



Fact Sheet | June 2014 | UNHCR Operation in: **Central Africa Republic**

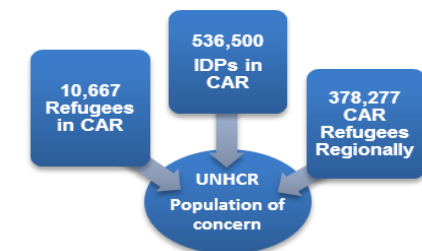
In the Central African Republic (CAR), the UN Refugee Agency provides **international protection and multi-sectorial assistance to refugees**. As part of the Humanitarian Country Team, UNHCR leads three Clusters - Protection / Shelter and NFI / Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) - **coordinating live-saving protection and assistance activities for internally displaced persons (IDPs)**. This part of the response to the escalation of the civil conflict in CAR that has displaced an estimated 935,000 persons at the peak of the violence in December and generated a continuous refugee outflow in neighbouring countries in Cameroon, Chad, Congo and DRC of close to 139,393 persons bringing the total CAR refugee population up to 378,277 as of 20 June.

Highlights

- UNHCR continues to increase its presence in CAR, especially in the North-west and South-western. UNHCR is present in Bambari, Bossangoa, Bouar, Kaga Bandoro, Paoua and Zémio. Roving teams are extending protection via presence and covering the northwest and southwest. In addition, UNHCR is developing a methodology to assess the internally displacement movement through a population tracking system, expanding its capacity to carry out protection and border monitoring activities in the North, Western and Southern part of CAR. UNHCR is about to complete new sub-agreements with additional partners in this regard.
- Deterioration of the security situation in Bambari resulted in the killing of at least 45 people and displacement of thousands of people:** Between 23 and 24 June, security situation deteriorated in Bambari following the killing of Peuls by armed group in Alindao village, 10 km away from Bambari (Ouaka prefecture). Violence escalated on 24 June with attacks by armed men to the population resulting in the killing of at least 45 people and leading the displacement of thousands of people. A joint mission (OCHA, OMS, UNFPA, UNICEF and UNHCR) was carried out on 24 June and reported the new displacement of an estimated 9,300 people in displacement sites in Bambari and international forces basis (MISCA and Sangaris). Situation remains tense and all movements to Bambari were suspended. All humanitarian staffs are located in UNICEF, MINUSCA and WFP compound and accounted for. Early June, the situation escalated following the killing of two Muslim Peuls by armed elements in the village of Liwa, 10 km south of Bambari. Reportedly members of the ex-Seleka militia attacked Liwa village, leaving 160 houses burned and nine people dead and leading the displacement of hundreds people to the Eveche church site in Bambari.
- World Refugee Day:** UNHCR, partners, national and local authorities in CAR celebrated the World Refugee Day on 20 June under the thematic "1 family torn apart by war is too many". In Bangui, over than 120 participants, including CAR authorities, heads of diplomatic missions, representatives of international organizations, a representative of the Mayor of Bangui, religious leaders, as well as representatives of refugees and IDPs and medias, participated to the official ceremony on 20 June.

Population of concern

Refugee and Asylum seeker Locations (Nationalities)	Total #*
Bambari Camp (Sudanese Refugees)	1,967
Obo and Mboki (DRC Outside Camps)	590
Zémio Camp (DRC Refugees)	3,423
Bangui (Refugees)	1,937
Bangui (Asylum-Seekers)	2,604
Others*	146
Total	10,667



536,500*

IDPs in Central African Republic (estimated)

111,500* in **43** Sites

Located in Bangui

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

Funding update – Central Africa Republic operation

Donors	
Contribution recorded	
CERF	1,500,000
Global Fund	23,596
Holy See	5,000
Japan	1,500,000
Luxembourg	339,674
Private donors	18,865
Republic of Korea	300,000
UNAIDS	30,000
UNDP	32,636
United States of America	11,300,000
Total Funded	15,049,771
Funding gap	61,199,834
Financial requirements	76,249,605
Funding level	20%

UNHCR revised the Supplementary Appeal for the Emergency Response for the Central African Republic Situation in May requesting a total of USD 239 million.

Central African Republic UNHCR's total revised financial requirements stand at **USD 76.2 million** for 2014.

UNHCR is grateful for the financial support provided by donors. At the end of May, UNHCR received a total of **USD 15 million**, representing **20 percent** of the budget to respond to the crisis.

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

Partner	Area of Intervention
Partners working with Refugees (Bangui and Camps of Bambari and Zémio)	
CNR	Government refugee counterpart
COOPI	(Rural Areas) Food Security Assistance; Income Generating Activity; Primary & Secondary Education
DRC	(Urban Refugees) Healthcare, HIV/AIDS prevention, SGBV prevention and identification, food security, education and community services
International Medical Corps	(Rural Areas) Healthcare, HIV, SGBV, WASH
Partners working with IDPs	
Central African Red Cross	NFI distribution (Agreement ended)
Danish Refugee Council	Protection monitoring, SGBV and camp management
Premiere Urgence-AMI	Camp management
ACTED	Shelter assistance to IDP returnees
Catholic relief services (CRS)	NFI distribution, Camp Management, social cohesion
Norway Refugee Council (NRC)	Housing, Land and Property (HLP)
COOPI	Protection monitoring, SGBV

Key achievements

Multi-sectorial assistance to refugees

- ⇒ UNHCR and implementing partners provided assistance to nearly 10,600 refugees mostly from DRC and Sudan through international protection and multi-sectorial assistance, care and maintenance activities in Bangui, Bambari and Zemio camps. Insecurity in Bambari halted many activities at the refugee camp of Pladama Ouaka, which is located at 10 km from the city and where some 1,960 Sudanese refugees are hosted. UNHCR undertook all necessary actions in order to ensure that international treaties protecting the refugees are not violated and that the refugees' rights are fully respected during the country's inter-communal conflict. In Zemio camp, refugee students from the primary and secondary school have started their examinations. UNHCR and COOPI ensure efforts to increase school attendance in the camp. Most of the children are performing regular domestic chores.
- ⇒ UNHCR with the support of the National Commission for Refugees in Central Africa (CNR) and Danish refugee council (DRC) partner completed the first round of the **verification operation** of urban refugees and asylum seekers from 16 countries, which started on 26 May 2014. As of 20 June, a total of 1,771 individuals were verified and registered, mostly from DRC, Rwanda, Chad and Sudan. That includes a total of 1,394 urban refugees (representing 403 households) and 307 asylum seekers (representing 87 families). A second round of the exercise will be organized soon as possible in order to verify Muslims Chadian, South Sudanese and Sudanese refugees confined in surroundings area in the capital. This exercise enables UNHCR to profile the urban refugee caseload, identify durable solution and better target assistance, particularly in consideration of the CAR crisis on the refugee. The last verification operation took place in 2011.
- ⇒ **On 20 June, UNHCR, partners, national and local authorities commemorated the World Refugee Day under the thematic "1 family torn apart by war is too many"**. Training on international protection and humanitarian principles, conferences, recreational activities, and exhibitions have been organized to celebrate the day in Zemio camp, Bossangoa and Paoua. In Bangui, two commemorative activities were organized. On 20 June 2014, an Official Ceremony was held with the participation of about 120 persons, including CAR authorities (Minister of Education, representing the Minister of Public Health and social affairs in charge of humanitarian affairs, the Minister of State, representing the Prime Minister, the Minister of Public Security, heads of diplomatic missions, representatives of international organizations, a representative of the Mayor of Bangui, religious leaders, as well as representatives of refugees and IDPs and medias). Representatives of refugees and IDPs took the floor. Mr. Etien Lazare Kouassi, UNHCR Representative in CAR, stressed the need for synergies between the various humanitarian actors and national authorities, especially with the upcoming deployment of the MINUSCA, who will contribute to the stabilization of the country and to the strengthening of security. On 21 June, 210 students from schools and universities in Bangui who participated in a Student contest launched on 2nd June, attended the Awards Ceremony of the student contest. The ceremony was organized by UNHCR in cooperation with the Club RFI Bangui Fononon. The Awards Ceremony was followed by artistic performances, as well as a debate on the role and the activities of UNHCR in the country.



Some 36 persons, including Gendarmerie and Police forces, Sangaris and MISCA elements attended a workshop provided by UNHCR team. Participants were trained on International Protection, UNHCR mandate, and interventions of the sub-cluster. UNHCR/ Bossangoa, CAR

Assistance to Internally Displaced persons (IDPs):

- ⇒ There are currently an estimated 536,500 Central Africans displaced within the country, including 111,500 in Bangui hosted in 43 sites. Return of IDPs in 13 sites and the fourth arrondissement has been observed resulting in the closure of the Boy-Rabe and SECA (Bimbo) sites. In addition, a new site, namely Temple Benjamin, opened in the 6^e arrondissement. The seven most populated sites (over 5,000 people) accommodate about 72 per cent of the IDP community. The largest site is located near to the M'Poko international airport site hosts some 38,400 IDPs.
- ⇒ Two inter-agency missions were carried out to monitor the situation of the communities at risk in Yaloke on 14 June (UNHCR, FAO, UNICEF, OCHA) as well as to monitor the situation of IDPs in M'Baiki and assess the security situation in Boboua on 21 June (UNHCR, CIM-COORD (OCHA) and the Protection Cluster). In Yaloke, the mission recommended to continue advocacy with the local authorities and military forces for the freedom of movement of the IDPs and especially for those who may wish to leave CAR and join Cameroon, as well as quickly set up the site the development of inter-communal dialogue amongst the communities for the community for those who may wish to stay. In M'Baiki the mission reported that some 31 persons, originating from Bouboua, M'Baiki city center and Bangadou, are hosted in the MISCA base. Some IDPs are in need of specific medical assistance, while the mission outlined that the return of IDPs to their locations of origin is possible. Mediation efforts were already carried out by several actors. As a result, spontaneous return movements already reported, with the return of an estimated 60 Muslims in their community of origin in Boboua. Considering this situation, Mbaiki and Boboua are not no longer considered as "communities at risk". The mission recommended that efforts should be strengthened for a prompt return of the population to its community of origin.
- ⇒ **Shelter and NFI:** As of 24 June, UNHCR supported some 270,251 people in needs of relief items and emergency shelter since the beginning of the crisis in December 2013 in CAR. UNHCR has signed a partnership agreement with Norway Refugee Council (NRC) for the implementation of housing, land and property (HLP) advocacy and training activities in Bangui, Begoua and Bimbo. From 5-6 June, NRC partner organized two capacity building training from 5 to 6 June and from 24 to 25 June for some 40 participants, including six national and international NGOs who have worked on shelter issues and are members of the Shelter/ NFI Cluster, and members of the Protection Cluster. The participants shared experiences on the relevance of HLP rights in shelter interventions and were trained on the introduction to the HLP notion, the international legal framework of the HLP, the HLP and durables solutions in IDP context, access to houses and land by women and resolution of disputes relating to HLP. Other training sessions planned during the upcoming weeks, will target humanitarian actors, including cluster members, CAR local and national authorities.
- ⇒ **In Paoua,** a multisectoral assessment conducted by OCHA, UNDSS, DRC, COOPI, Mentor NGO and UNHCR was carried out from 2nd to 5th June to monitor the humanitarian situation of the 2,400 IDPs progressively returned in Bebingui, Bekia, Bekaie, Yene, Bedaya II, Bengatoko, Bedogo I and II, Dito, Bemal, Begouladji I and Begouladje villages. Key findings of the assesment revealed the destruction of 2,186 houses in the region between April and May.

UNHCR Presence in CAR: A total of 102 UNHCR staff in CAR, including 62 national and 40 international staffs.

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CAR Regional portal-UNHCR operation page <http://data.unhcr.org/car/regional.php>,
UNHCR's World Refugee Day campaign website <http://stories.unhcr.org>



