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CAR CRISIS

IOM REGIONAL RESPONSE

SITUATION REPORT | 26 August – 8 September 2014



Youth attending a workshop on painting, Bangui. (Photo: IOM CAR)

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Central African Republic (CAR):

The political situation in CAR remains relatively calm as the country prepares for the handover to the UN mission on 15 September. The security situation in Bangui is tense, but remains fairly calm despite shots being fired at night in certain districts. Fighting continues among ex-Seleka factions in Bambari. Anti-Balaka groups also clashed internally near Bambari during the reporting period.

There are currently **174,394 internally displaced persons (IDPs)** in CAR, of which **65,024** hosted in less than **37 sites** in Bangui (Source: OCHA Snapshot). Displacements continue out of Batangafo, Bambari and Boda.

CAR Operations

CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

During the reporting period, IOM registered **26 new IDP households** in Kabo. As of 6 September, there are 939 IDPs in Kabo and 1,885 in Moyen Sido living at IDP sites and with host families.

Health: Between 26 August and 8 September, IOM's mobile health clinic conducted **543 medical consultations** at the RDOT military camp in Bangui. Malaria, respiratory infections, dermatosis and intestinal parasites continue to be the most common ailments.

COMMUNITY STABILIZATION AND EARLY RECOVERY FOR AT-RISK COMMUNITIES

IOM's Community Stabilization Unit held a painting and drawing workshop from 24 to 30 August at the Maison des Jeunes in the fifth arrondissement. **30 children** from the surrounding neighbourhood participated and worked with four local artists to

HIGHLIGHTS

CAR: In an effort to promote social cohesion in CAR, IOM supported the *Compagnie Artistique Assoungba Système* to organize a "mega-concert" in Bangui, on 30 August.

CHAD: On 26 August, the third IOM charter flight transporting **44 vulnerable Chadian returnees** who were stranded in the Republic of Congo arrived at the N'Djamena International Airport.

create drawings of peace. They also worked in groups to write songs about peace, and one group performed at the "mega-concert" on 30 August.

As part of its effort to promote social cohesion in CAR, IOM supported the *Compagnie Artistique Assoungba Système* to organize a "mega-concert" including local comedian and performer Dr. Mandjeke, dance group 'Zeke ti be Africa' as well as other traditional dancers, comedians, and musicians in Bangui's fifth arrondissement. Between 500 and 700 people attended the "mega-concert" on 30 August, held at a local community centre. An organizer said that it was important for musicians, dancers, and comedians in CAR to share their art with people in order to promote peace.



Comedian Dr Mandjeke performs at the Mega-Concert, Bangui. (Photo: IOM CAR)



Flooded house in Am-Timan, Chad. Photo: IOM Chad)

REGISTRATION AND REINSERTION OF EX-SELEKA

On 1 September, IOM organized the first CAR government-led convoy transferring **239 ex-Seleka** from precarious conditions in Bangui to their communities of return, notably Sibut, Kaga Bandoro and Kabo. Before departing, all members of the ex-Seleka group were registered by IOM staff and those traveling were medically screened by IOM medical staff prior to departure. While special arrangements were made for a select number of vulnerable cases, all were provided with food and water provisions as well as security throughout the return journey. About 2,200 former ex-Seleka members and their families have been identified and assisted across three military camps in Bangui, where they have been voluntarily cantoned since January 2014. Due to the security situation, these ex-Seleka elements could not access basic services and have been living in very difficult conditions with significant protection constraints.

At the request of the Government of CAR and in coordination with the *Mission multidimensionnelle intégrée des Nations unies pour la stabilisation en Centrafrique* (MINUSCA), which undertook the disarmament of the group, IOM has thus far facilitated the voluntary return of the first group of ex-Seleka elements to areas outside Bangui following consultations and sensitization campaigns with communities of destinations. The process, supported by the UN Peacebuilding Fund, aims to reduce conflict and promote peaceful solutions to all conflict-affected groups. IOM will continue to evaluate options along with partners in the government, UN Mission and the humanitarian community for those wishing to disarm and return home.

CHAD Operations

CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

The Global CCCM Cluster, co-led by IOM, together with its partner agencies are organizing **three training sessions** on camp coordination and camp management targeting site managers and partners, including local non-governmental organizations and UN agencies working in transit and temporary sites. The first training will take place in Goré from 10 to 12 September. The remaining training sessions are scheduled to take place in the coming weeks in Maro and N'Djamena.

From 25 to 27 August, IOM together with OCHA conducted a rapid needs assessment mission in Am-Timan, in the Salamat region following devastating flooding in the area. The mission

was to assess the needs of the affected population and identify the Chadian returnees that were transported by IOM at the beginning of the crisis from the local population. A sample of the population in Am-Timan was registered and participated in the profiling exercises. Key findings show an urgent need of shelters, food items, and Non-Food Items such as mosquito nets, and mats.

IOM has temporarily suspended its relocation activities from Doyaba and Sido transit sites to Maigama temporary sites at the request of the coordinator of the Shelter/CCCM cluster following a field assessment mission to the transit and temporary sites in southern Chad. The coordinator recommended halting IOM relocation activities as the provision of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene services were not fully established on destination sites, therefore not satisfying minimum Sphere standards. Relocation activities are set to restart once conditions and standards are met.

Registration of Chadian returnees, CAR-claiming nationals and other third country national (TCNs) in temporary and transit sites in Chad still continues. The new Kobiteye site - where around 3,791 returnees, CAR-claiming nationals and TCNs were either forcibly relocated by the Government of Chad (GoC) from the closed Doba transit site or arrived at the new site on their own - needs to be established according to Sphere standards. On 8 September, IOM sent a team to the new site to identify and register those who previously resided in the Doba site, as well as to identify how many shelters need to be constructed to accommodate the 3,791 individuals.

As of 8 September, IOM together with partners have registered a total of **113,143 returnees, CAR-claiming nationals and TCNs** who fled the violence in CAR; 60,671 are residing in temporary and transit sites in Sido (17,316), Doyaba (12,754), Danamadja (11,292), Maigama (5,784), Gaoui (4,252), Mbitoye (4,065), Kobiteye (3,791) and Djako (1,417).

HEALTH ASSISTANCE

IOM will extend the provision of health assistance from its Gaoui temporary clinic until the end of November. Furthermore, IOM reinforced its medical team with another nurse, and a new doctor to assist with medical consultations at the site. From 25 to 29 August, consultations were conducted for **231 individuals** for medical cases including malaria, diarrhoea, intestinal parasites, trauma, and conjunctivitis. Additionally, 54 women received pre and post natal care.

EVACUATION ASSISTANCE

On 26 August, the third IOM charter flight transporting **44 vulnerable Chadian returnees** who fled the Central African Republic Crisis and who were stranded in the Republic of Congo arrived at the N'Djamena International Airport. As per the previous arrivals on 24 and 25 August, IOM teams registered the returnees upon arrival at the airport in N'Djamena and provided them with food and water. As requested by GoC, IOM organized onward transportation for the returnees from the Republic of Congo to Djako temporary site the same day that they arrived.

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Arrival of the Third Road Convoy of Chadian Migrants.

(Photo: IOM Chad)



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