



In the Central African Republic (CAR), the UN Refugee Agency provides **protection and multi-sectorial assistance to refugees**. As leading agency of three Clusters, namely Protection / Shelter and NFI / Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCCM) UNHCR **coordinates live-saving protection and assistance activities for internally displaced persons (IDPs)**. In close collaboration with other humanitarian actors UNHCR is responding to the recent escalation of the civil conflict in CAR that has displaced an estimated 838,000 persons in the country and forced over 86,000 persons to seek refuge in neighboring countries since March 2013.

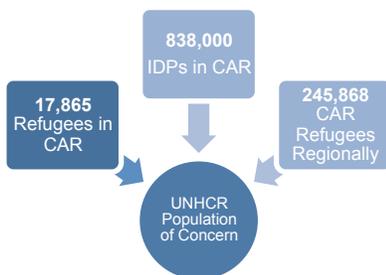
Operational Highlights

- **UNHCR Response to the L3 Emergency:** UNHCR deployed an emergency team of 25 international staff, including senior staff to coordinate the Protection, Shelter/NFI and Camp Coordination/Camp Management Clusters. In terms of logistic capacity, UNHCR has brought 15 vehicles including 5 trucks to transport NFIs and dispatch these throughout the country. UNHCR has in place the means to cover around 44% of the NFI needs estimated in the Strategic Response Plan.
- **Increasing Presence in CAR:** UNHCR continues to reinforce its presence throughout CAR, particularly in the northwest in the town of Bossangoa where ten staff have been deployed to underpin UNHCR's office protection and response capacity. UNHCR is also present in Zémio, and Paoua, and is reopening its offices in Kaga-Bandoro and Bambari. Roving teams are extending protection via presence and covering the northwest and southwest, in particular the towns of Boccaranga, Bouar, Bozoum, Batalimo and M'Baiki.
- **Accompanying and monitoring returns:** The Protection and CCCM Clusters continue to monitor return intentions in Bangui and in the northwest. A task force including UN agencies and NGOs has been set up to initiate humanitarian activities to reinforce conditions for return. A key intervention is the construction of "Safe Havens" to shelter people in their own neighborhood during incidents of insecurity. A pilot project is currently under construction in the 5th Arrondissement.
- **Joint NFI and Food Distribution:** Between 7 - 30 January, UNHCR together with COOPI and WFP, have assisted more than 14,700 households comprised of an estimated 73,000 at the M'Poko Airport Site and another 19,500 households have been assisted in 15 urban IDP sites (12 in Bangui and 3 in Bossangoa) as well as in villages in the Bossongoa-Bouca axis.

Populations of Concern

Refugee/Asylum-Seeker Countries of Origin in CAR	
Country of Origin	Population
DRC	12,546
Sudan	2,683*
Chad	1,862*
OTHERS	552
TOTAL	17,865

*Numbers have and will continue reduce due to repatriations.



Internally Displaced Persons

838,000*
IDPs in Central African Republic (estimated)

413,094* in **66** Sites
Located in Bangui

* Figures provided by the Commission Mouvement de Population and published weekly (every Tuesday).

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

Partner	Area of Intervention
Partners working with Refugees (Bangui and Camps of Bambari, Batalimo and Zémio)	
CNR	Government refugee counterpart working in Protection, status determination and registration.
COOPI	Working in the three refugee camps of CAR. Food Security Assistance to vulnerable individuals; Income Generating Activity
CSSI	Providing healthcare, HIV/AIDS prevention, SGBV prevention and identification, food security, education and community services in all three camps.
International Medical Corps	Providing health, HIV, SGBV, WASH in all three camps.
Partners working with IDPs	
Central African Red Cross	Assisting with NFI distribution in Bangui sites.
Danish Refugee Council	Protection monitoring and SGBV of rural areas of CAR.
Premiere Urgence-AMI	Undertaking site management at M'Poko airport site, coordinating humanitarian efforts, preventing duplication and improving communication with those residing in the site.
Local Radios	To broadcast reconciliatory messages in Ouham Province and Bangui.

UNHCR OPERATION IN CAR (USD) in 2014

Country	2014 Approved Budget	Additional Requirements	Total Budget in USD Million
CAR	24,355,141	28,174,236	52.5*
Chad	197,069,508	2,566,390	199.6
Congo	29,948,467	1,500,000	31.4
DRC	176,969,980	5,000,000	181.9
Cameroon	25,010,536	-	25,010,536

* The total Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) for Central African Republic.

Gap
100%
USD
54.5Mi

FUNDING GAP



This
operation
is 0%
Funded

NB: CERF provided USD 1,3 Mi in December 2013 that will be implemented in 2014.

PRELIMINARY ACHIEVEMENTS



Protection Cluster Lead: UNHCR / Co-Facilitator: DRC

- **5th Arrondissement Pilot Project:** A “safe haven” that has the capacity to host around 3,000 persons is currently being built with ACTED support. The 200 youths employed to build this first pilot haven are part of an effort to engage idle youth in income generating activities. Another group of youth are working in WASH activities such as draining the 5th Arrondissement canal.
- **Community Reconciliation:** The Danish Refugee Council, through its partnership with UNHCR, continues to conduct social cohesion and community reconciliation activities such as facilitating and mediating meetings between religious leaders in the 3rd and 4th arrondissement. In the 5th, the Peace and Reconciliation Committee that has been set up meets on a regular basis.
- **Population at imminent risk:** The Protection Cluster compiles data gathered from members on a daily basis on the situations of populations at imminent risk. The Cluster uses this information to advocate for immediate physical protection needs with the international forces as well as to facilitate mediation through political and civil society. Recently, the Protection Coordinator briefed the SRSG on the situation of the populations at imminent risk.
- **Protection in the northwest:** A Sub-National Protection Cluster has been activated in the town of Bossangoa. This sub-national Cluster is preparing a Protection Strategy and organizing a calendar of missions to ensure protection by presence.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management Cluster Lead: UNHCR / Co-Facilitator: IOM

- **New Partnership:** As UNHCR's IP, *Premiere-Urgence-AMI* has officially started as site management agency at the M'Poko airport site. They are coordinating humanitarian resources, preventing duplication of activities, and improving communication with those residing in the site.
- **UNHCR Capacity Building of Site Facilitators:** UNHCR's CCCM Cluster Capacity Building staff has organized a workshop for 46 IOM Site Facilitators. Their training covered: CCCM Basics, roles and responsibilities in site management, security, communication, community-participation and the life-cycle of a camp.
- **Site Profiles:** 63 CCCM site profiles have been prepared for the various displacement sites in Bangui by the 42 site facilitators who regularly monitor and report on needs collect information.



Shelter and Non-Food Item Cluster Lead: UNHCR / Co-Facilitator: ACTED

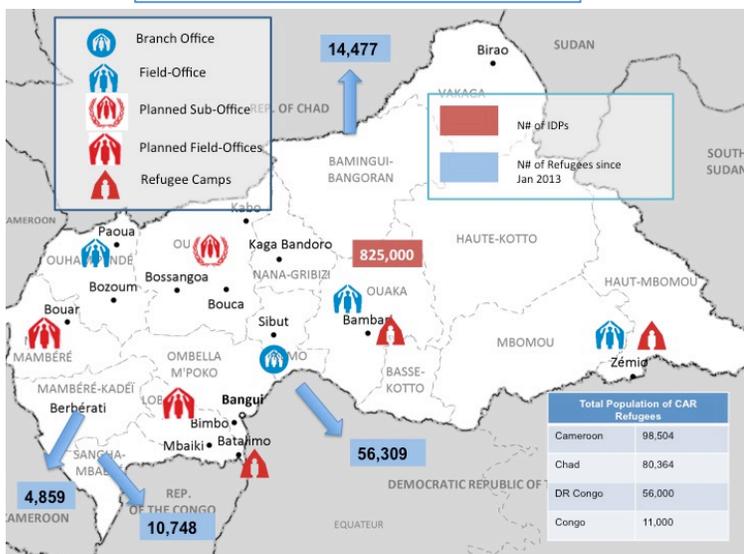
- **Assistance in the Northwest:** 200 households have been assisted with NFI in Lando village (Bossangoa - Bouca axis). Assessments are on-going on other axis that might need immediate assistance.
- **Community Shelter in Bangui:** PU-AMI, ACTED and Solidarités International, are building community shelter (size 9,170m²). This project aims to assist 75,000 individual IDPs in Bangui.
- **Increase in distribution of soap in Bangui M'Poko Airport:** In coordination with the WASH cluster, a decision was taken to upgrade the number of soap distributed to four (4) per family in Bangui and (6) per family for rural area. Previously this number was two (2) per family in Bangui.



Multi-Sector Assistance to Refugees and Stranded Migrants in CAR

- **Care and Maintenance:** UNHCR manages three refugee camps: Bambari (Sudanese Refugees); Batalimo (DRC Refugees) and Zémio (DRC Refugees). Recently, new partnerships have been finalized with COOPI (food security and community services) and International Medical Corps (health care) to improve services in these three camps.
- **Repatriations:** Over 420 Congolese urban refugees have registered for voluntary repatriation. Additionally, a UNHCR assessment mission visited the Congolese refugees of Batalimo camp where around 6,000 refugees wish to return home. So far, UNHCR has repatriated 204 Refugees to Sudan and Chad.

OPERATION MAP



STAFFING

Location	Nat.	Int.		Current Total
		Int. Staff	EM Staff	
Bangui	24	8	17	49
Bambari	3			3
Bossangoa	4		8	12
Kaga Bandoro				
Paoua	4	1		5
Zémio	5	1		6
Total	40	10	25	75

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