

Year
2021

CHRC ACTION IN 10 FIGURES

- 1 A total of **824** complaints were filed in 2021 (i.e. 51 AD, 116 CE, 25 FN, 112 LT, 62 NO, 74 NW, 33 W, 49 SO, 196 SW, 106 HO).
- 2 A total of **548** complaints handled (42 AD, 98 CE, 16 FN, 76 LT, 48 NO, 54 NW, 18 W, 31 SO, 96 SW, 69 HO).
- 3 A total of **89** self-initiated investigations by the CHRC following alleged cases of human rights violations.
- 4 A total of **138** investigative visits in response to alleged cases of human rights violations.
- 5 Some **732** letters addressed to various government authorities, including diplomatic missions.
- 6 Some **51** workshops and awareness-raising activities on human rights (23 organised with MINPROFF, MINTSS, MINAS, etc. and 27 workshops and meetings organised by PICEF and SCDR).
- 7 A total of **22** activities organised by affiliated and non-affiliated civil society organisations (CSOs) (with the participation of the CHRC).
- 8 A total of **176** inspection visits to selected detention facilities in Cameroon, including a psychiatric centre (i.e. 5 AD, 14 CE, 23 FN, 11 LT, 22 NO, 38 NW, 9 W, 11 SO, 30 SW, 13 HO).
- 9 Some **18** statements issued during regional and international human and peoples' rights days and five press releases issued concerning human rights issues in Cameroon).
- 10 Some **678** CSO partners of the CHRC including 363 affiliated to the CHRC and 315 grouped in two networks: including the Cameroon Network of Human Rights Organisations (RECODH) comprising 74 CSOs and the Cameroon Freedoms Observatory (CFO) comprising 241 CSOs.

Key

AD: Adamawa; **CE:** Centre; **FN:** Far North; **LT:** Littoral; **NO:** North; **NW:** North-West; **W:** West; **SO:** South; **SW:** South-West; **HO:** Head Office; **SCDR:** Cooperation, Documentation and Research Service **PICEF:** Project to Improve the Conditions for Exercising Freedoms in Cameroon; **MINPROFF:** Ministry for Women Empowerment and the Family; **MINTSS:** Ministry of Labour and Social Security; **MINAS:** Ministry of Social Affairs

- 1 There are currently **2,200,000** people in a humanitarian emergency because of the security situation in the North-West and South-West regions (**source**: statistics from the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the UN General Secretariat (OCHA), accessed on 25 January 2022).
- 2 A total of **936,767** internally displaced persons (IDPs), including **357,631** due to Boko Haram incursions in the Far North, **226,708** IDPs due to the security situation in the North West Region, **120,834** due to the security situation in the South West Region, **81,298** in the Littoral and West Regions, **60,068** in the Centre Region, and **5,301** in the Adamaoua Region, and 518,853 returnees (former IDPs), as of December 20, 2021 (**source**: statistics from the Office of the High Commissioner for Humanitarian Affairs, consulted on January 25, 2022): United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), OCHA and International Organization for Migration (IOM) statistics, accessed on 20 December 2021).
- 3 Some **4,797** nursery, primary and secondary schools still closed in the security-affected regions, including **two-thirds** of schools in the North-West and South-West, as of 31 December 2021 (**source**: OCHA statistics accessed on 25 January 2022).
- 4 There are **53** dead, **68** wounded, **20,000** internally displaced persons and around **82,637** Cameroonian refugees in Chad, around **100** shops, more than **500** counters and stalls burnt down, more than **20** villages consisting of **300** households completely razed and burnt down, following the inter-community clashes that took place in the Logone-et-Chari Division (Far North Region) at the beginning of December 2021 between Choa, Massa and Mousgoum Arabs. (**source**: Report of the CHRC fact-finding mission of 15-19 December 2021 in the Logone-et-Chari Division).
- 5 A total of **5,73,542** refugees and **328** Cameroonian asylum seekers in Nigeria in 2021, i.e. a total of **73,870** persons (source: statistics from the UNHCR representation in Nigeria, accessed on 23 February 2022).
- 6 According to the UNHCR's statistics, there were **1,927,665** persons under the protection of the UNHCR on Cameroonian territory, including **475,674** refugees and asylum seekers, **933,168** internally displaced persons and **518,853** returnees as at 31 December 2021, compared to **1,942,553** persons, including **443,853**, **1,032,942** and **465,757** respectively at the same period one year earlier, i.e. **14,888** fewer persons in 2021, i.e. 31,820 more refugees and asylum seekers, **99,804** fewer IDPs, and **53,096** fewer returnees (source: UNHCR, OCHA and IOM statistics accessed on 25 February 2022).
- 7 Some **83,090** new COVID-19 infections including **1,403** new deaths and **1,021,088** vaccinations recorded in Cameroon in 2021, for a total of **108,552** infections and **1,852** deaths since the start of the pandemic (**source**: World Health Organization (WHO) global pandemic statistics and worldometers.info website accessed on 10 February 2022).
- 8 A total of **617** cases of cholera recorded throughout Cameroon, including **517** in the South West Region alone, and **21** deaths in Cameroon, including 19 deaths in the South West Region, during the year 2021, i.e. a case-fatality rate of 3.68% (**source**: Situation report on cholera management in Cameroon, Sitrep No. 4 of 28 December 2021, page 2, consulted on 7 February 2022).
- 9 No journalists killed in Cameroon in 2021, according to the French press freedom organisation Reporters Without Borders (RSF), which ranks the country 135th out of 180 countries in its world press freedom index in 2021, one position lower than in 2020 (134th) (**source**: RSF website, accessed on 23 February 2022).
- 10 A total of **35** new legislative and regulatory instruments relating to human rights that came into force in Cameroon in 2021 (**source**: website of the Chairperson of the Republic of Cameroon, accessed on 31 December 2022).