

EVENT TRACKING TOOL - COVID-19

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Cameroon • Far North Region



Assessment conducted in affected areas



Assessment conducted through phone calls with key informants



The purpose of the Event Tracking Tool is to gather and provide up-to-date information on events related to COVID-19 registered in DTM Flow Monitoring Points and Points of Entry. This report presents information on movements which occurred on 23 March 2020 in the Mayo-Danay and Logone-et-Chari divisions of the Far North region.

EVENT: IMPACT OF BORDER CLOSURES



AFFECTED POPULATION: 830 individuals stuck at various official and unofficial Points of Entry (PoEs) between Cameroon and Chad.



POINTS OF ENTRY (PoEs): Pont Bongor and Pousse (Mayo-Danay) Iviyé (Logone-et-Chari)



STATUS OF PoEs: Pont Bongor and Pousse: partially closed. Ivyié: closed



MEDICAL MEASURES IN PLACE: Pont Bongor: COVID-19 screening of individuals on the Chadian side of the border



DATE OF EVENT: event took place on 23 March 2020



SETTLEMENT TYPE: Host Community

TRANSPORTATION MODE: Crossing of border by canoe

On 23 March 2020, an estimated 530 individuals wishing to cross the border from Chad to Cameroon and 300 individuals wishing to cross the border from Cameroon to Chad were blocked at three different Points of Entry following the announcement of border closures by the Government of Cameroon which is effective since 18 March 2020.

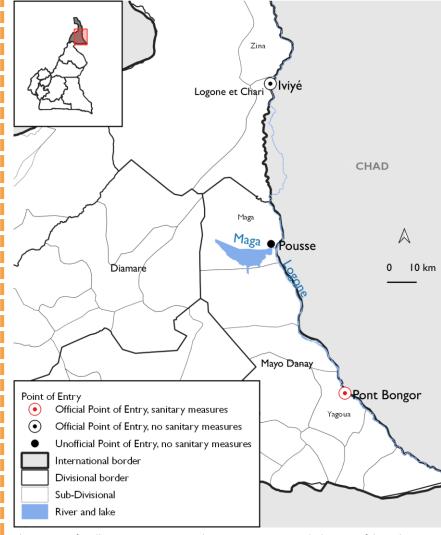
The **Pont Bongor** and **Pousse PoEs** are **partially closed** (only open to allow for crossborder trade and other specific types of movements) whilst the **Iviyé PoE** is **completely closed.**

Medical measures comprised of systematic COVID-19 screening of individuals is currently effective on the Chadian side of the Pont Bongor PoE.

The affected populations stuck at these PoEs are **Chadian and Cameroonian citizens** who were planning to cross the border for work purposes. All of them were planning to cross the border using canoes.

The individuals have no intention to stay and will cross the border as soon as the PoEs reopen. They will find another way to cross if these stay closed. They have found temporary shelter amongst host communities.

They currently do not require any specific type of assistance.



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