

### Key Figures



Beneficiaries reached at 31 Aug



People in Need

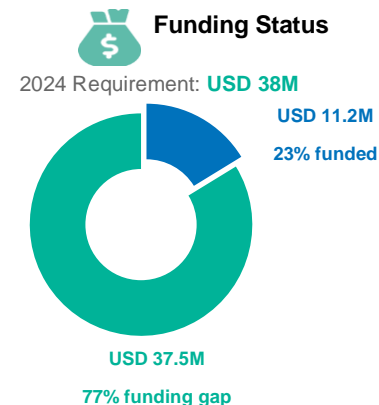
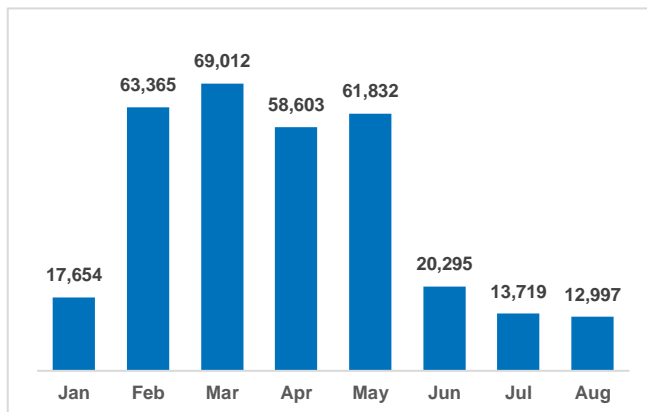


Target population



Partners

Monthly Beneficiaries trend



### Response Overview

In August 2024, the Protection Cluster and its AoRs reached **12, 997 persons** in the North-West and South-West regions with protection services ranging from **legal assistance, individual counselling on HLP related issues, facilitation of access to civil documentation**, to **holistic support to GBV survivors, child-sensitive case management, MHPSS to children** and their caregivers and **protection monitoring**.

Limited partner presence continues to hinder the provision of humanitarian services to meet the most urgent needs, and insecurity and heavy rainfall continue to impede access in both regions.

### Key Highlights

The security situation in NWSW regions remained tense and unpredictable, with various NSAG factions declaring controversial and conflicting periods of prolonged lockdowns aimed at jeopardizing the resumption of schools in the NWSW regions on 9 September.

Abductions for ransom by NSAGs continued to be reported in August, and reprisals against civilians for violating Monday “ghost town” also continue.

In the **SW region, extortion has increased due to the cocoa season**. In Manyu division, the sum of XAF 15M million was reported to have been recovered from NSAGs by State Security Forces. The sum being money extorted by the NSAGs from a community of cocoa farmers.

### Housing, Land & Property

Housing, land, and property rights (HLP) violations remains of significant concern in the NWSW regions.

A recent baseline assessment conducted by NRC in June 2024 identified **forced evictions (22%), encroachment (14%), destruction of property (13%),** and **non-contractual rent increases (10%)** as the primary HLP concerns affecting displaced populations.

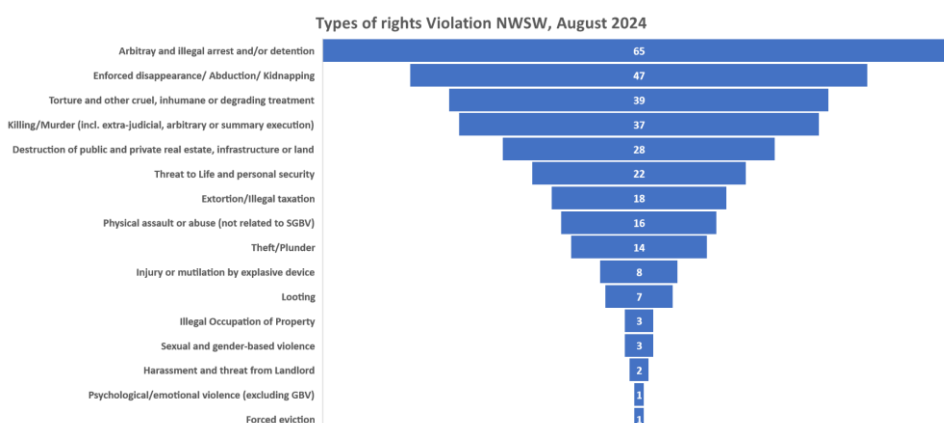
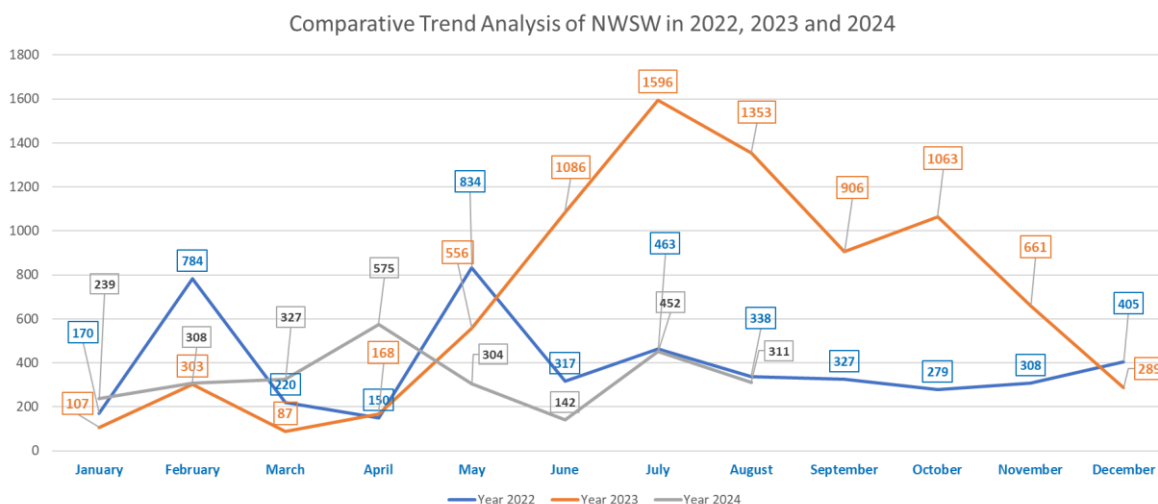
In 2024, HLP partners sought to reach **165,986 individuals** in NWSW with **HLP services** including **awareness-raising, advocacy, counselling,** and **case management**. However, as at mid-year, just a little over **50,000 individuals (30% of the target population)** have been reached, indicating a significant gap in the HLP response in the NWSW regions. Reasons for this include **limited funding** and **implementing partners**.

Despite these challenges, key actors like **NRC, IOM, YADEF, and FGI**, continue to provide **information, counselling, legal assistance, advocacy, and capacity building** to affected populations and key stakeholders, to empower displaced individuals in the NWSW regions to exercise and claim their HLP rights, helping to strengthen their well-being and resilience.

## Protection Monitoring

In August 2024, **311 human rights violations** were recorded in the northwest and southwest regions, bringing to total **2,658 violations** recorded in both regions since January 2024. **Arbitrary arrests and detentions** remain the top violation, as security forces continue to conduct raids and searches in civilian communities. **Enforced disappearances, Torture and other cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment,** made up the top three violations in August.

There is an urgent need for assistance to **victims of torture**. Survivors of such treatment are rarely able to pay their medical bills, and both they and their families require extensive mental health and psychosocial support to heal from the experience.



## Looking Ahead

The Protection Cluster NWSW Cameroon and its AoRs have begun consolidating protection reports and assessments which will be used as secondary data sources for the upcoming Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO). This will ensure that the protection needs of the crisis-affected population are adequately considered in the 2025 HRP.

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