



# 2023 – THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CAMEROON IN 12 POINTS

**1** A total of **2,940,807** people are in a food and nutrition emergency due to the insecurity affecting several regions, i.e. **399,160** more children than in 2022 when there were **2,100,840** (source: OCHA statistics accessed on 11 January 2024).

**4** Some **32** people dead, **3** missing and **21** injured, following landslides in Mbankolo (Yaoundé), Nkolbong (Douala) and the *Upper Mawo* district (Limbé) (source: Daily Newspaper Cameroon Tribune No. 12956/9155 of Thursday, 12 October 2023, p.3 accessed on 12 January 2024).

**2** A total of **84,360**

Cameroonian refugees in Nigeria as a result of insecurity in the North West and South West Regions as at 31 December 2023, i.e. **1,640** fewer people than in 2022, when **86,000** people were recorded and **26,827** Cameroonian refugees and asylum seekers in Chad as at 31 December 2023, i.e. **15,770** fewer people than in 2022, when **42,597** refugees were recorded, mainly for reasons linked to inter-community conflicts in the Far North Region (source: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) statistics, accessed on 11 January 2024).

**5** Some **32** people dead and **21** survivors after buildings collapsed in Douala. Around **20** people injured and **four** others dead following the collapse of buildings in Ngaoundéré (source: *Cameroontribune.cm*, *CamerooninfoNet.cm* and <https://lebledparle.com/bilan-de-2023-plus-de-70-personnes-sont-mortes-des-suites-des-effondrements-dimmeubles-et-eboulements-de-terrain/websites> accessed on 15 March 2024).

**3** Approximately **60** people kidnapped by terrorist groups in the Far North, North-West and South-West Regions (source: count carried out by the Commission after consulting the websites of international organisations and the national press).

**6** A total of **2,940,807**

children in a situation of humanitarian emergency due to the insecurity affecting the North-West and South-West Regions on 31 December 2023, i.e. **510,388** more people than in 2022 when there were **2,430,419** people in the same situation (source: OCHA statistics and the article entitled "Situation report in Cameroon", published on the OCHA website [reports.unocha.org/en/country/cameroon/](https://reports.unocha.org/en/country/cameroon/), accessed on 12 January 2024).

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About **60** cases of femicide recorded between 1 January and 31 December 2023 (**source:** Griote web media article on "L'état des lieux des féminicides au Cameroun" accessed on 11 January 2024).

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**A total of 21,010** cases of cholera including **496** deaths recorded between October 2021 and October 2023 in the Littoral, South and Centre Regions, i.e. **5,887** more cases including **193** deaths than in 2022 when there were **15,123** cases including **303** deaths (**source:** website of the Cameroon Ministry of Public Health, accessed on 11 January 2024).

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**A total of 331,200** doses of malaria vaccine received by the government (**source:** X account of Minister of Public Health of Cameroon, accessed on 10 January 2024).

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**Some 43** confirmed cases of yellow fever (including **0** deaths) recorded between 1 January and 31 December 2023, compared with **38** confirmed cases in 2022, i.e. **5** additional cases (**source:** Cameroon Ministry of Public Health website, accessed on 10 January 2024).

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**Some 40** new legal texts relating to human rights adopted by 31 December 2023 (compared with **43** in 2022, i.e. **3** fewer legal texts) (**source:** websites of the Presidency of the Republic and the Prime Minister's Office of

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**Some 2** media professionals killed in 2023, namely Arsène Salomon Mbani Zogo, better known as Martinez Zogo, who went missing for several days and was found dead on 21 January 2023 in Soa (a case for which **17** people have been charged) and Anye Nde Nsoh, shot dead on 7 May 2023 in Bamenda (claim made by an armed secessionist group) (compared to **0** journalist killed in 2022) (**source:** <https://fr.africanews.com/2023/05/08/cameroun-anglophone>