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*Please note with all due respect that the research design is still under process.
The paper will be submitted in the upcoming weeks.*

Thank you.

ABSTRACT

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The increasing number of urban households affected by food insecurity (10.5% according to the Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis, 2017) has prompted Cameroon's governance scheme to engage in a gradual process of diversifying and decentralizing sectorial policies and strategies from the centre to the periphery; hence organizing territories according to spatial distribution. The current socio-political crisis along with various security threats that the country has been facing during the last decade has led to an urban substantial congestion. The influx of urban refugees and internally displaced populations have massively occupied peri-urban areas, previously dominated by various local actors implementing strategies to resorb food insecurity. This paper attempts to depict the structures, arrangements and population dynamics that come play amid this new trend in regional planning. It seeks to explore its variety and social implications, that is, how it influences interactions between population groups. Field observation and structured interviews make up the methodological

framework of this study. Preliminary research findings show that responsive actions undertaken embrace different forms, both endemic and systemic, in the short and long term. They also result in positive and negative effects on inter-territorial relationships, ranging from collective action and networking to competition, social tensions and cultural resentment.