

Advancing resilience and sustainability in fragile and conflict-affected settings.

GCCED Fragile States Portfolio 2026

Cameroon — Climate Fragility in Diverse Ecosystems

Snapshot: Population ~28 million | GDP per capita ~US\$1,550 | Fragility context: Climate-affected developing state | Region: Central Africa

Integrated Context

Cameroon spans a wide range of ecological zones, from Sahelian drylands in the north to dense tropical forests in the south. This diversity makes the country particularly exposed to multiple and overlapping climate risks. In recent years, climate variability has intensified drought conditions in northern regions, while flooding and land degradation are affecting central and southern areas.

At the same time, conflict and displacement in parts of the country have weakened local systems for managing land and natural resources. In affected regions, environmental pressures and instability often reinforce one another, reducing the ability of communities to adapt.

Building climate resilience in Cameroon therefore requires region-specific approaches that reflect local ecological conditions. This includes restoring degraded ecosystems, promoting sustainable land use, and strengthening the institutions responsible for managing forests, water, and agricultural systems.

Key Climate and Environmental Challenges

- Drought and desertification in northern regions
- Forest loss and land degradation in central and southern areas
- Flooding in major river basins and low-lying zones
- Limited climate planning and institutional capacity

GCCED Engagement Priorities

- Supporting ecosystem restoration and landscape management initiatives
- Promoting climate-smart and sustainable agricultural practices
- Strengthening governance of forests, land, and water resources
- Advancing regionally tailored climate adaptation planning

Strategic Note

Cameroon's climate resilience depends on recognizing its ecological diversity and responding with locally adapted solutions. Strengthening governance, restoring ecosystems, and improving coordination across regions will be essential to managing climate risks effectively.

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