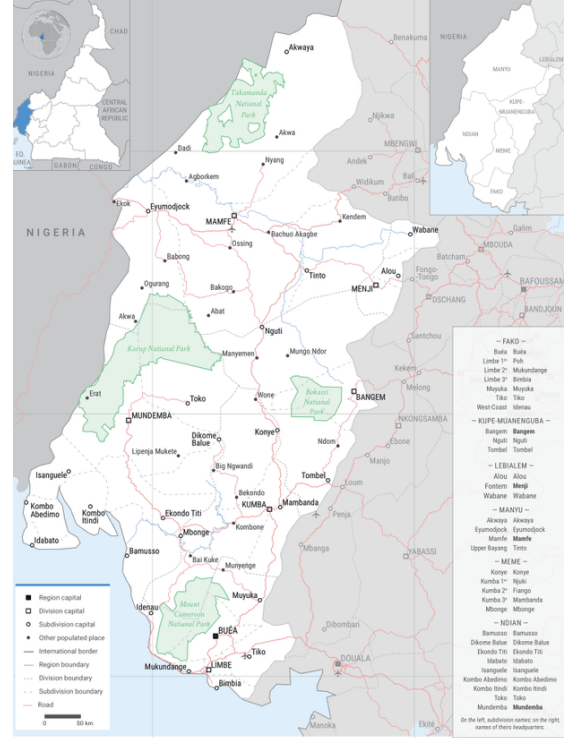


This is a dynamic and evolving situation. The note will be updated as more confirmed information comes in.

HIGHLIGHTS

- On 6 November, an armed attack on Egbekaw village and burning of houses, led to fatal casualties among populations.
- National authorities reported at least 25 people killed, including a child, and at least 9 others injured. The final confirmed toll may change according to new updates.
- At least 2 women were reportedly sexually assaulted. Several people are reported missing.
- 465 people fled the village after the attack, mainly women and children.
- Partners provided food assistance to more than 1,000 people affected in Egbekaw.
- 205 shelter and NFI kits were provided to affected population in Egbekaw.



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SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 6 November, suspected members of a non-state armed group (NSAG) entered Egbekaw, one of the villages surrounding Mamfe town in Manyu division. They reportedly shot randomly and set ablaze several houses, resulting in casualties and injuries. National authorities reported 25 people killed, including a child, and at least 9 others injured.

The damage and destruction of homes have forced some families to seek refuge in churches, and in overcrowded houses with relatives and friends. 465 IDPs were reported, but figures may change following further updates and assessments.

On 9 and 10 November a multi-sectoral Initial rapid assessment (MIRA), coordinated through the NSW Inter-Cluster Working Group, was conducted by partners from Protection (UNHCR/INTERSOS, Caritas Mamfe, IRC), Shelter (IOM/Caritas Kumba) and Nutrition (Caritas Kumba) Clusters. The most critical needs reported were protection services, shelter, non-food items and food assistance.

In support to local efforts, humanitarian partners continue to mobilize resources to provide multi-sectoral assistance to the affected population. Local partners on the ground continue to play a critical role.

HUMANITARIAN NEEDS AND RESPONSE

Information reported on ongoing and planned humanitarian activities will evolve according to the situation on the ground. Regular updates will be provided according to partners' reporting and data collection.

Food Security

On 17 November, partners provided food and nutrition assistance to people affected by the attack on Egbekaw village.

166 households (1,060 beneficiaries) in Egbekaw, benefitted from food assistance provided by WFP and Caritas Mamfe through their rapid response mechanism. A two-month food ration of mixed commodities covering November and December was distributed. The mixed food basket contained rice, pulses, vegetable oil and salt.

Nutrition

71 children aged 6 – 23 months and 12 pregnant and breastfeeding women received nutrition assistance by WFP and Caritas Mamfe, in form of a 'super cereal', through the Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP), in Egbekaw.

Protection and Area of Responsibility (AoRs)

As part of the Inter-Cluster mission to Mamfe/Egbekaw on 16 November, Protection Cluster members met with the Delegate of the Ministry of Social Affairs to discuss the current situation and the ongoing response activities. The Delegate shared the results of their rapid assessment of the aftermath of Egbekaw incident. Key findings included the severe impact on children, the elderly, and people with disabilities. The psychological impact on those affected was also highlighted.

- UNFPA, AMEF (Authentique Memorial Empowerment Foundation) and Caritas Mamfe conducted two awareness-raising sessions on GBV and sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services for 172 people, including 111 women, 4 girls, 34 men and 3 boys. Participants also received psychological first aid support. During this session, two women who reported being victims of GBV (Gender Based Violence) were referred for proper case management and follow-up.
- Caritas and AMEF Mamfe also carried out the targeting of beneficiaries for the upcoming distribution of dignity kits by UNFPA. Arrangements are being made with UNFPA and LUKMEF to transport pre-positioned dignity kits from Buea to Mamfe.
- UNHCR profiling for cash-for-protection is being carried out by INTERSOS, and so far, 16 people have been profiled as reaching the vulnerability level for Cash-for-Protection assistance.

Shelter and Non-food items (NFI)

During the joint inter-cluster mission to Mamfe/Egbekaw on 16 November, the Shelter Cluster monitored ongoing distributions and assessed the impact of the incident on IDPs.

Cluster partners assessed the destruction of houses in the Egbekaw quarter, located 1.5 km outside Mamfe town, to determine which would require repair or rental assistance. The head of the Egbekaw quarter reported 14 destroyed houses. The majority of those in need are women and children. While the tenants of these houses have already benefited from shelter and NFI kits provided by humanitarian organizations, assistance may be needed also to repair or rebuild houses. INTERSOS is planning to assess affected houses to provide assistance based on defined and agreed vulnerability criteria.

The mission recommended strengthening the coordination of partners in the field. As a result, a shelter partner focal point has been appointed at divisional level to ensure timely reporting of challenges and gaps to members of the regional and national shelter sector coordination teams.

The MIRA results showed that shelter and NFIs were a priority for 43.6 per cent of the 280 respondents. On 16 November, Shelter Cluster partners implemented response activities as follows:

- UNHCR and INTERSOS distributed 100 NFIs kits to the affected population in Egbekaw.
- IOM, Caritas Kumba and Caritas Mamfe distributed 105 shelter and NFI kits to the affected population in Egbekaw.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

To respond to the urgent WASH assessed needs, UNICEF held a meeting with partners to mobilise and release contingency stocks. To date, over 120 dignity kits have been pre-positioned at the Ministry of Social Affairs regional response in Buea. In addition, 130 bars of soap were released from the regional delegation of the Ministry of Water and Energy in Limbe and transported to the field by Caritas Kumba for distribution.

Furthermore, in preparation for the upcoming distribution of an additional 500 WASH kits released by UNICEF, Caritas Kumba has mobilised its volunteers to identify beneficiaries. These volunteers will also support the planned awareness-raising activities and the distribution of WASH and dignity kits.

Data from the MIRA and additional assessments will continue informing WASH interventions aimed at mitigating the secondary effects of the incident on vulnerable people and preventing the spread of water, sanitation, and hygiene-related diseases among the affected population.

COORDINATION

On 16 November, OCHA coordinated an inter-agency mission to Mamfe/Egbekaw to assess the situation, needs and monitor the ongoing response. The mission members also met with local partners to identify lessons learned from the initial response phase.

The North-West and South-West Regional Inter-Cluster Working Group, facilitated by OCHA, is coordinating the response, informed by the findings of the MIRA assessment. Clusters continue to ensure regular direct reporting on ongoing and planned activities to the Inter Cluster Working Group.

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