



IEDA Relief Report Cameroun
Ramadan Celebration at Gado-Badzere Site
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Summary

Every year *Barka da Sala* "Worldwide Celebration of Ramadan" is celebrated after a long period of fasting for Muslims. IEDA Relief leads community service activities at Gado Badzere in the Eastern Region of Cameroon and helped organize *Barka da Sala* to help the refugees from CAR enjoy the hospitality and offer a warm welcome from their host community in Cameroon.



Introduction

At the end of Ramadan, IEDA Relief wishes "Barka da sala" to all faithful Muslims. IEDA Relief and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and other partners were responsible for organizing the event to celebrate the end of Ramadan at the site of Gado Badzere. The goal of the event was to strengthen the ties between refugees and the host community, and celebrate among the faithful without distinction of origin or nationality.

The Celebration of Eid Mubarak

The Gado Badzere site hosts 22,224 refugees from the Central African Republic (CAR) with 13,126 in Gado One and 9,098 in Gado Two according to the latest UNHCR data. The Bororo community is predominantly Muslim and constitutes more than 75% of the refugees at the site.

Ramadan begins at the end of June and lasts for 29 days of fasting. The end of Ramadan culminates in the celebration of Eid Mubarak and encourages social cohesion and peaceful coexistence between refugees and the host community. Both social cohesion and peaceful coexistence are focuses in IEDA Relief's projects regarding protection and durable solutions for Central African and Nigerian refugees.

With the support of the UNHCR and all partners involved, IEDA Relief brought together more than 750 children and 1,885 youths in this Community Service Activity at the site. During the celebration the Bororo community held traditional dances such as the "bandere", one of the oldest traditional Bororo dances.

Through celebrations like the one at Gado Badzere, IEDA Relief continues to show its commitment as a close partner of the refugees for whom the field teams are working every day to improve their living conditions and social well-being.

IEDA Relief thanks the UNHCR and the Field Officer of Meiganga who continues to support the team in their activities, and especially for their unconditional support of the refugees at the Gado Badzere site.

Photos of the Event



The Bororo « Danedjo » celebrating, and performing a dance.





IEDA Relief organized the event with their partners at the Gado-Bazere site.