

HIGHLIGHTS

437,395

IDPs in CAR as of 9 December including 58,662 in 34 sites in Bangui

951

CCCM stakeholders participated in 41 training sessions of which 3 were inter-agency training seminars from the global CCCM cluster

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

UNHCR Presence

Staff:

92 national staff, 25 international staff
2 UNV, 1 consultant

Offices:

7 offices located in: Bangui, Bossangoa, Zemio, Bambari, Bouar, Kaga Bandoro and Paoua

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR works with 14 partners in Central Africa Republic of which 12 International NGOs, one commercial organization (SDCI, 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.

UNHCR leads 3 clusters in CAR, namely Protection, Camp Coordination Camp Management (CCCM) and Shelter/NFI clusters. There are currently 8 UNHCR staff members fully dedicated to the coordination of the three clusters: 5 international (of whom 2 NRC deployees) and 3 national staff. The clusters are active both in the capital as in the provinces. There are currently 4 regional Protection Clusters in Bossangoa, Bouar, Kaga Bandoro and Bambari in addition to the NFI/shelter and CCCM working groups in Bossangoa and the protection working group in Paoua. UNHCR led clusters at national and provincial levels coordinate the work of more than 60 members from UN agencies, national and international NGOs and Government institutions who participate in cluster coordination meetings on a weekly basis.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection of Internally Displaced People

UNHCR works in CAR within the context of the Cluster system for the Protection and assistance to IDPs. UNHCR's interventions vis-a-vis IDPs are twofold:

- Through the support to the Protection Cluster; Coordination, provision of protection expertise, information management and advocacy
- Through the agency's operational role (i) protection monitoring by UNHCR and 4 international NGOs (ii) protection response with special focus on communities-at-risk, SGBV and restoration of rule of Law and state authority including issues pertaining to housing, land and property (HLP) rights and (iii) peaceful coexistence and social cohesion.

Shelter and NFIs for Internally Displaced People

One of the 3 strategic objectives of the Shelter Cluster (SC) is linked to the support in terms of shelter reconstruction for any of the 3 durable solutions for IDPs namely return, local integration or relocation. That owner driven reconstruction support is complementary to the resilience capacities noticed among households in CAR especially those with female heads of households. The owner driven shelter reconstruction should be implemented in collaboration with all concerned clusters, national and local authorities and in complementarity with programmes aiming to restore basic services in areas of return, water and sanitation identified as one of the most critical needs to meet. With 4500 shelters supported in 2014, UNHCR remains the second main contributor in terms of owner driven reconstruction projects after the Common Humanitarian Fund with 5,471.

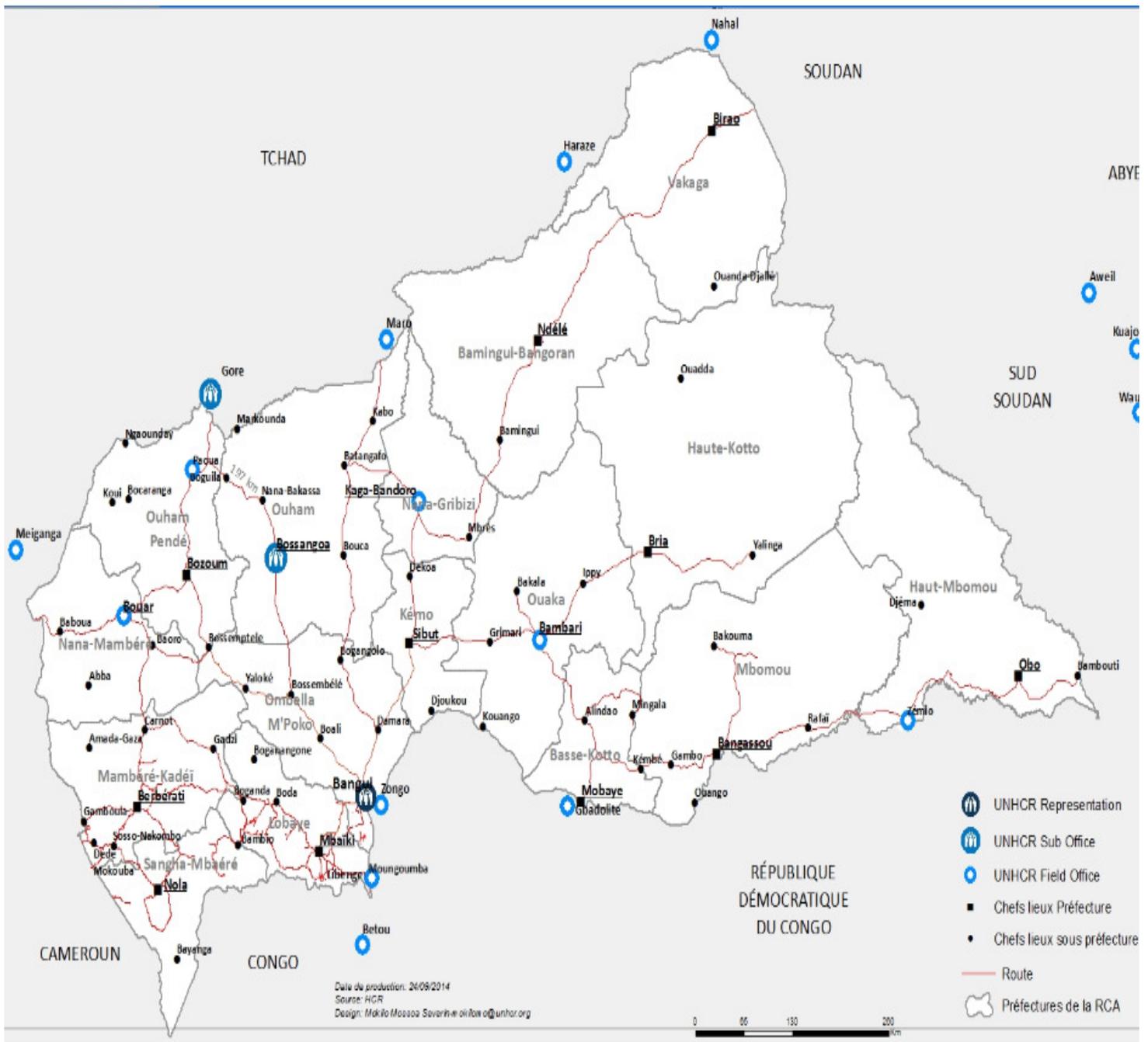
Camp Coordination and Camp Management

- The CCCM cluster in Central Africa Republic is led by UNHCR and co-led by IOM
They are **currently 437,395 estimated IDPs in CAR of which 58,662 in 34 sites of Bangui as of 9 December 2014**. 74 sites identified outside of Bangui are hosting 124,224, over 240,000 IDPs are in host families and the rest live in the bush. In Bangui, 2 sites were closed in November and 6 sites are currently hosting less than 100 IDPs each. Through its partnership with the Danish Refugee Council and Premiere Urgence-Aide Medicale Internationale, UNHCR ensures the management of 8 sites in Bangui hosting 50.000 IDPs out of the 58,662.
- In line with the Durable Solutions Strategy in Bangui, the CCCM cluster works closely with other clusters to adjust the minimum assistance in sites to increasing assistance in the neighborhoods meant to support voluntary return. The cluster supports return intentions surveys (IOM and DRC) and disseminates the results to the humanitarian community for targeted interventions.
- The cluster has worked closely with the Education cluster with activities aiming to facilitate the resumption of school in sites through the restructuring of sites and relocation of IDPs settled in classrooms or next to schools

Multi Sectorial assistance to Refugees

UNHCR and its partners currently assists 7,966 refugees mostly from DRC, Chad and Sudan through protection and multi-sectorial assistance, care and maintenance activities in Bangui, Bambari and Zemio camps. Following the verification/profiling exercise carried out in Zemio camp in August, 220 Congolese refugees expressed their willingness to repatriate. Discussions were then held with refugees on the status of discussions on practical modalities for repatriation between the Democratic Republic of the Congo and CAR, meanwhile 492 refugees in 154 households registered as candidates for return. Recommendations of a cross border meeting between UNHCR CAR and DR Congo held in late November in Goma include (i) repatriation by air for dignity and safety in a context of LRA unpredictable movements along the way leading refugees home (ii) the payment of 100 dollars per head of household in addition to 50 dollars per household member to be paid upon arrival.

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