

[a] Operational Highlight

- **Visit of High Commissioner to Central African Republic 11 and 12 February:** The UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. António Guterres visited the Central African Republic. During his visit he called on the international community to "act urgently" to help build sustainable peace and stability in CAR. He added that "massive ethno-religious cleansing is continuing" and this was all the more tragic because of the country's centuries-old tradition of peaceful coexistence between Muslims and Christians. For more information on his visit see the following UNHCR publications:

- **Article:** UNHCR chief decries "humanitarian catastrophe" in CAR, including massive ethno-religious cleansing - <http://www.unhcr.org/52fbc6e96.html>
- **Press Statement:** UNHCR Chief Guterres 'Deeply Distressed' by Situation in CAR - <http://www.unhcr.org/52fb84b66.html>
- **Video:** Central African Republic: Bangui Airport Refuge - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vFoaBo5RyWY>



- **Official Launch of 5th Arrondissement "night shelter":** On the 12 February, the High Commissioner, António Guterres, accompanied by the French Minister of Defense, Jean-Yves le Drian, and the Mayor of the 5th Arrondissement inaugurated the pilot project.
- **PU-AMI Report on dynamics of displacement:** A survey on the dynamics of population movement in M'Poko Site reveals that 85% of persons interviewed will return subject to an improvement of security. Most of the people in M'Poko Airport Site live in the 5th and 3rd Arrondissement. The CCCM cluster is coordinating an action plan to accompany return.
- **Rains devastate IDP sites:** On the 1st and 2nd February, heavy rains followed by winds hit Bangui having a devastating impact on IDP sites. The humanitarian community led by the CCCM cluster, organized an initial rapid assessment on Sunday and met on Monday with the participation of the Protection Clusters, NFI/Shelter Cluster and WASH Cluster in order to elaborate a response to the situation.
- **Emergency Voluntary Repatriation of Congolese Refugees:** UNHCR organized a voluntary repatriation of 360 Congolese DRC refugees by boat to Zongo. UNHCR continues registering refugees willing to repatriate as well as is preparing for the repatriation of some 6,000 Congolese refugees in Batalimo Camp.

IDPs in the Central African Republic **714,000**

IDPs in Bangui **288,964**

Prefectures covered by UNHCR protection monitoring
Ouham
Ouham
Pendé
Ombella
M'poko
Lobaye

IDP households assisted with a standard NFI kit in 2014¹ **15,637**

Number of refugees repatriated in 2014 **564**

2014 funding level for the operation **0%**

¹ A standard NFI kit includes a sleeping mat, a blanket, a jerrycan or bucket, mosquito domes and 400g. of soap; this differs from the global standard. In December 2013, 4,600 IDP households were provided with NFIs and shelter in IDP sites in Bangui and in Bossangoa.

[b] Overview of the Operation

Internally Displaced in CAR

714,000

IDPs in Central African Republic (estimated), with

288,964

Located in Bangui in (Sites + Host Families + Transit Centers)

69

Sites

Refugees in CAR

Country of Origin	Population
DRC	12,186*
Sudan	2,683*
Chad	1,862*
OTHERS	570
TOTAL	17,301

*Numbers are reducing due to recent repatriations.

Donor Funding

Donors

UNAIDS 30,000

Total Funded 30,000

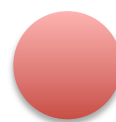
Gap 54,471,573

Budget 54,501,573

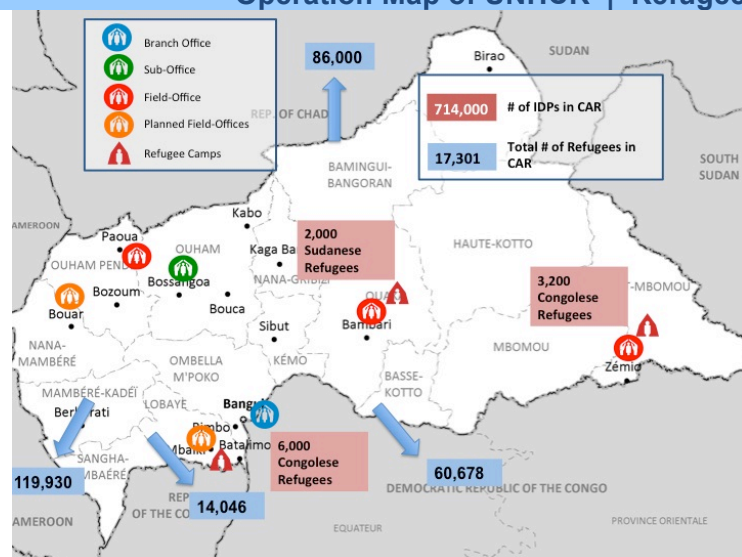
* Two CERF contributions of USD 1,3 Million were provided for 2013, but are being implemented in 2014.

Gap

100%



Operation Map of UNHCR | Refugees in neighbouring countries



Country	Arrivals Since 1 Dec 2013	Pop in Feb 2014	% Increase in Pop
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Cameroon	22,560	119,930	19%
Chad	6,555	86,000	8%
DRC	12,768	60,678	21%
ROC	5,063	14,046	36%

Total 46,946 280,654 36%

[b] Update per sector

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Protection

Emergency Voluntary Repatriation: On 12 February, UNHCR organized a second voluntary repatriation of Congolese refugees. This repatriation carried 200 refugees back to Zongo in Congo. This makes a total of 360 repatriated Congolese DRC Refugees. The High Commissioner, António Guterres was present to bid farewell to the refugees.

Nationality	Individuals Registered to repatriate	Number of Individuals Repatriated	Destination
Chad	70	201	Chad
DRC	100	360	DRC
DRC (Camp)	6,000*		DRC
Sudan	4	3	Sudan
South Sudan	1		South Sudan
ROC	4		Congo-Brazza
Cote d'Ivoire	1		Côte d'Ivoire
Total	6,170	564	

* Nearly 100% of the refugees in this site have accepted to repatriate.



Protection Cluster UNHCR's contribution

5th Arrondissement Night Shelter: The High Commissioner, Mr. António Guterres and the Mayor of the 5th Arrondissement, with the presence of the French Minister of Defence inaugurated the "night shelter" on 12th February. MISCA (Gen. Mokoko), Sangaris and the French Ambassador also participated.



High Commissioner for Refugees, António Guterres, and French Defense Minister, Jean-Yves Le Drian. H. Reichenberger/UNHCR

Social cohesion activities: Adding to social cohesion and community reconciliation activities in the 3rd and 4th arrondissements of Bangui, UNHCR partner DRC facilitated the creation of 10 neighbourhood committees. So far, 6 of them went through trainings.

Mediation effort: On the 30 January 2014, UNHCR supported a mediation meeting in M'Baiki that included local authorities, commander of the gendarmerie, the police, religious leaders (Muslims and Christians), leader of Anti-Balaka, youth leaders of various communities and representatives of women. At the end a Protocol of Understanding was signed.

Advocating for assistance and protection: On the 6 February, UNHCR visited Boda where the team witnessed tensions between communities as well as identified 4,500 trapped individuals. As a result, MSF and the Central African Red Cross visited the site to provide medical care and assistance.

Supporting Co-existence: Residing in the school Liberte are 225 Muslim families who decided to remain in CAR². UNHCR, which is present in Bossongoa through a new office, has been visiting Site Liberté every day in order to assess needs and provide a sense of security through protection by presence. At the request of both the Muslim Community living in the Liberté School and the Christian Community living in the Eveche Site, a joint training was organized by UNHCR on IDP guiding principles for both communities. As a result of this first pilot "mixed" workshop, participants have agreed to organize regular meetings to promote co-existence in Bossongoa. This meeting was possible due to the efforts by UNHCR staff to gain the communities' confidence. For more information, read the webstory:

Bossongoa, a town in danger of losing its soul:
<http://www.unhcr.org/52fb46e49.html>



UNHCR Staff visiting Site Liberté in Bossongoa, J. Mathurin/UNHCR

² Around 800 Muslim individuals were evacuated by the Chadian army on the 29 January from Site Liberté.

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CCCM Cluster

UNHCR's contribution

Contingency Planning: In line with HCT priorities, the main focus will be on developing a communication strategy to inform IDP on the conditions of voluntary return. A recent survey indicated that some 85% IDPs wish to return subject to security and rehabilitation of property. Currently, the situation remains volatile, but there are signs of improvement in at least four of Bangui's eight arrondissements. Alongside the development of a communication strategy, CCCM is also carrying out a mapping of the population composition by district of origin. This was initiated for M'Poko and will soon be introduced for other sites. With a view towards the start of the rainy season a contingency plan will also be prepared. The main objective is to implement remediation measures in current sites, if possible, or alternative sites identified for those who will not be able to return.

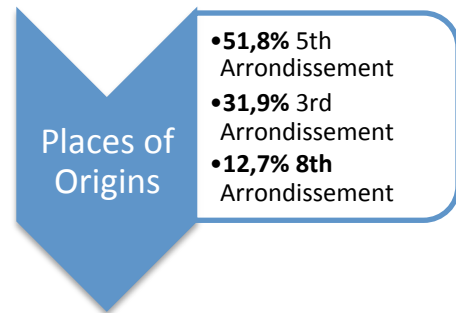
New Site Management Partners: Danish Refugee Council and PU-AMI as UNHCR partners have started working as site managers: DRC is working in Don Bosco and FATEB and PU-AMI has this role in the M'Poko Airport Site.

Capacity building programme in Camp Coordination Camp Management (CCCM): The CCCM Capacity Building deployee finalized a Capacity Building strategy that focuses on training stakeholders working in and around displacement sites such as site coordinators, managers and facilitators, service providers, authorities, focal points in sites, partner agencies, site committees and IDPs' representatives. The Capacity Building strategy will also establish a local CCCM training capacity. To date, 7 trainings have been delivered to site facilitators from IOM and UNHCR, "chefs de zones" from M'Poko and Don Bosco sites and staff from PU-AMI and DRC who manage several camps.

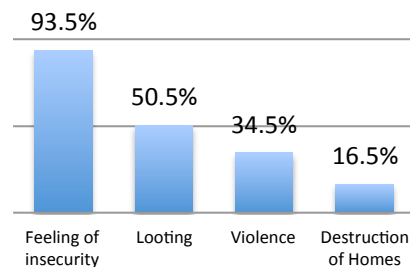


Report on M'Poko Airport Site by *Premiere Urgences-AMI*

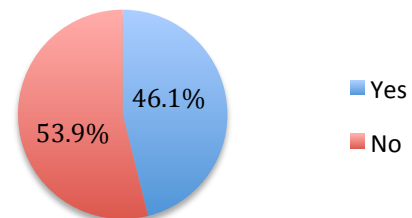
(PU-AMI): PU-AMI undertook a study on the neighbourhoods of origin, the reason for displacement, dynamics of daily transitory movements, and return intentions of IDPs living in M'Poko Airport Site. The main discovery was that **72% of persons are willing to return in the next two weeks and 85% said they would return home subject to improvement on the security situation.** Below are additional key findings.



Reason why people do not return to their homes



Whether people visit their neighborhoods on a daily basis? (at least one person per household)



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NFI/Shelter Cluster

UNHCR's contribution

Expanding NFI Assistance: 6,710 households have been assisted with urban NFI kits in Bangui during the reporting period: 4,471 at Bangui Mpoko Airport (UNHCR), 600 at military airport site (UNHCR), 1,639 at Mission Carmel (IRC through RRM process). Between 8 and 10 February, another 1,439 households have been assisted with rural NFI kits including plastic sheets in priority villages in Ouham Prefecture by UNHCR and UNICEF as per needs identified from a multi-sector needs assessment that started on 5. So far Zere and Wikamo villages were identified as priority locations as it has a 99% dwelling destruction rate.

Community Shelters: Community shelters for 75,000 IDPs are under construction in 19 IDPs sites in Bangui thanks to ECHO-DG funding. The project is being implemented by PU-AMI, ACTED and SOLIDARITES International. Community shelters are also under construction at the military airport site by PU-AMI targeting 1,540 people.

NFI distribution coverage in Bangui:					
Blanket	Mat	Jerrycan	Bucket	Mosquito Net	Soap
61%	56%	62%	22%	28%	79%

Summary of UNHCR NFI and Shelter Assistance for IDPs since 5 December to 14 February		
Assistance per Item		Assistance per Site
Site	N# households	
BANGUI	Archbishop/Saint Paul	4,000
	Mont Carmel	500
	Airport	17,382
	FOMAC/Lazaristes	600
	Saint Jean de Gabaladja and Saint CharlesLwanga	4,000
	Saint Bernard	3,000
	Saint Joseph de Mukasa	12
	Boy Rabe Monastery	(community tents)
	Cameroun, DRC and Senegal Embassies	(community tents)
	Saint Sauveur	3,467
	Airport Militaire	600
BOSSANGO A	École Liberté and Archbishop	3,750
	Villages in Ouham (Lando, Wikamo, Zere)	1,639