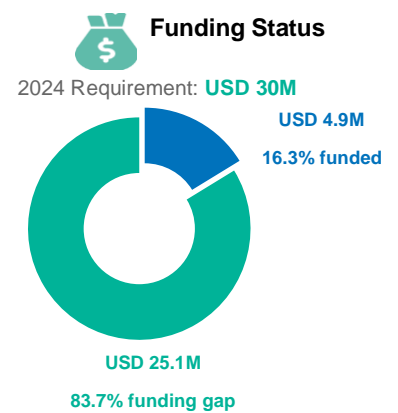
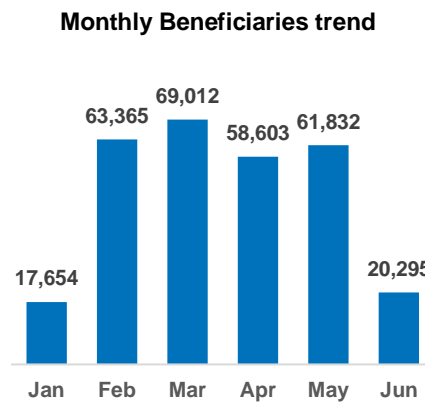
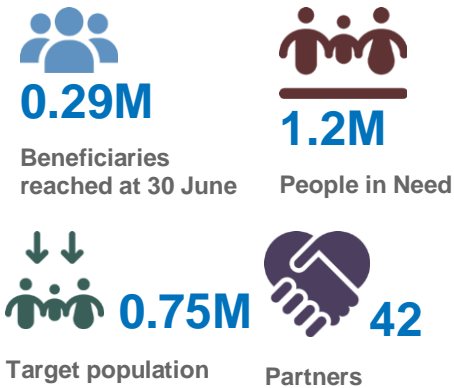


Key Figures



Response Overview

By **June 2024**, protection cluster partners reached a total of **290,761 individuals** in the North-West and South-West regions with Protection, Child Protection, GBV and HLP services. This number represents **38.7%** of the cluster's target population in the 2024 HRP. Funding remains a challenge, with the cluster having received just **16.3%** of its funding requirements for the year.

The **GBV AoR** updated and published **GBV Referral Pathways** for the South-West region and the **Protection Cluster** and **CP AoR** are currently finalizing their service mappings for the development of Protection and Child Protection referral pathways respectively.

The **Protection Cluster trained 40 protection actors** in both regions on Protection in humanitarian action in a bid **to strengthen the capacity of protection actors to identify, mitigate and monitor protection risks affecting vulnerable populations** in the North-West and South-West regions.

Rainy safety messages were also developed to **mitigate protection risks** associated with the rainy season.

Key Highlights

The security situation in the North-West and South-West regions remains restive and unpredictable, with civilians continuing to bear the brunt of the on-going armed conflict and criminal activities.

Access restrictions continue to hamper humanitarian activities, and the humanitarian space is expected to shrink even further as preparations for the 2025 elections gather steam in the regions.

Protection monitoring reports indicate an increasing trend in **arbitrary arrests and detentions** across both regions, and with very few partners carrying out detention monitoring, it is difficult to ascertain whether the affected individuals were able to enjoy their rights to legal assistance.

Illegal taxes, threats to life, abductions and **extra-judiciary killings** continue to be meted out to the civilian population as reprisals for perceived cooperation with either party to the conflict.

Access to civil documentation especially national identity cards for adults remains challenging due to both administrative bottlenecks in some areas, and the absence of related documentation such as birth certificates needed to process the national identity cards.

Child protection issues remain of grave concern, as the number of **unaccompanied and separated children (UASC)** remains high, exposing these children to risks of violence, exploitation and abuse. Child labor and exploitation also remain on the rise as the absence of viable means of livelihoods continues to force parents and caregivers to send children into labor activities. Adolescent girls also remain highly susceptible to **GBV and forced marriage** especially as most of them have been out of school for a long while.

The protracted crisis continues to take its toll on the **mental health** of the affected population including children, and MHPSS practitioners are currently struggling to manage caseloads as civilians increasingly suffer from psychosocial distress.

The deliberate **destruction of properties and infrastructure** has made returns increasingly difficult as several locations lack public infrastructure such as schools, markets, hospitals, and residences. HLP actors continue to sensitize people on their HLP rights and provide trainings on alternate / community dispute mechanisms which help to foster social cohesion and a sense of community.

Looking Ahead

The Protection Cluster NWSW Cameroon and its AoRs will continue to coordinate and support efforts to strengthen the protection environment in the North-West and South-West regions.

Capacity strengthening efforts will continue, and with the recent deployment of the CPIMS, **improved case management for children** in the regions is expected.

Protection monitoring activities will continue across the regions with efforts currently being made to involve **local actors**. This will not only help to expand the coverage areas, but also **strengthen local capacity and encourage localization**.

