

KEY FIGURES

410,000

Internally Displaced Persons in CAR
of which

61,371

In 36 sites in Bangui

8,012

Refugees in CAR mostly from DRC,
Chad and Sudan

951

CCCM stakeholders participated in
42 training sessions of which 3
were inter-agency training
seminars from the global CCCM
cluster

8

out of the 10 conflict affected
prefectures in CAR covered by
UNHCR protection monitoring and
response activities through 4
INGOs

FUNDING

USD 72.9 million

Requested for the operation



PRIORITIES

- Effective Protection monitoring and response in 8 prefectures
- Close monitoring of the situation of communities at risk in Boda and Yaloke
- Contribute in building safe conditions for return in affected areas in CAR
- Continuous search for durable solutions for refugees in CAR

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

UNHCR OPERATIONAL UPDATE

1-15 November 2014

HIGHLIGHTS

- A delegation of the CAR interim government led by the Minister of Defence Aristide Sokambi and accompanied by members of the international community through the G8 went on a 3-day mission to meet with leaders of the ex-seleka coalition in Kaga Bandoro, Bria and Bambari in order to convey the CAR President Catherine Samba Panza's invitation to the upcoming national dialogue process in Bangui in January 2015. The Minister reported to RFI to be satisfied with the "tone of the constructive discussions held with the different leaders which has improved". The French Ambassador in CAR who took part in the mission declared to the same source that "the **three groups** of the former Seleka coalition expressed their concern for peace, their wish to cease hostilities and to disarm after the Bangui forum".
- Abdoulaye Bathily, the Head of the UN Regional Office for Central Africa while speaking on the margins of a meeting in Bangui of the International Contact Group on CAR stated that elections in CAR should be held as soon as possible. He warned that there is a risk of jeopardizing the peace process by prolonging the transition. Elections were expected to be held in February but have been postponed until 2015. In addition to the UN, the international contact group includes representatives of the African Union, the European Union and the Economic Community of Central African States. (Source: UN Radio)

Population of concern

A total of **410,000** people of concern



UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

International forces have put in place a stabilization and disarmament process in the **5th and 8th districts of Bangui** on 31 October in order to dismantle militias with a focus on their leaders in these areas. As a result of this operation, a significant number of weapons and ammunitions were found and 5 persons were arrested and handed over to local authorities for further investigations. As a consequence of these operations, there is a fear of possibilities to target humanitarian workers which was confirmed on 1 November when the vehicle of one NGO was hijacked by anti-balaka elements of the said areas who eventually stole the vehicle and looted the staff.

On 8 November, the Senior Humanitarian Coordinator visited the Vakaga prefecture in north eastern CAR accompanied by the CAR Protection Cluster Coordinator, UNOCHA Head of Office, and Representatives of the Ministry of social affairs and humanitarian action and humanitarian actors. The mission aimed to assess humanitarian needs in the area and reiterate the commitment of the humanitarian community to the assistance of the displaced populations following armed conflicts. The delegation met with local authorities notably the Prefect of the Vakaga, Sub-Prefects and Mayors of Tiringoulou, Birao and Ouanda-Djalle as well as NGOs working in the area and displaced people of Tiringoulou to discuss coverage of priority basic needs which were listed by participants as follows: education, health and food security. The Vakaga prefecture has been troubled by years of instability and violence. The situation worsened with the closure of the border with Chad which jeopardized food and non-food supplies. The poor road infrastructure from Bangui to the area has further deteriorated the situation.

UNHCR as well as its clusters' coordinators (Protection, Shelter and CCCM) participated in a workshop organized on 12-13 November by the Ministry of social affairs and humanitarian action to present major orientations of the SRP 2015, the results of the multisectoral needs' assessments (HNO=Humanitarian Needs Overview) to government representatives. Indeed, this is a follow up of the workshop organized on 13/14 October 2014 in which the Regional Coordinator for the CAR crisis participated in, and which was a preliminary aimed to determine the major orientations of the 2015 Strategic Response Plan for the CAR. The workshop helped determine the strategic objectives of the SRP 2015 which align with pillar 2 of the government roadmap and with the 2014-2016 government's Emergency Programme and Durable Recovery (PURD in French).

Achievements

Protection for internally displaced people

Protection Cluster

- The Protection Cluster is led by UNHCR and co-led by the Danish Refugee Council (DRC)
- The *Commission Mouvement de Populations* (CMP) in CAR is under the Protection Cluster and is in charge of collecting, clearing, analyzing and disseminating population movement's data. The CMP met on 4 November to endorse new figures of IDPs sites in Bangui: 61,371 IDPs in 36 sites in Bangui.
- The Protection Cluster finalized its Protection incident Matrix in October. The matrix aims at reinforcing the Protection Cluster's and the Humanitarian coordination advocacy towards and interactions with international forces. The matrix classifies areas of intervention according to the level of risk and by priority areas. The Protection Cluster matrix feeds into the MINUSCA Flash Point matrix which provides on a weekly basis, the update on protection hotspots, accompanied by recommendations on actions.

- Following the Protection Cluster's advocacy actions towards international military forces in CAR and MINUSCA, a joint meeting (Coordination of Protection Cluster/ POC MINUSCA) took place on 5 November to discuss the deployment of peacekeepers to recent hotspots identified by the Protection Cluster. Following discussions, it was convened that MINUSCA forces will be reinforced through permanent presence or regular patrols in all 8 Muslim enclaves and other hotspots including Bangui (3e, 5e and 8e district), Bambari, Nana Bakassa, Batangafo and surrounding areas, etc.
- Psychosocial support and recreational opportunities for children are ongoing through child friendly spaces (CFS) and listening centers. However, participation rates by children remain affected due to continuing insecurity and tensions in and around Bangui. New child friendly spaces are being set-up in Berberati (Mambere Kadei), an area which, so far, has a limited number of child protection actors.

Results of advocacy:

- Following the advocacy of the sub-national protection cluster in Bossangoa conveyed by the national protection cluster in Bangui to the MINUSCA, there is an increase in the number of the MINUSCA troops in Bossangoa area moving from 20% by the time of advocacy to 60% currently of its planned capacity.

Achievements and Impact

Protection Monitoring:

- Following reports of a presence of a Peuhl community who might be at risk, a joint UNHCR, UNOCHA and INTERSOS rapid protection assessment mission was held on 10 November in Kaba village located some 23 kms away from Kaga Bandoro on the Kaga Bandoro-Grivai axis. The community found there is indeed composed of 250 persons of Peuhl ethnic group with 130 kids, 120 men and women and their cattle of a hundred cows with which they reported to have been marching throughout the bush.



UNHCR staff with a newly identified Peuhl community in Kaba /SnrHC Visit in Kaga Bandoro/ November 2014

IDPs Counting/Profiling:

- In Bambari UNHCR has taken on the coordination and management of IDP sites and closely monitoring IDP figures as part of its protection strategy. The number of IDPs in the 3 sites stands at 18,569 with an increase of 4,299 persons in site “S” and NDV¹. These IDPs are from surrounding villages Matchika, Langadji, Agoudou Manga and recently Yamalé. These villages were attacked by alleged Peuhl combatants resulting in massive population displacement to Bambari and many in the bush who are believed to be slowly coming towards Bambari town. Site “S” stands at 10,830 IDPs followed by NDV with 5,575 and site “M” with 2,164. It is worth to note that IDP figures in Bambari are fast approaching figures in May 2014 prior to the attack on the site formerly located at the Bishopric.

Border Monitoring:

- UNHCR’s partner for border monitoring IEDA-Relief reported that the security situation at the border areas located on the KPETENE-NGUIA-BOUAR and SABEWA-ABBA-SOKORTA axis remain unpredictable with attacks of various armed groups. There is a fear of a resurgence of the perennial conflict opposing farmers to cattle bearers on access to land. Indeed, a group of cattle bearers threatened a group of farmers not to access Bangambingui in the KPETENE-NGUIA axis.

Social Cohesion:

- A workshop was organized by SFCG to the attention of the Commission Mediation et Paix of Bossangoa composed of religious and community leaders on management and analysis of rumors, meaning of conflict and typology, mediation and role of a mediator. SFCG has then chosen 5 pilot families to carry out sensitization campaign on other families who will be on their turn peace mediator.

Shelter and NFIs for internally displaced people

Shelter and NFIs Cluster

- The strategy of the Shelter/NFI cluster led by UNHCR and co-led by ACTED

Achievements and Impact



Reconstructed shelter in Bozoum/UNHCR Paoua/Sept 2014

Bozoum in Ouham Pende province:

- In Bozoum, ACTED has supported 691 families in the reconstruction of their shelters through UNHCR participatory reconstruction project which has a social cohesion component.

Bangui

- Following the October incident in Bangui, UNHCR will support the reconstruction of 26 houses that burned following the insurgence of violence in the neighborhood of Ouango in the 7th district. The project will be implemented by ACTED which already supported the reconstruction of 303 houses in the capital city within a UNHCR funded project targeting returning IDPs.

¹ Notre Dame des Victoires

Bambari, Ouaka province:

- UNHCR is constructing in the alternative site, individual shelters to host 10,000 displaced people soon to be moved from M" and "S" sites.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Camp Coordination Camp Management Cluster

- The CCCM cluster in Central Africa Republic is led by UNHCR and co-led by IOM
- **Bangui:** In a bid to enable a resumption of 2014-2015 school year, a group of IDPs living in classrooms in Saint Jacques de Kpetene site and given that there was no space to build additional shelters in the site, 105 IDPs were transferred from the Saint Jacques de Kpetene site to the Benz-Vi site in safe and dignified conditions. This action was jointly coordinated by the CCCM and the Protection Clusters.
- **Batangafo:** A joint CCCM/Protection mission coordinated by UNHCR Kaga-Bandoro went to Batangafo to assist the Danish Refugee Council Site Manager in profiling IDPs in the city.
- **Bambari:** Under the supervision of UNHCR Site Planner and jointly with local partners, the alternative site has been cleaned up and is being parceled. Sensitization with IDPs in site "S" and "M" to be transferred to the new site is being done by UNHCR in coordination with local partners.



Multi Sectoral assistance to Refugees

Verification/profiling in Bambari camp

- A profiling exercise of the Sudanese refugees of Pladama Ouaka has started on 3 November in Bambari area with protection staff of BO Bangui on mission to support the exercise. The exercise was concluded on November 6. Figures are being consolidated but are likely to be around a hundred less than the 1,967 previous figures. Refugees in Pladama Ouaka camp continue to be disturbed by anti-balaka elements as they entered the camp during the reporting period with a rocket launcher requesting 5 goats from refugees. There have been no major incident; however these recurrent intrusions of armed anti-balaka remain of concern to UNHCR CAR.

Training in Zemio camp:

- COOPI has put in place a team composed of 14 volunteers with gender parity assigned to assist 115 refugees with specific needs living in the camp.
- With the support of UNHCR, COOPI and IMC, UNICEF organized 2 training sessions in Zemio targeting humanitarian actors, members of civil society and representatives of refugees and IDPs. The training sessions aimed to raise participants' awareness on children rights and on how conflicts affects them, on the context of Security Council's resolutions on children and armed conflicts and on the MRM mechanism for surveillance, communication and information around violations of children rights in armed conflicts.

Working in partnership

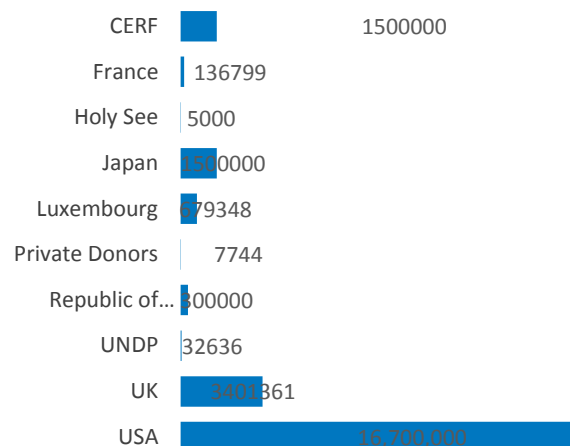
- UNHCR works with 14 partners in Central Africa Republic of which 12 International NGOs, one commercial organization SDCL (logistics partner) and one governmental partner. Partnerships agreements are signed for IDPs programme with the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) Search For Common Ground (SFCG), Mercy Corps, IEDA Relief, Premiere Urgence-Aide Medicale Internationale (PU-AMI), ACTED, the Catholic Relief Service (CRS), Afrique Secours et Assistance (ASA), INTERSOS and Cooperazione Internazionale (COOPI) in addition to Partnership agreements signed for refugee programme with the "Commission Nationale pour les Refugies" CNR, the Danish Refugee Council, the International Medical Corps and Cooperazione Internazionale COOPI.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to some **US\$ 24,262,888 million**

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Funding received (in million USD)



ANNEXES

UNHCR offices in CAR

07 offices located in:

Bangui, Bossangoa, Zemio, Bambari, Bouar, Paoua and Kaga Bandoro

UNHCR staff in CAR

902 national staff

25 international staff

2 IUNV

1 Consultant

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