

**Question for written answer E-002401/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Food insecurity in the Cameroon's far north region

The number of people facing food insecurity in Cameroon's far north region has more than doubled since June 2015. Some 1.4 million individuals are now estimated to be food insecure which accounts for over one third of the region's population. Some 200 000 people are facing severe food insecurity, which is an increase of 300 per cent since June 2015. The Cameroon's far north region has faced Boko Haram attacks since 2013. The Logone and Chari division is one of the administrative areas along Cameroon's border with Nigeria that have suffered repeated Boko Haram attacks. A November 2015 government assessment revealed a cereal deficit of about 50 000 metric tons compared to population needs in the division. The situation is becoming more serious as insecurity and access restrictions often hamper regular supply to remote areas and several health facilities have been closed down owing to a lack of security. In 2016, it is estimated that over 150 000 children under five and more than 30 000 mothers will need emergency nutrition assistance.

What is the Commission's opinion on the need to provide protection and assistance to 325 000 refugees and internally displaced persons in Cameroon, as this situation could continue to deteriorate?