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SITUATION REPORT | 14 - 27 April 2015



Participants of a workshop focusing on non-conflict resolution, Bangui (Photo: IOM CAR)

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Central African Republic (CAR): As of 27 April, there are **166,972 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)** in CAR, including **43,592 people** in Bangui (Source: Commission for Population Movement).

During the reporting period, the security situation was generally calm, but retained its unpredictability. A police strike was held in Bangui in response to persistent urban crime. In Batangafo, MINUSCA (*Mission multidimensionnelle intégrée des Nations unies pour la stabilisation en Centrafrique*) operations managed to secure control of the city. MINUSCA dismantled anti-Balaka checkpoints and occupied administrative buildings controlled by the ex-Seleka.

CAR Operations

CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

In Kabo and Moyenne Sido, **3,605 IDPs** continue to be monitored by IOM who are residing in IDP sites in addition to **5,200 IDPs** staying with host families. In addition, IOM is working closely with local authorities to monitor **3,400 registered returnees** from Chad, including **40 households** who are being hosted in IDP sites in Kabo. In addition to monitoring the registered IDPs, IOM has provided Non-Food Items (NFI) kits, rehabilitated their homes, regularly maintained WASH

HIGHLIGHTS

CAR: IOM distributed **293 NFI kits** to **293 IDP households** in Moyenne Sido.

CHAD: During the reporting period, IOM's psychosocial team worked with **87 women** in returnee sites in Gore.

CAMEROON: During the reporting period, IOM conducted food distributions in Kentzou and Garoua Boulai.

facilities, and held activities and events prompting social cohesion.

On 23 April, the city of Moyenne Sido was hit by a severe storm which affected over **700 households** (3,500 individuals) including **141 newly built IDP households**. These newly built housing units were damaged by falling trees. In response, IOM is currently working with the IDP community to rehabilitate the walls and roofs of the damaged homes.

IOM continues to monitor the IDP site facilitation and

management activities through the local Red Cross Society chapters. Between 14 and 27 April, IOM conducted regular verification and re-registration exercises of IDPs and returnees to ensure accurate figures on beneficiaries for food and NFI distributions.

In addition, IOM continues to produce bi-weekly DTM reports including IDP needs, community meetings, site infrastructures, facility cleaning and clearing, advocacy and coordination meetings, and direct assistance to IDPs.

SOCIAL COHESION AND LIVELIHOODS

Over the course of the reporting period, IOM provided technical assistance with the construction of houses in the Peace Villages in Kabo and Moyenne Sido. To date, **468 houses** out of a planned 671 have been constructed.

Moreover, IOM is working with IDPs and host communities in events involving youth and women empowerment groups, mayors and traditional authorities. In addition to weekly meetings involving IDPs and host community members, from 16 to 18 April, IOM organized a workshop on social cohesion, conflicts prevention, mitigation and resolution aiming at mapping potential and existing conflicts and revitalizing existing and non-violent resolution mechanisms at community level with **44 participants** from both Kabo and Moyenne Sido. The participants in the workshops discussed on conflict within their communities as well as traditional, non-violent conflict resolution mechanisms and how they could apply them within their communities.

NFI DISTRIBUTIONS

During the reporting period, IOM distributed **293 NFI kits** to **239 IDP households** (1,465 individuals) in Moyenne Sido. The NFI kits consisted of kitchen sets, tarps, mats, bed covers, mosquito nets, soaps, jerry cans, and buckets. The Moyenne Sido IDP site currently hosts **2,429 IDPs**.

WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH)

As part of IOM's ongoing maintenance in the Kabo and Moyenne Sido IDP sites, IOM repaired **three boreholes** in Moyenne Sido (2) and Kabo (1) using materials donated by UNICEF. To date, a total of **3,816 IDPs** are benefitting from IOM's on-going maintenance of WASH facilities.

CHAD Operations

RETURNEE VERIFICATION AND REGISTRATION

There are **64,218 returnees** living in **seven sites** in N'Djamena and the south of the country. During the reporting period, IOM identified **1,098 returnees** in the Sido transit site expressing interest to be relocated to the Maigama temporary site.

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

During the reporting period, IOM's psychosocial team worked with **87 women** in returnee sites in Gore (Danamadja and Kobitoye temporary sites) and Maro (Sido transit sites). The women, split into smaller groups, discussed a number of topics including peaceful coexistence. Of these women, **five** were referred to the Association for the Promotion of Fundamental Freedom for legal assistance.

In Gore, the psychosocial team conducted **four home visits** to returnees who had been identified as being vulnerable and at-risk. In all cases, community support and follow-up were performed to assist the returnees. In addition during the reporting period, **two returnees** in the Kobitoye site received individual counselling by IOM.

HEALTH ASSISTANCE

During the reporting period, IOM's medical clinic provided consultations to **365 patients** in the Gaoui site. Among the consultations, respiratory infections, malaria, and diarrhoea were cited as the most common diseases found in patients. Among the consultations, **eleven cases** were referred to local hospitals involving cases of HIV, tuberculosis, pneumonia, and acute abdominal pain, amongst others. In addition, **three cases** of whooping cough were identified in children.



To date, 1,098 returnees in the Sido site have expressed their intention to be relocated to the Maigama Temporary site
(Photo: IOM Chad)

CAMEROON Operations

REGISTRATION

Between 14 and 27 April, **20 Third Country Nationals (TCNs)** (5 women, 5 men and 10 children) originating from Chad, Nigeria, and Sudan were registered by IOM seeking protection in IOM's transit sites in Kentzou (15) and Garoua Boulai (5).

To date, IOM has registered a total of **17,641 TCNs** in Kentzou and Garoua Boulai; **182 TCNs** are currently hosted in IOM's transit sites in Garoua Boulai (117) and Kentzou (65), and **1,937 TCNs** are living with host communities. As of 27 April, an estimated **500 TCNs** have expressed their intention to return to their countries of origin.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

On 17 and 23 April, **180 households** (1,184 individuals) in IOM's transit in Kentzou received food (rice, flour, beans, oil, salt and maize) from WFP and PLAN. IOM coordinated this distribution by providing WFP and PLAN with the lists of TCNs.

Further more, **101 households** (485 individuals) received food in IOM's Transit Site in Garoua Boulai on 16 April. The food was provided from WFP and IOM shared its lists of TCNs to establish the amount of beneficiaries for the distribution. The food distributed also included rice, flour, beans, oil, salt and maize.

HEALTH ASSISTANCE

During the reporting period, in Garoua Boulai, IOM's medical team conducted **64 medical consultations** for malaria, diarrhoea, intestinal parasites and sexually transmitted infections. Since May 2014, IOM has provided medical consultations for **1,400 cases** of which 110 cases were referred to MSF for follow up.

IOM's medical team in Kentzou conducted **44 medical consultations**, with the majority of consultations identifying cases of malaria, intestinal parasites, respiratory infection and sexually transmitted infections. Since June 2014, IOM has conducted medical consultations for **1,402 cases** of which 45 cases were referred to local hospitals.



A food distribution taking place in Garoua Boulai transit site (Photo: IOM Cameroon).

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