



# **CAMEROON CRISIS RELIEF FUND**

*Department of Cooperating Missions of  
The Cameroon Baptist Convention*

## **Eighteen Month Report November 2018 – April 2020**

### **Report to:**

*North American Baptist Conference*

*World Team*

*Converge*

*Cameroon Baptist Convention*

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### **Overview:**

The socio-political crisis that began in November 2016, and its resultant warring conflict, continues to take a heavy physical, emotional and economic toll on the population of the two Anglophone regions of Cameroon. It has also affected neighbouring regions and the country as a whole. The conflict has resulted in approximately 3000 deaths, 50,000 refugees, close to 700,000 internally displaced persons, and over 600,000 prevented from attending school for 2+ years. Over 200 villages have been burned.<sup>1</sup>

*“When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? The King will reply, Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”*

*Jesus – Matthew 25:40*

The Cameroon Crisis Relief Fund established by the North American Baptist Conference (NAB) in November 2018 has continued to be a significant source of funding for the Cameroon Baptist Convention (CBC) to meet the increasing needs of people being adversely affected by the conflict. World Team and Converge, also members of the CBC Department of Cooperating Missions, continue to contribute funding. Other sources of funding for the CBC’s relief efforts are her churches, Christians and institutions, and partnerships with international organizations, namely the Norwegian Refugee Council, and Mission21 (Basel Protestant Mission), World Food Program and UNHCR. This report will only cover funding sourced through the CBC Department of Cooperating Missions.

The report provides a global overview of all relief funding that has come to the CBC through the Department of Cooperating Missions over the eighteen month period of November 2018 to April 2020. The report shows how the fund has been used, its beneficiaries and how it has been accounted for. Due to confidentiality and security issues, details of individuals are not included. All financial amounts are reported in local Cameroon currency, the Central African Franc (XAF). Less than half of a percent of the funds was spent on miscellaneous administrative costs such as volunteer identification vests, receipt books, volunteer transportation and stipend.

### **Income Sources November 2018 – April 2020:**

<i>Source</i>	<i>Amount (XAF)</i>	<i>USD @ 18 month average exchange of 587</i>
North American Baptist	79,403,202	\$135,270.00
World Team	8,481,770	\$14,450.00
Converge	24,427,898	\$41,615.00
Other (individual missionaries/volunteers)	550,000	\$937.00
<i>Total</i>	<b>112,862,870</b>	<b>\$192,272.00</b>

### **Oversight of Distribution and Accounting:**

The oversight of, distribution, and accounting of the Cameroon Crisis Relief Fund is coordinated through the CBC Directorate of Cooperating Missions and the CBC Department of Finance. Calvin Hohn, CBC Director of Cooperating Missions is a member of the CBC Crisis Relief Committee. The committee met regularly to deliberate over the most urgent needs and the best uses of funds. World Team and Converge field leadership were consulted when funding from these missions was to be used.

The CBC Finance department assisted with ensuring accurate distribution of funding to designated institutions, ministries or individuals. Recipients of funding in turn submitted expense reports, including distribution receipts where appropriate. Reconciliation between funding received from abroad, funding distribution and receipt reporting from recipients, was done on an on-going weekly basis.

<sup>1</sup> Source: [Escalation of the Anglophone crisis](#), ReliefWeb, Jan 21, 2020.

### ***Funding Activities:***

Since the CBC's other sources of funding are designated to meet particular relief needs, the Cameroon Crisis Relief Fund (CCRF) of the Department of Cooperating Missions focused on meeting needs not met by these other sources. The following are the primary needs met by the CCRF in this eighteen month period:

#### **1. Hospital bills of patients directly affected by the conflict/crisis.**

The CBC's three major hospitals in the conflict zone are Baptist Hospital Mutengene, Mbingo Baptist Hospital, and Bansa Baptist Hospital. Funding was provided to cover bill payment of individuals who became patients directly because of the conflict and had challenges completing payment. Many of these were civilian gunshot victims whose cases required costly surgery. Others were patients whose illness was exacerbated by not being able to access medical care in a timely manner due to the conflict. The hospital administrations submitted lists to the CCRF of needy cases as they came up.

#### ***Hospital Bills Assistance - November 2018 – April 2020***

<i>Hospital</i>	<i>No. Female Patients Assisted</i>	<i>No. Male Patients Assisted</i>	<i>Total Patients Assisted</i>	<i>Total Amount Given (XAF)</i>
Mutengene	14	27	41	8,389,850
Mbingo	35	56	91	26,367,550
Bansa	26	92	118	28,277,200
<i>Totals</i>			250	<b>63,034,600</b>

#### **2. School fees of internally displaced children.**

Many families that have fled their villages due to conflict have ended up in the urban centers (specifically Bamenda and Buea/Soppo). These urban centers have remained more stable where the children had the opportunity to go to school again. Most have left everything behind and do not have basic living essentials, let alone the means to pay for school. In collaboration with the CBC Education Department and the CBC Soppo Field, lists of internally displaced primary and secondary school students in need were identified and assisted with full or partial fee payment.

#### ***School Fees Assistance – November 2018 – April 2020***

<i>Schools</i>	<i>No. Schools</i>	<i>No. Primary Students Assisted</i>	<i>No. Secondary Students Assisted</i>	<i>Total Students Assisted</i>	<i>Total Amount Given (XAF)</i>
Bamenda CBC School	10	716	211	927	15,813,500
Bamenda non-CBC School	56	177	91	268	5,398,900
West Reg. CBC Schools	4	579	-	367	4,829,420
South West CBC Schools	10	351	16	617	3,989,000
Soppo non-CBC Schools	20	485	132	579	4,880,000
<i>Totals</i>	100	2308	450	2758	<b>34,910,820</b>

#### **3. Tuition fees of seminary students adversely affected by the conflict/crisis.**

A number of seminary students at both CBC seminaries, Ndu and Kumba, faced challenges completing tuition payments due to the conflict. Either their means of self-support (businesses or farms) were destroyed in the conflict or their sponsors' means of support was destroyed. With the collaboration of the two seminary administrations, lists of conflict affected students were submitted and financial assistance provided.

#### ***Seminary Tuition Fees Assistance – November 2018 – October 2019***

<i>Seminary</i>	<i>No. Students Assisted</i>	<i>Total Amount Given (XAF)</i>
CBS Kumba ( <i>Funded by World Team</i> )	6	862,700
CBTS Ndu ( <i>Funded by Converge</i> )	30	2,219,000
<i>Totals</i>	36	<b>3,081,700</b>

#### 4. Needs of prisoners.

The conflict and crisis of the past two years has resulted in many arrests. Small prisons in rural areas have been attacked and destroyed and prisoners relocated to larger urban prisons resulting in overcrowding. Prison authorities have been unable to care for the needs of the inmates. CBC churches and individuals in these urban areas are engaged in prison ministry. Funds have been given to them to help meet food, clothing and medical needs of prisoners and young children of prisoners.

##### *Prisoner Needs Assistance – November 2018 – April 2020*

<i>Prison</i>	<i>No. Prisoners Assisted (approx.)</i>	<i>Amount of Assistance Given (XAF)</i>
Bamenda Central Prison	1,640	1,400,000
Buea Central Prison	3,000	1,098,500
<i>Totals</i>	4,640	<b>2,498,500</b>

#### 5. Needs of individual internally displaced persons (IDPs).

Occasionally, members of the CBC Crisis Relief Committee are made aware of an internally displaced person or family whose needs are not being met by any particular church or NGO. The individual is interviewed and their situation is evaluated before drawing up a plan for assistance and follow-up. These cases are not many as most IDPs are being assisted through churches and other NGO programs. In October 2019, a small business management seminar was sponsored for IDPs receiving individual assistance.

##### *Individual IDP Assistance – November 2018 – April 2020*

<i>Number of Individuals</i>	<i>Type of Assistance Provided</i>	<i>Amount of Assistance Provided (XAF)</i>
25	Primarily capital for small food business. Some minor medical/dental assistance	1,779,300
16	Small business management training	98,800
	<i>Total</i>	<b>1,878,100</b>

#### 6. Trauma Healing & Resilience Training Seminars.

In partnership with Mission21 and CABTAL (Cameroon Bible Translation and Literacy), workshops have been held to train individuals in trauma healing and resilience counseling. This will be a long-term need, even once the conflict ends. People of all ages and sectors of society have been traumatized for life and need coping skills.

##### *Trauma Healing and Resilience Training Workshops – November 2018 – April 2020*

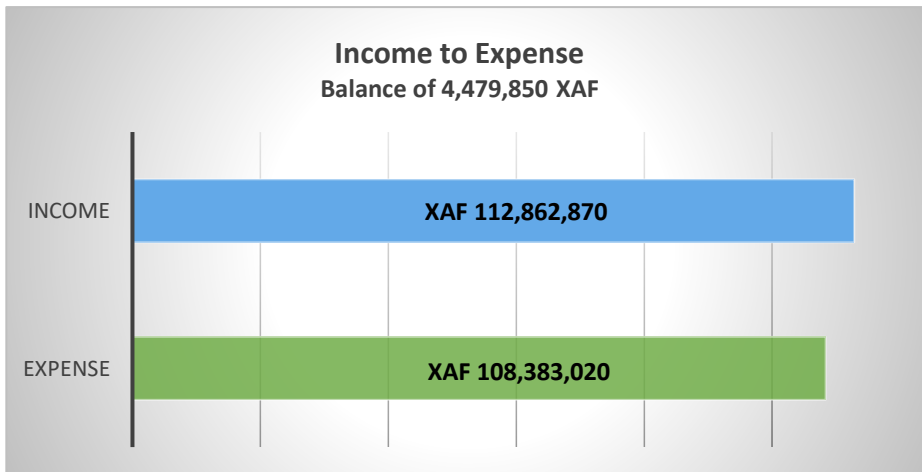
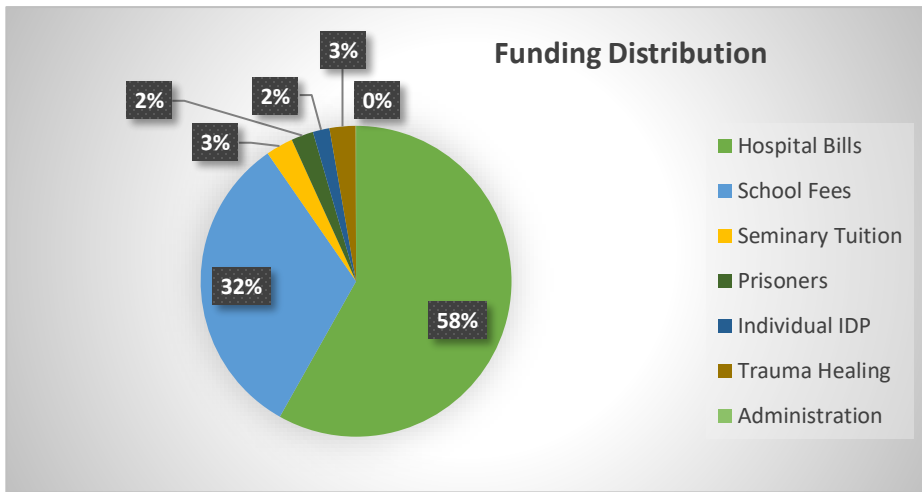
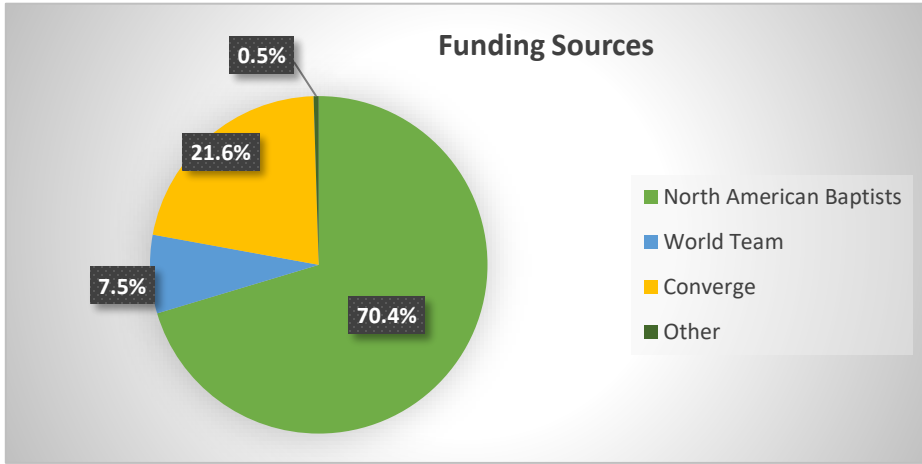
<i>Workshop Description</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>No. Participants</i>	<i>Funding Assistance for Workshop (XAF)</i>
Child Trauma Healing – Mbouda in collaboration with CABTAL	Jun 24 – Jul 5, 2019	15	1,000,000
Child Trauma Healing – Bamenda in collaboration with CABTAL	January 14-17, 2020	22	329,000
Adult Trauma Healing – Bamenda in collaboration with Mission21	January 20-23, 2020	30	1,605,800
	<i>Totals</i>	67	<b>2,934,800</b>

##### **Future Activities Planned:**

- continue with hospital bill assistance
- monitor need for school fees assistance for 2020/2021 school year
- continue with prisoner assistance – Bamenda and Buea central prisons
- continue with individual IDP assistance when assessed appropriate
- assist with trauma healing seminars and trauma counselor training

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Cameroon Crisis Relief Fund - Summary of Income & Expenditures

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For the Months of November 2018 - April 2020

Month	NAB Funding	Converge Funding	World Team Funding	Other Funding	Trauma Healing Workshop Expense	Admin Expense	School Fees Expense (including seminars)	Prison Expense	Mbingo Hospital	Banso Hospital	Baptist Hospital Mutengene	Individual IDP Assistance	Cumulative Balance	GL Listing for recon
Nov-18	7,657,352			500,000		30,000							8,127,352	8,127,352
Dec-18	8,737,866								2,611,250		1,275,950		12,978,018	12,978,018
Jan-19	12,337,819									4,724,650			20,591,187	20,591,187
Feb-19	4,195,440								4,155,100				20,631,527	20,631,527
Mar-19	3,679,938			50,000		2,500	6,173,500			1,242,350	1,011,750		15,931,365	24,358,965
Apr-19	3,716,744	2,332,476	3,542,120			2,000	6,775,120						18,745,585	18,745,585
May-19	2,468,965				1,000,000	10,000	2,176,000	754,000				818,300	16,466,250	16,466,250
Jun-19	4,392,142									8,924,350			11,924,042	11,924,042
Jul-19	2,207,223	9,041,295						334,500				405,000	22,433,060	22,433,060
Aug-19	3,870,371								7,705,750	4,831,250			13,766,431	13,766,431
Sep-19	2,466,803	4,962,221										63,050	21,132,405	21,132,405
Oct-19	3,055,905						300,000					265,250	23,623,060	23,623,060
Nov-19	9,485,496												33,108,556	33,108,556
Dec-19	1,510,071											130,000	17,284,277	17,284,277
Jan-20	6,187,215	6,091,906			1,605,800			600,000	7,006,550	6,433,900			2,068,392	2,068,392
Feb-20	1,681,776				329,000								5,772,574	5,772,574
Mar-20	1,025,357		1,964,800										8,762,731	8,762,731
Apr-20	726,719	2,000,000	2,974,850						4,888,900	2,120,700	2,974,850		4,479,850	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>79,403,202</b>	<b>24,427,898</b>	<b>8,481,770</b>	<b>550,000</b>	<b>2,934,800</b>	<b>44,500</b>	<b>37,992,520</b>	<b>2,498,500</b>	<b>26,367,550</b>	<b>28,277,200</b>	<b>8,389,850</b>	<b>1,878,100</b>		
				Total Funds Received	112,862,870	2.71%	35.05%	2.31%	24.33%	26.09%	7.74%	1.73%		
				Total Expenses	108,383,020									
				Cash balance	4,479,850									
				<b>Total Medical</b>						<b>58.16%</b>				