



## NWSW PROTECTION CLUSTER REPORT #5

Forced displacement following attack on Egbekaw village (Mamfe Central Subdivision/Manyu Division/Southwest Region)  
21 November 2023

### Highlights

- From 16-18 November, Protection Cluster participated in a UN/Inter-Cluster mission to Mamfe sub-division. **UNHCR, UNFPA, IOM, and WFP** were part of this mission organized by **OCHA**. During this mission, victims of the incident were met, as well as key stakeholders including the Senior Divisional Officer, Ministry of Social Affairs (MINAS), and response partners on the ground (Caritas, Intersos, RAGJ, AMEF, IRC).
- On 17 November, the GBV Area of Responsibility (AoR), led an awareness raising session on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH) with 172 affected persons (including 111 women and 4 girls). During this session, 02 women GBV survivors were identified. They were referred to the Caritas Mamfe GBV case worker for appropriate case management and follow-up.
- Protection Cluster also met with the Delegate of Social Affairs (MINAS) in Mamfe, to discuss the current situation and their response.
- The Protection Cluster and UNHCR IM coordinated the finalization of the Egbekaw Multi-Cluster/Sector Initial Rapid Assessment (MIRA) results with preliminary data analysis, which was shared with NWSW Inter-Cluster members and key stakeholders on 17 November 2023.

### Protection Risks

The main Protection Risks identified by the Protection Cluster team through the Multi-Cluster/Sector Initial Rapid Assessment (MIRA) exercise of 10-11 November 2023 included: Physical Safety and Security; Shelter and Housing; Psychological and Emotional Well-being; Civil Documentation; Gender-Based Violence; Child protection. The population groups most vulnerable are those with no civil documentation, women at risk and persons living disabilities.

### Some serious protection concerns have also been recently highlighted by Protection partners on the ground:

- Natives of Mamfe who have been hosting IDPs from Akwaya both prior and post the Egbekaw attack are voicing discontent for being excluded from recent emergency-relief/assistance.
- As a result to this, but also due to the risk associated with hosting these IDPs who are the direct targets of the suspected perpetrators of the 06 November attack, these natives are growing unwilling to keep hosting them in their homes, or to renting their houses.
- Among the beneficiaries of the 17 November distributions in Mamfe, there were some non-affected persons, and many affected persons did not show up to the site out of fear of being harassed by hosts due to the growing tensions between them.
- Suspected perpetrators are remobilizing with plans to attack again and have been spreading these threats across social media.
- Some of the assistance received will pose a threat to the beneficiaries who have nowhere to sleep let alone keep these items safe.
- Akwaya IDPs in Mamfe are at serious risk with regard to their physical safety, especially given they can be easily identified and have no safe/secure place to stay.
- Future profiling for assistance must take these concerning issues into account.
- Measures must be taken or discussed with national and regional authorities to provide them with temporary shelter which is secure.

### Update on protection response:

- Cash-assistance
  - **UNHCR** profiling for Cash-for-Protection (through its partner Intersos) is underway. As of this date, 16 victims of the Egbekaw attack have been profiled as fitting the vulnerability criteria for Cash-for-Protection assistance.
- Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)
  - **IRC** has been screening survivors for MHPSS needs and provided therapy session. As of this date, at least 84 persons (including 80 women) have been screened for mental disorders and were provided Psychological First Aid (PFA). At least 25 women have received therapy.
    - *Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), grief and depression have been the most identified psychological problems among the affected population.*
  - **Action Against Hunger (AAH)** Buea has provided MHPSS to 12 persons including their caregivers at the Buea Regional hospital.
- Gender-Based Violence
  - During the distribution of emergency relief by Shelter partners (UNHCR, Intersos, IOM, Caritas Kumba) and Food Security/Nutrition partners (WFP, Caritas Mamfe) on 17 November, **GBV AoR** represented by UNFPA, AMEF and Caritas Mamfe carried out two awareness raising sessions with affected women, girls, men, and boys.
    - A total number of 172 persons including 111 women, 04 girls, 34 men and 03 boys were reached with information on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH); as well as on the available and accessible lifesaving GBV/SRH services. All participants also received group PFA support.
    - **During this session, 02 women who reported GBV cases were referred to the Caritas Mamfe GBV case worker for case management and follow-up.**
- Distribution of dignity-kits
  - **UNFPA and UNICEF** are coordinating their upcoming distribution of pre-positioned dignity-kits through their partners (LUKMEF, **Caritas Mamfe, Caritas Kumba, AMEF and the Ministry of Social Affairs**).

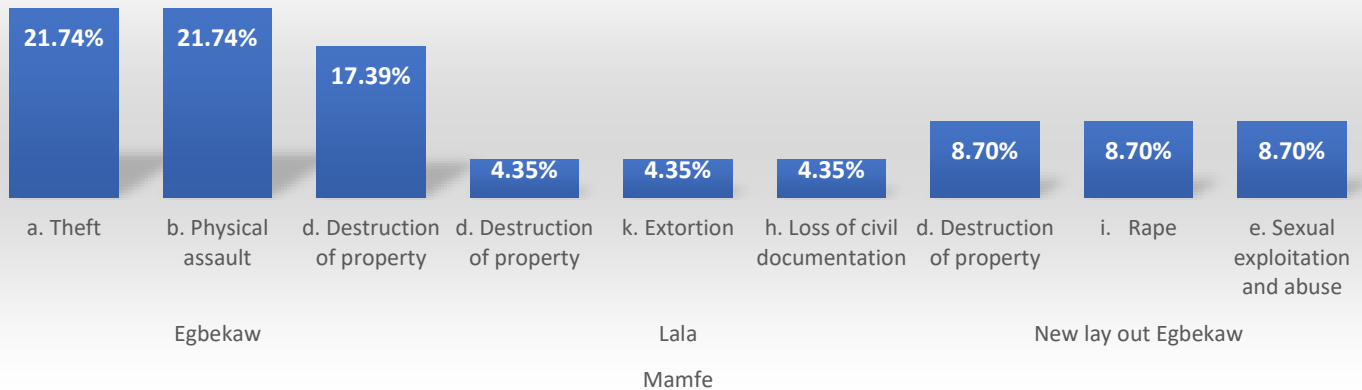
### Protection Cluster partners with staff presence and response capacity in Mamfe and Egbekaw:

- Authentique Memorial Empowerment Foundation (AMEF)
- Cameroon Baptist Convention (CBC) Mamfe
- Caritas Kumba
- Caritas Mamfe
- Foundation for Inclusive Education (FIED)
- International Rescue Committee (IRC)
- Intersos
- Research and Advocacy for Gender Justice (RAGJ)
- Sustainable Development and Humanitarian Services (SUDAHSER)

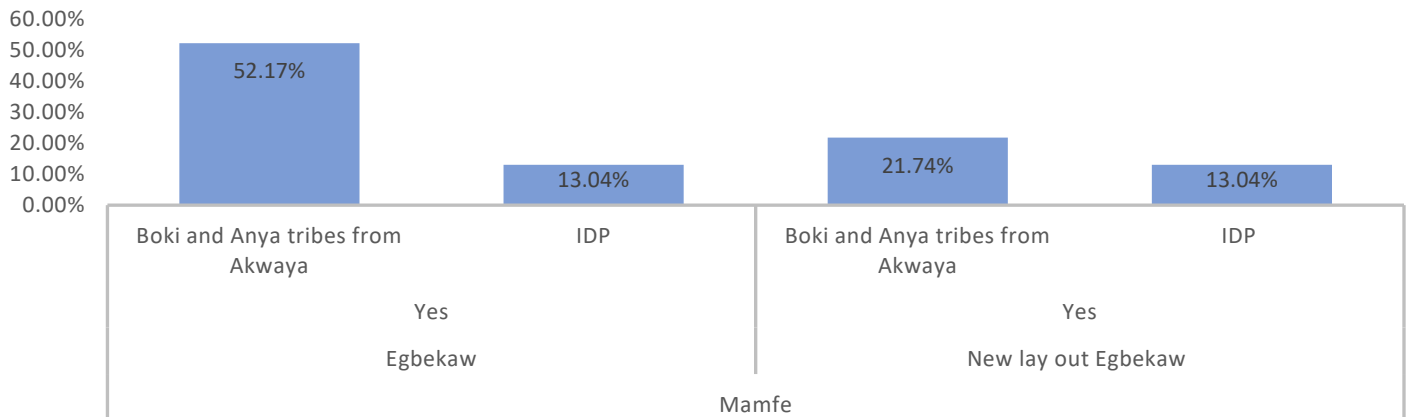
- **On-going:** UN joint mission to Mamfe & Kumba from 22-25 November 2023. Participating agencies: OCHA, UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, FAO, WHO.

**Protection Analysis of the Egbekaw Multi-Cluster/Sector Initial Rapid Assessment (MIRA) results**

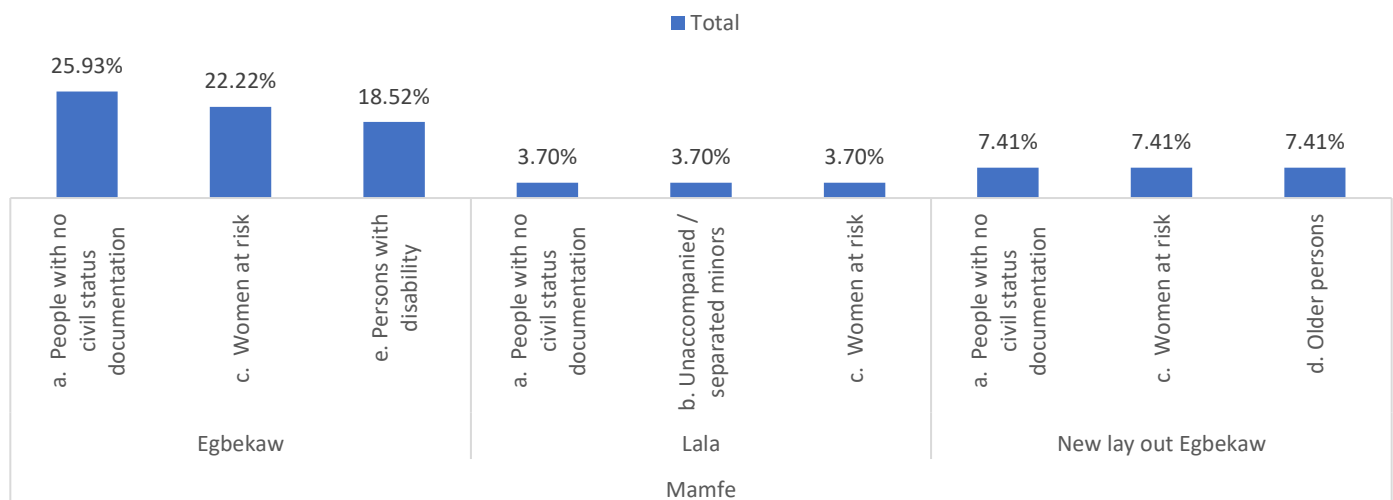
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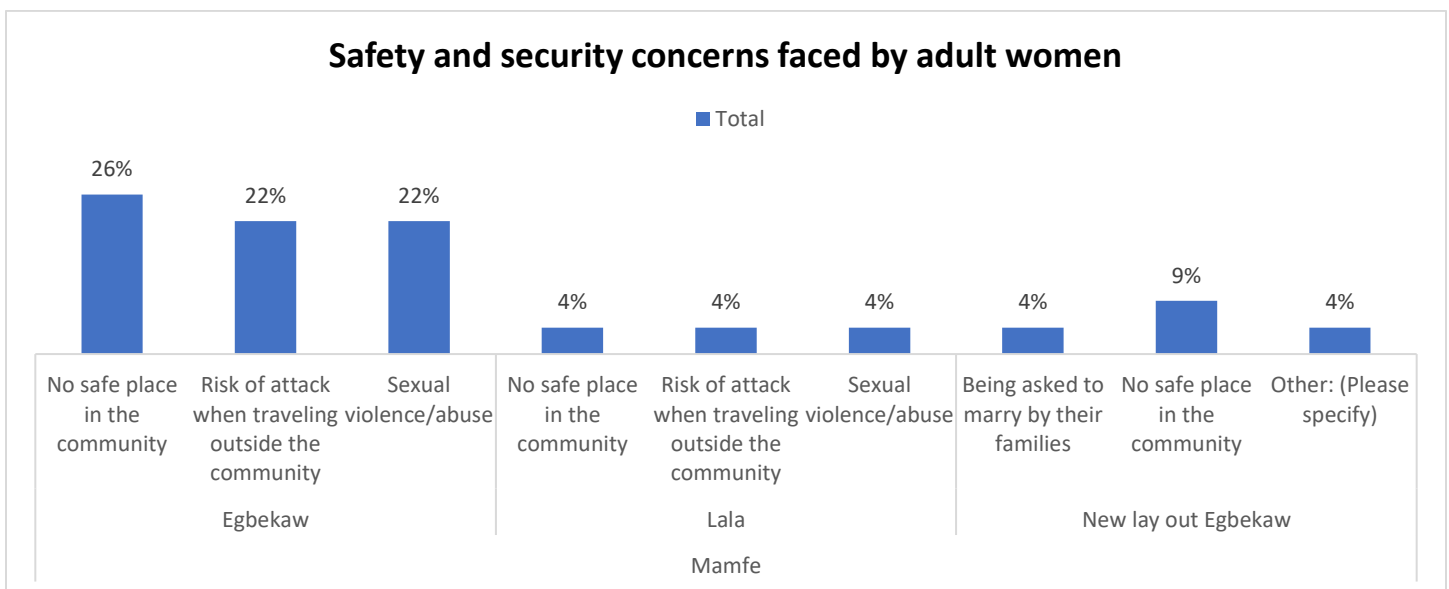
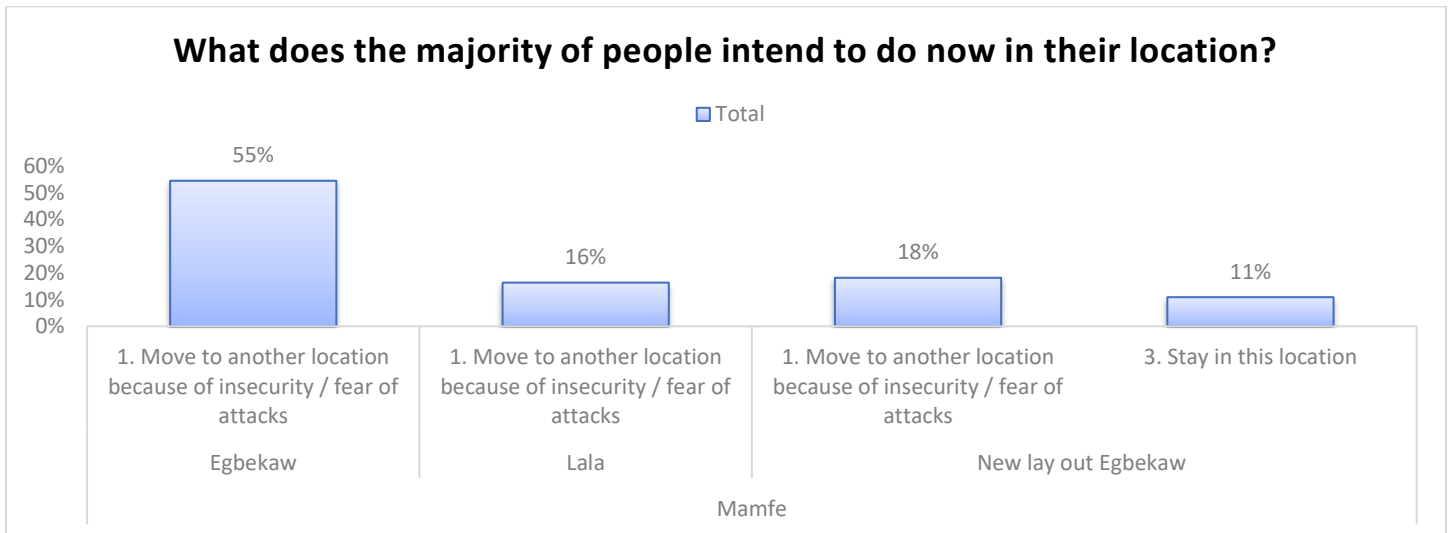
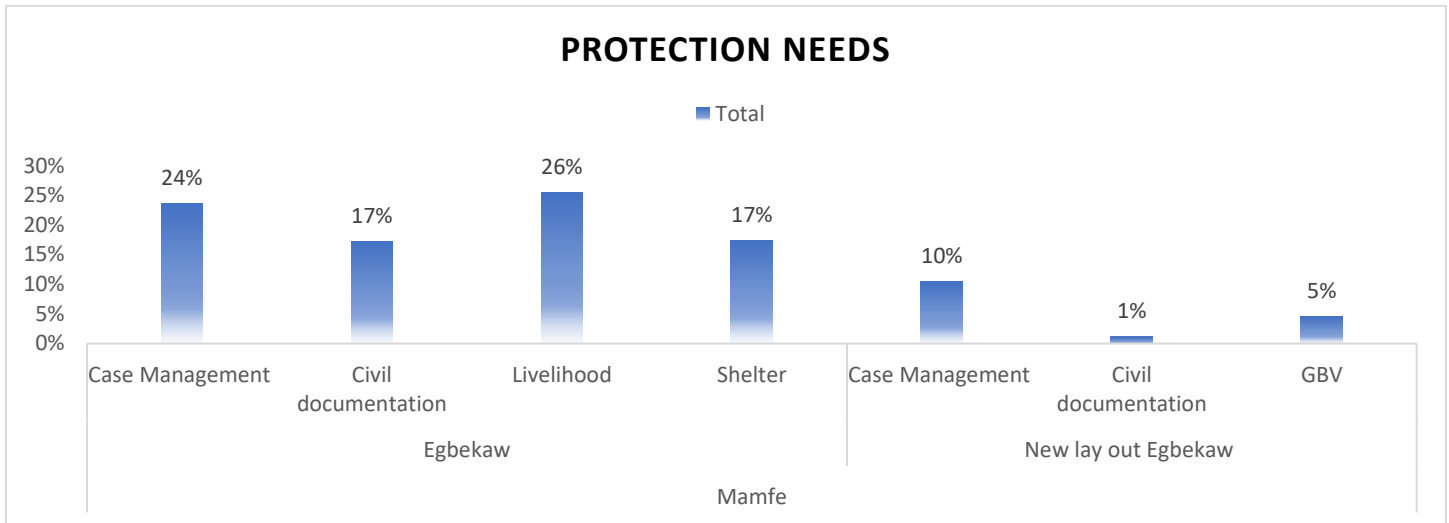


**Groups that are discriminated against**



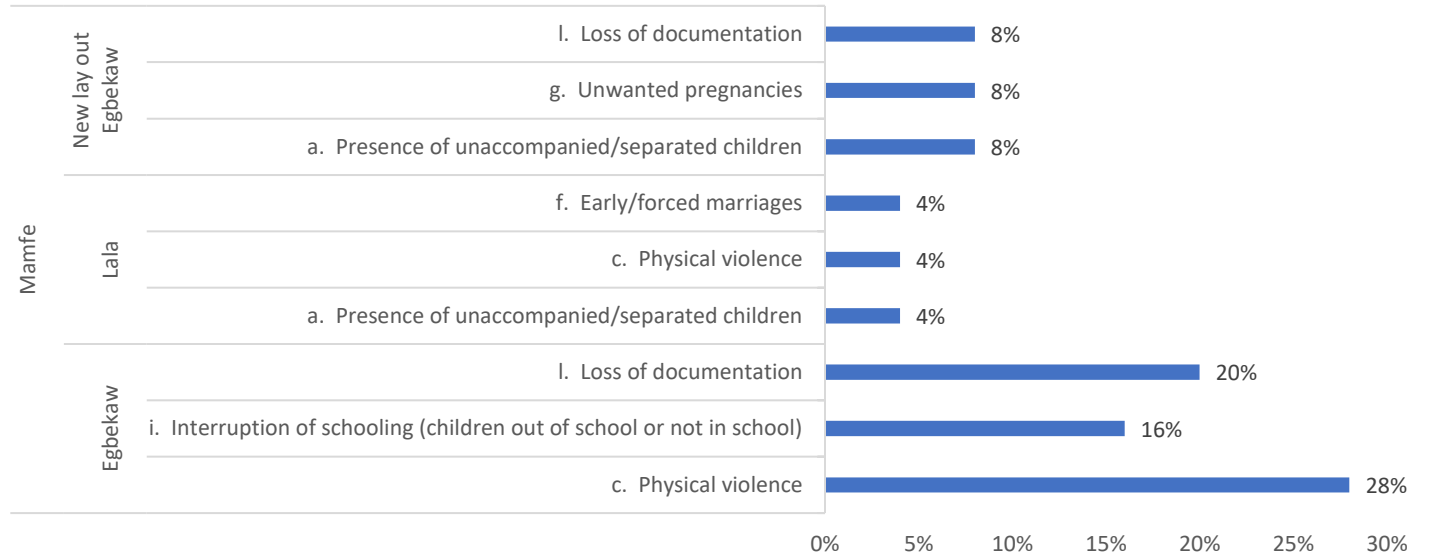
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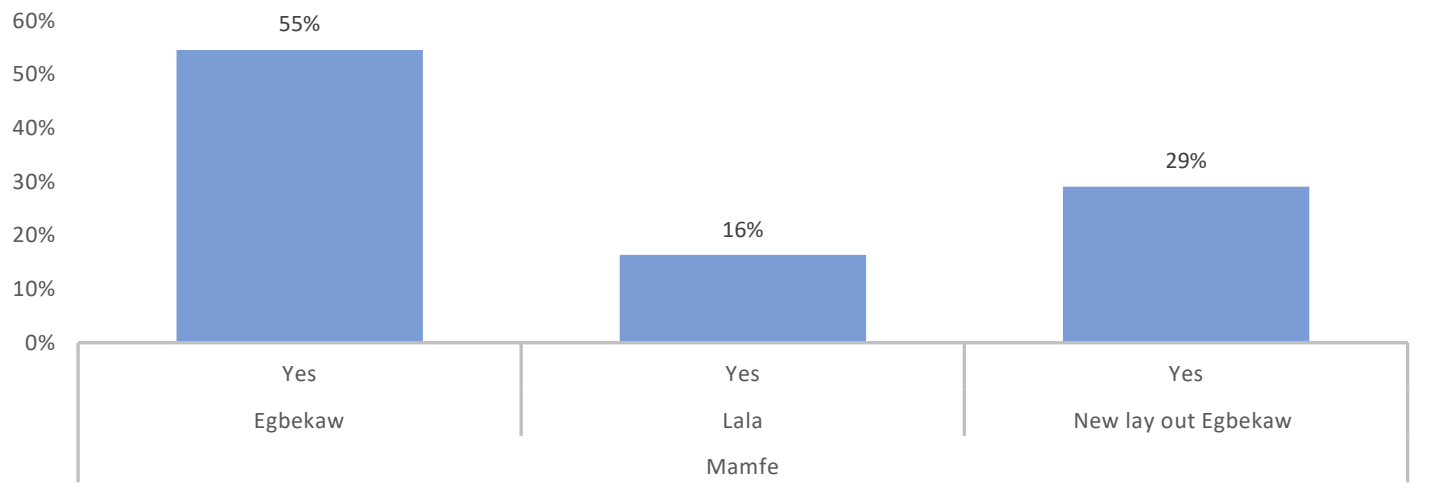




### % Risks faced by children in the community



### % Population particularly vulnerable to mental health issues



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