SURVEY OF SOUTHERN CAMEROONIANS

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VOICES
OF
REFUGEES
**Root cause of armed conflict**

- Failed decolonization: 55.09%
- Marginalization: 28.35%
- Assimilation: 16.17%
- Other (please specify): 1.80%
- Western imperialism: 0.06%

*55.1% vs. 48% for all Southern Cameroonians

**THE RESULTS SUGGESTS THE REFUGEES HAVE AN EVEN STRONGER PREFERENCE FOR INDEPENDENCE AS THE BEST FORM OF STATE**

Q17 In your opinion, which form of State for Southern Cameroons is most likely to satisfactorily address the root cause of this armed conflict?

- Full independence: 98.8%
- Government-sponsored “Special status”: 1.2%
- Decentralized state within: 0%
- Current status: 0%
- Federal state within: 0%
- Confederal state with: 0%

*98.8% vs. 86% for all Southern Cameroonians

- *98.8% of refugees chose full independence as the best form of state to address root cause of conflict
- 0% chose federation
- 0% selected confederation
- Only 1.2% chose Government-sponsored “Special status"
EVEN MORE REFUGEES PREFER A UN-MANDATED BODY AS BEST MEDIATOR OF CONFLICT

90.4%

- 90.4% prefer a UN-mandated body (vs. 80%)
- 7.8% prefer Swiss-backed negotiations (vs. 9%)
- 0.6% prefer the AU as a mediator (vs. 3%)
- 0% think the Government of Cameroon is a good mediator (vs. 1%)

*REFUGEES HAVE AN EVEN STRONGER PREFERENCE (94.61%) FOR AN INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY SYSTEM BASED ON COMMON LAW

94.6%

- 94.61% prefer an independent judiciary system based on common law (vs. 87%)
- Another 4.79% chose common law system controlled by central government (vs. 10%)
- 0.6% chose a judiciary system with civil law controlled by central government (vs. 2%).

*94.6% vs. 87% for all Southern Cameroonians
Like the rest of Southern Cameroonianians, the Refugee population prefer a newly developed educational system or and Anglo-Saxon Educational system.

*98.8% of the refugee population rejected the CFA franc as their currency

*98.8% vs. 95% for all Southern Cameroonianians
MOST REFUGEES WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE THEIR ELDERLY STATESMEN AND WOMEN PLAY A MORE ACTIVE ADVISORY ROLE

- 77.8% would like Elderly statesmen and women to play a more active role to end the armed conflict (vs. 73%)
- 61.7% prefer a more active advisory role (vs 52%)
- 20.4% want them to take an active role in negotiations (vs 21%)
- Only 7.8% preferred a leadership role for them (vs 9%).

MOST REFUGEES ALSO PREFER A LOCALLY CONTROLLED POLICE FORCE AND NO GENDARMES

Q26 What type of Policeforce would you like to see in Southern Cameroons?

Q27 Should the Gendarmes be allowed in Southern Cameroons?

*85% vs. 80% for all Southern Cameroonians

*98.8% vs. 96% for all Southern Cameroonians
**MOST REFUGEES WOULD PREFER THEIR TRADITIONAL LEADERS TO SERVE ONLY AS CUSTODIANS OF CULTURE AND TRADITIONS**

*79% vs. 47% for all Southern Cameroonians*

- *Unlike the general Southern Cameroonian population, the refugees mostly prefer their chiefs to be custodians of culture & traditions*
- *Very few refugees expect Chiefs to be active in politics.*
KEY CONCLUSIONS

1. The results clearly and unambiguously indicate a strong preference for independence and greater autonomy in their choices for type of legal system, educational system and security.

2. These trends are robust across multiple segments of society – by age, gender, country of residence, level of education and others.

3. Multiple Correspondence Analysis (MCA) shows a strong correlation between the desire for full independence and preferences for the legal, economic, educational systems and the type of policing the respondents wish for.