

Central African refugee situation

Democratic Republic of the Congo

October 2017

Highlights

- On 6th October, biometric registration for newly arrived CAR refugees started. In North Ubangi, 21,028 refugees were registered in four registration sites near Gbadolite (Mobay center, Lembo, Kambo and Mogoro). In November, registration teams will continue the exercise in Yakoma territory. Registration is a key element for refugee protection and a basis for the humanitarian response.
- On 9th October, dance classes started in Inke camp, as part of the project “Refugees on the Move”, funded by NGO African Artists for Development (AAD) with choreographers from Kongo Drama Company (Kinshasa). The project, successfully carried out in Mole camp in 2015 (and in many other camps across Africa), aim at reducing conflicts and violence, contributing to restore self-confidence and promoting dialogue and peaceful coexistence through dance and body expression. More than 800 participants of all ages (refugees and locals) were attending different classes that will last for four months.
- 4 boreholes equipped with manual water pumps have been set up in villages hosting new arrivals in the territory of Mobay Mbongo (Nzakara, Mbayi center, Gbiaka and Gbobo). In total, 12 water pumps are planned to be set up.
- In Bili and Boyabu camps all the transitional shelter planned for 2017 were completed (300 for Bili and 200 for Boyabu).

KEY INDICATORS

167,531

Central African Refugees registered in DRC (as of 31st October 2017)

59,704

Of them **living in five camps** (as of 31st October 2017)

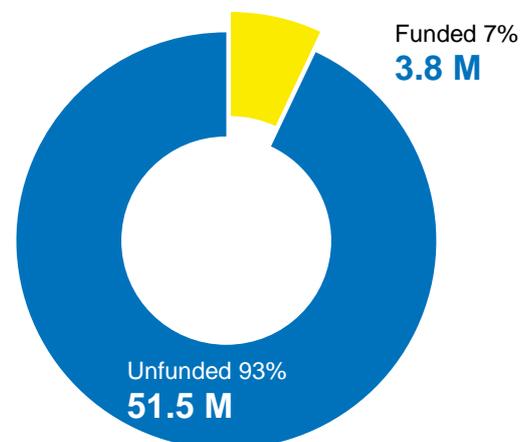
21,028

New arrivals registered with biometrics in North Ubangi province (as of 3rd November 2017 - to be included in next month statistics).

FUNDING (AS OF 24 OCTOBER 2017)

USD 55.3 M

requested for the DRC - CAR situation



Update on Achievements

Operational Context

New arrivals from CAR are mainly settled along the rivers Ubangi and Mbomou that constitute the border between CAR and DRC. Access to many areas is extremely difficult, because of lack of infrastructures (lack of passable roads / bridges) and in some cases because of the security situation. Incursions of armed groups from CAR into DRC were reported in Bondo territory and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) and other armed groups are operating in Bas-Uele province.

Conditions of new arrivals are extremely precarious: there is lack of shelter and core relief items, drinking water, food, sanitation and healthcare. They arrived with few belongings, and often their houses and property have been burned down or looted. Some of them are working in the fields of host community for little money or some food.



Biometric registration in Kambo, Nord Ubangi © UNHCR / C. Cavalcanti



Dance classes - Refugees on the move project in Inke camp © UNHCR / C. Cavalcanti

Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- Local authorities were making lists of host families of Mobayi-Mbongo and Yakoma territories in order for them to receive assistance. In most localities, refugees outnumber local population, representing an additional burden to already fragile communities.
- During biometric registration, intentions of being transferred to camps were collected. A vast majority (90%) of registered refugees would like to settle in a refugee camp. The camp has an immediate capacity to host 1,500 persons in 368 plots currently empty.



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

- From 19th to 22nd October, a mobile clinic was organized by UNHCR partner ADES in Limasa (Yakoma Health Zone – around 200 km from Gbadolite). 128 people benefited from medical consultations. The most frequent disease is malaria.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

- 4 boreholes equipped with manual water pumps have been set up in villages hosting new arrivals in the territory of Mobayi Mbongo (Nzakara, Mbayi center, Gbiaka and Gbobo). In total, 12 water pumps are planned to be set up.
- Places for new boreholes have been identified in Inke camp to allow relocation of new arrivals. 10 new boreholes can be drilled and equipped with manual water pumps
- 102 latrines are completed through cash-based interventions in Bili camp, representing 100% of the planning for 2017.



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievements and Impact

- A primary school of three classrooms in Inke village is almost completed and will serve both refugees and host community.
- In Bili and Boyabu camps all the transitional shelter planned for 2017 were completed (300 for Bili and 200 for Boyabu).

- Canadian NGO “Terre sans frontières” is planning to build 795 transitional shelter by the end of the year for newly arrived refugees in Bondo and Ango territories (Bas-Uele province). The project started already in Ndu, where the local chief granted some land in the outskirts of the village.
- Three schools and three health centers in Mobayi Mbongo territory will be rehabilitated by UNHCR with the support of local authorities who engaged themselves in mobilizing refugees and locals to participate in the construction works.
- To support reforestation, UNHCR partner ADES donated to the Municipality of Zongo agricultural tools (200 hoes, 20 pickaxes, 4 watering cans) and 400 seedlings.



LOGISTICS

Achievements and Impact

- Distribution of clothes, donated by Japanese fashion company UNIQLO, started in Mole and Boyabu camps (South Ubangi). In Inke and Bili camps, the inventory of the clothes prior to distribution was ongoing. In total, 17 containers of clothes were donated for CAR refugees.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- The road connecting Gbadolite to Bili camp is in very bad conditions. Logistic partner AIRD was organising rehabilitation works that will be carried through labour intensive programs.

Working in partnership

- UNHCR coordinates its assistance with a variety of humanitarian actors, working together to ensure refugees benefit from dignified and efficient protection mechanisms.
- For this operation, UNHCR partners are: AIRD, CNR, ADES, ADSSE and AIDES. Other partners include CARITAS, COOPI, MSF, TSF, WFP and WORLD VISION.

External / Donors Relations

Donors for CAR refugee response in DRC in 2017

Japan (2.5 M) | UNIQLO Co. Ltd (0.9 M) | U.N. Foundation (0.2 M) | Vodafone Foundation (0.05 M)

Other donors for UNHCR operations in DRC in 2017

United States of America (38.9 M) | Belgium (1.5 M) | European Union (1.1 M) | Sweden (1.1 M) | DRC Humanitarian Fund (0.8 M) | Canada (0.7 M) | Private Donors Germany (0.5 M) | France (0.5 M) | Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints (0.2 M) | Private Donors Republic of Korea (0.08 M) | Private Donors Spain (0.07 M) \

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