b>50,763</b> | <b>52,104</b> | <b>49,964</b> | <b>45,316</b> | <b>43,764</b> | <b>63,596</b> | <b>64,262</b> | <b>64,984</b> | <b>58,808</b> |

\* Based on country of asylum and origin reports.

## 2. Refugees--displacement and durable solutions during the year

| Category                 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000  | 2001  | 2002   | 2003 | 2004 | 2005  |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|--------|------|------|-------|
| <b>Arrivals</b>          |      |      |      |      |       |       |        |      |      |       |
| Prima facie/group basis  | 753  | 335  | 861  | 612  | -     | -     | 17,000 | -    | -    | -     |
| Individually recognized* | 16   | 335  | 193  | 789  | 28    | 629   | 163    | 491  | 672  | 300   |
| Resettlement             | -    | -    | 12   | -    | -     | -     | -      | -    | -    | -     |
| <b>Durable solutions</b> |      |      |      |      |       |       |        |      |      |       |
| Voluntary repatriation** | 739  | 675  | 213  | 18   | 2,287 | 3,096 | -      | 158  | 413  | 7,444 |
| Resettlement             | 3    | 3    | 12   | 5    | 72    | 20    | 51     | 26   | 51   | 95    |
| Naturalization           | -    | -    | -    | -    | -     | -     | -      | -    | -    | -     |

\* Includes Convention status and allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons, first instance and appeal. \*\* Based on country of asylum and origin reports.

## 3. Asylum and refugee status determination during the year (incl. appeal/review)

| Category               | 1996  | 1997 | 1998 | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  |
|------------------------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| New applications       | 1,910 | 816  | 861  | 1,588 | 1,353 | 1,709 | 2,897 | 1,356 | 2,053 | 3,144 |
| 1951 Convention status | 16    | 209  | 19   | 784   | 28    | 629   | 163   | 491   | 672   | 300   |
| Allowed/humanitarian   | -     | 126  | 174  | 5     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     |

Responsibility (2005): UNHCR

## 4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

| Indicator*                                  | 1996 | 1997  | 1998  | 1999  | 2000 | 2001 | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  |
|---|------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Refugees</b>                             |      |       |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |
| Per 1 USD GDP/capita                        | 52.6 | 53.4  | 54.2  | 55.8  | 49.5 | 46.7 | 66.1  | 66.4  | 66.8  | 59.0  |
| Per 1,000 inhabitants                       | 2.8  | 2.9   | 2.9   | 3.0   | 2.7  | 2.5  | 3.6   | 3.6   | 3.6   | 3.2   |
| Per 1,000 km <sup>2</sup>                   | 99.1 | 100.5 | 102.1 | 105.1 | 93.3 | 87.9 | 124.5 | 125.1 | 125.7 | 111.1 |
| <b>Total population of concern to UNHCR</b> |      |       |       |       |      |      |       |       |       |       |
| Per 1 USD GDP/capita                        | ..   | 57.6  | 59.1  | 56.7  | 51.4 | 49.6 | 72.1  | 72.9  | 73.7  | 66.7  |
| Per 1,000 inhabitants                       | ..   | 3.1   | 3.2   | 3.1   | 2.8  | 2.7  | 3.9   | 3.9   | 4.0   | 3.6   |
| Per 1,000 km <sup>2</sup>                   | ..   | 108.4 | 111.3 | 106.7 | 96.8 | 93.5 | 135.8 | 137.2 | 138.8 | 125.6 |

\* Refugees and Total population of concern to UNHCR: annual estimates (Table A.1). Figures for GDP (Current) per capita, national population and land area are the most recent available estimates.

## B. DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS, LOCATION, LEGAL BASIS AND RECOGNITION, END OF 2005

## 1. Population of concern to UNHCR--demographic characteristics\*

| Sex          | <5           | 5-17         | 18-59        | 60+>       | Various  | Total        | <5 (%)     | 5-17 (%)   | 18-59 (%)  | 60+> (%)  | F/M (%)     |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|----------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Female       | 602          | 2,257        | 2,161        | 88         | -        | 5,108        | 12%        | 44%        | 42%        | 2%        | 53%         |
| Male         | 678          | 2,131        | 1,626        | 163        | -        | 4,598        | 15%        | 46%        | 35%        | 4%        | 47%         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1,280</b> | <b>4,388</b> | <b>3,787</b> | <b>251</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>9,706</b> | <b>13%</b> | <b>45%</b> | <b>39%</b> | <b>3%</b> | <b>100%</b> |

\* May not reflect the total population of concern to UNHCR.

## 2. Population of concern--location\*

| Type              | Total         |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Camps/centers     | -             |
| Urban             | 49,102        |
| Dispersed/various | 9,706         |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>58,808</b> |
| Camps/centers     | 0%            |
| Urban             | 83%           |

\* May not reflect the total population of concern to UNHCR.

## 3. Refugee population--legal basis

| Type                | Total         |
|---------------------|---------------|
| 1951 UN Convention  | -             |
| 1969 OAU Convention | -             |
| UNHCR Mandate       | 52,042        |
| Other/unknown*      | -             |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>52,042</b> |
| 1951 Convention     | 0%            |

\* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

## 4. Refugee population--recognition

| Type                    | Total         |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Prima facie (group)     | 9,706         |
| Individually recognized | 3,113         |
| Other/unknown           | 39,223        |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>52,042</b> |
| Prima facie (group)     | 19%           |
| Individually recognized | 6%            |

## C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN CAMEROON -- MAIN ORIGIN

## 1. Refugee population, end of year--main origin (main nationalities in 2005)

| Origin                 | 1996   | 1997   | 1998   | 1999   | 2000   | 2001   | 2002   | 2003   | 2004   | 2005   |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Chad                   | 44,566 | 44,103 | 44,561 | 44,640 | 42,325 | 39,289 | 39,293 | 39,261 | 39,290 | 39,303 |
| Nigeria                | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      | 17,000 | 16,983 | 16,686 | 9,711  |
| Rwanda                 | 650    | 1,227  | 1,317  | 1,579  | 707    | 802    | 888    | 995    | 1,050  | 1,037  |
| Central African Rep.   | 168    | -      | -      | -      | -      | 348    | 350    | 379    | 630    | 712    |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 50     | 182    | 264    | 1,245  | 135    | 232    | 236    | 300    | 530    | 592    |

## 2. Asylum applicants during the year--main origin (main nationalities during 2005)

| Origin                 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002  | 2003 | 2004  | 2005 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
| Central African Rep.   | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | 451  | 127   | 342  | 1,082 | 891  |
| Chad                   | 825  | 177  | 442  | 79   | 246  | 176  | 106   | 246  | 347   | 815  |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 49   | 138  | 103  | 986  | 580  | 626  | 2,018 | 325  | 325   | 509  |
| Côte d'Ivoire          | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -     | 66   | 77    | 396  |
| Rwanda                 | 350  | 66   | 113  | 263  | 178  | 181  | 182   | 168  | 62    | 195  |

## D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM CAMEROON -- MAIN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM

## 1. Refugee population, end of year--main countries of asylum (main countries in 2005)

| Asylum country* | 1996  | 1997  | 1998  | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| United States   | 423   | 547   | 755   | 1,006 | 1,376 | 1,849 | 2,759 | 2,962 | 3,414 | 4,684 |
| Germany         | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 1,223 | 1,742 | 2,138 | 1,841 |
| United Kingdom  | -     | 5     | 25    | 25    | 25    | 25    | 175   | 241   | 511   | 656   |
| France          | 80    | 83    | 88    | 97    | 94    | 116   | 164   | 226   | 295   | 415   |
| Canada          | 93    | 104   | 156   | 165   | 139   | 205   | 230   | 247   | 277   | 334   |
| Other           | 1,513 | 1,519 | 324   | 361   | 428   | 529   | 674   | 788   | 994   | 1,171 |
| Total           | 2,109 | 2,258 | 1,348 | 1,654 | 2,062 | 2,724 | 5,225 | 6,206 | 7,629 | 9,101 |

\* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries.

## 2. Asylum applicants during the year--main asylum countries (main countries in 2005)

| Asylum country | 1996 | 1997  | 1998  | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  |
|----------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| United States  | 107  | 219   | 229   | 349   | 528   | 560   | 1,307 | 1,626 | 1,189 | 651   |
| Belgium        | 60   | 99    | 166   | 267   | 417   | 324   | 435   | 625   | 506   | 530   |
| France         | 47   | 58    | 81    | 161   | 404   | 416   | 639   | 806   | 611   | 383   |
| Germany        | 450  | 494   | 544   | 597   | 739   | 923   | 1,205 | 910   | 618   | 327   |
| United Kingdom | 95   | 175   | 95    | 245   | -     | -     | 615   | 530   | 385   | 305   |
| Other          | 239  | 312   | 830   | 903   | 863   | 1,129 | 1,743 | 1,774 | 1,422 | 1,178 |
| Total          | 998  | 1,357 | 1,945 | 2,522 | 2,951 | 3,352 | 5,944 | 6,271 | 4,731 | 3,374 |

## E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN CAMEROON -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2005

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

| Location name | Type* | Total  | Location name | Type* | Total |
|---------------|-------|--------|---------------|-------|-------|
| Yaounde       | URB   | 49,100 |               |       |       |
| Banyo         | RUR   | 9,710  |               |       |       |

\*CAM = Camps/centers; URB = Urban; RUR = Rural/dispersed/various.

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## F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR CAMEROON

