

## HIGHLIGHTS

558,500

Internally displaced persons (IDPs) in CAR, including

133,500

## IDPs in Bangui

in 44 sites

369,289

Total number of  
**CAR refugees** in  
neighbouring  
countries

10,667

## Refugees and Asylum seekers in CAR

6,971

Refugees voluntarily repatriated from CAR to their home countries since January 2014

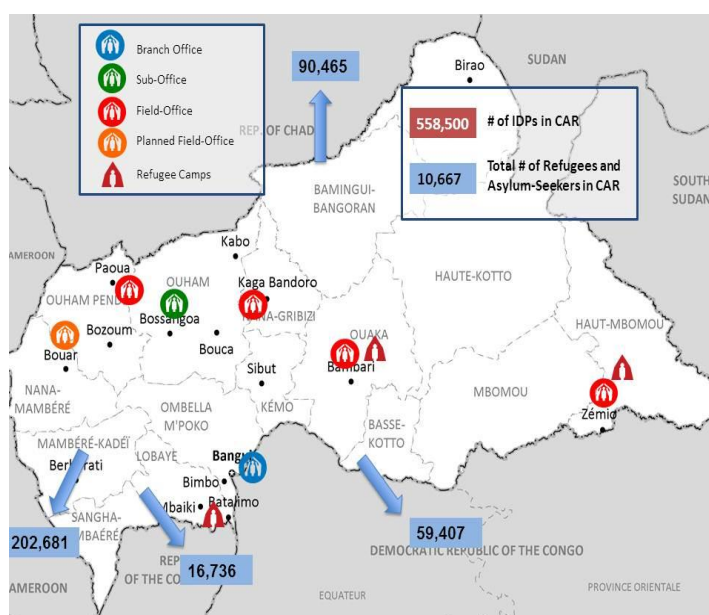
266,396

Total number of beneficiaries supported by UNHCR with NFI kit since the beginning of the crisis in December 2013

USD 76.2 million

requested in the UNHCR revised CAR emergency response plan (May 2014)

- On 10 May, UNHCR, in cooperation with Central African and Congolese authorities ended the voluntary repatriation programme of Congolese refugees from Batalimo (Prefecture of Lobaye). The programme was launched on 10 April, and a total of 6,283 people (representing 1,502 families) were repatriated to Libenge, Businga, Mbandaka and Zongo in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- The Protection Cluster reported that some 21,225 individuals are confined in 12 locations, six of which are assessed as being at a very high risk (in Boda, PK5 (Bangui), Yaloke Boganangone, Berberati, and Bozoum), two at high risk (Bouar and Baoro) and four with risk.
- Insecurity in Bangui has increased drastically end of May. Following the killing of three people in the PK 5 neighbourhood on 25 May, the Church of Notre Dame de Fatima was attacked on 28 May, and resulted in the deaths of at least 20 people and 27 civilians reportedly abducted by assailants. The Fatima site was hosting some 9,000 IDPs who fled in neighbouring sites, mostly located in Bimbo town second capital. On 30 May, UNHCR issued a briefing note to protect civilians, in line with their obligations under international law to ensure unhindered access to the people in need of assistance.



Map Sources: UNHCR

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## Population of concern (in thousand)

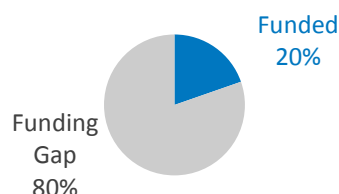
A total of **570 thousand** people of concern

Refugees assisted by UNHCR 10

IDPs assisted by UNHCR 558

### Funding against the operation

US\$76.2 million requested



# UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

## Operational Context

- The security situation in Central Africa Republic remained precarious over the last 15 days of May with incidents of armed violence, inter-confessional attacks and popular demonstrations in particular in Bangui. Security incidents impacted on the humanitarian access to the vulnerable population in the prefectures of Nana-Mambéré, Ouham Pendé, Ouham, Nana-Bokassa and Nana-Gribizi. Attacks in Bemal early May have resulted in the displacement of 2,445 people (including 575 children under five years old), registered by UNHCR teams in Paoua. Due to security situation, all humanitarian missions to Bemal were cancelled. Sangaris and MISCA elements reported that 85 percent of the houses were burned and the local population found refuge in the bush around Bemal. UNHCR and the Protection Cluster advocated with MISCA and Sangaris for a more regular presence in Bemal to allow for IDP return and for humanitarian assistance to be channeled from Paoua.
- Hundreds of people have fled security incidents occurred in Nana-Bakassa, Bode, Boway and Markounda. As of 27 May, UNHCR team in Bossangoa verified and assessed the needs of 921 displaced persons in Boguila, Kaboro and Kourakouri villages. The verification will be extended to other villages.
- In Bambari, escalation of violence with clashes was reported between Sangaris forces, ex-Seleka elements and local populations on 22 May. An estimated 8,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were hosted in churches, schools, and military bases. Joint assessment was undertaken by OCHA, UNFPA, WHO, WFP, UNICEF and UNHCR to monitor the situation of IDPs. In addition, UNHCR and partners continued to monitor the situation of the displaced persons relocated from the PK 12 neighbourhood of Bangui. UNHCR distributed 25 kitchen sets, and UNICEF completed the distribution of relief items with the provision of 74 jerry cans and 570 buckets. In addition, WFP distributed food ration and UNFPA supported 30 women and girls with the provision of sanitary kit.

## Achievements



Protection

### Key achievements

#### Multi-sectoral assistance to refugees

- On 26 May, UNHCR with the National Commission for Refugees in Central Africa (CNR) and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) have launched a verification operation to document the situation of about 4,500 urban refugees and asylum seekers in Bangui. This verification exercise will enable the collection of data that will contribute towards the implementation of long term solutions and assistance needed by refugees in the capital.
- UNHCR and implementing partners provided assistance to nearly 10,600 refugees mostly from DRC and Sudan through protection and multi-sectoral assistance, care and maintenance activities in Bangui, Bambari and Zemio camps.
- In Zemio refugee camp, UNHCR and IMC implementing partner are pursuing the sensitization activities against early and forced marriage. So far some 385 people have been reached. In May, a total of 73 Sexual gender based violence (SGBV) victims were assisted by UNHCR and partners, with legal counseling, medical and psychosocial assistance or referral. In addition, some 900 women and girls benefitted from hygiene kits distribution.
- UNHCR has signed a partnership agreement with COOPI NGO to extend its protection monitoring activities in the Southern of Central Africa Republic.



UNHCR employees, members of the National Commission for Refugees and DRC workers are handling the procedure.  
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## Internally displaced persons (IDPs)

- There are currently an estimated 558,500 Central Africans displaced within the country – including 133,500 in Bangui hosted in 44 sites. Following the incidents in Bangui, an inter-cluster mission (CCCM, Protection, Shelter/ NFI, WASH, Food security, Education, Nutrition) was carried out on 1<sup>st</sup> June in four displacement sites, mainly located in Bimbo in the capital. The mission made the following recommendations: increase the presence of international forces in the IDP sites, increase presence of protection actors in the sites, including the development of recreational activities for the benefice of children.
- Some 21,225 individuals trapped in 12 locations were identified by the Protection Cluster as of 9 June. In May, several joint protection monitoring missions were carried out including inter-agency protection mission to several axes in the South-Western of the Central Africa Republic in order to assess and monitor the protection and humanitarian needs of communities at risk.
- Two inter-agency missions were carry out to monitor the situation of the communities at risk in Yaloke from 21st to 24 May (UNHCR and UNFPA) and in Boda from 27 to 31st May (UNHCR, UNFPA and Intersos). In Yaloke, the mission reported the lack of freedom of movement of the community, the lack of access to primary health care and resources, as well as frequent threats from the Yaloke host community. The mission recommended to continue advocacy with the local authorities and military forces for the freedom of movement of the IDPs, the reinforcement of nutritional care activities, distribution of food and relief items as well as the development of inter-communal dialogue amongst the communities. In Boda, the mission reported that the entire of IDP population is still unable to move freely and is at risk of targeted killings or physical violence. The mission recommended to pursue advocacy with local authorities and military forces including MISCA, for the freedom of movement of IDPs and the reinforcement of the humanitarian interventions through the implementation of the Boda action plan and support social cohesion activities.
- The Protection Cluster finalized the action plan for Kabo and Moyon Sido stressing the needs to increase the protection by presence and border monitoring activities in these locations.

### Protection Cluster

- The Protection Cluster led by UNHCR and co-facilitated by Danish Refugee Council (DRC) finalized the overall Protection strategy draft for the Central African Republic, containing prevention and response activities to human rights violations and protection problems and trends. The strategy will emphasize response to communities at risk, support to return movements, response to gender-based violence, child protection, community-based protection and capacity building.
- A tool kit for the rapid protection evaluation and methodology, to be used to determine communities at risk, is being finalized by the Protection Cluster.
- A sub-national protection cluster is operational in Bossangoa and in other areas of high displacement such as Paoua in the Ouham Pende, Kaga Bandoro, Bambari and in Zemio, protection forums are functional.



## Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)

### Key achievements

- The CCCM Cluster is ensuring that populations who are unable to return to their place of origin before the rainy season live in secure and dignified conditions in their current sites, or in alternative sites at last resort. The cluster continues to work closely with state and city officials to seek alternatives for IDPs living in sites at risk of flooding during the rainy season. After reviewing the results from the technical multi-sectoral assessments (WASH, CCCM, Shelter and Protection), two of the four suggested alternative sites for IDPs living in M'Poko and other high risk sites during the rainy season have been approved by the Minister of Health in charge of the Humanitarian Action. Construction on the site, Boganda 2, is expected to start shortly.
- Since January 2014, the Cluster has been implementing a CCCM capacity building programme to strengthen the capacities of stakeholders working in and around displacement sites in CAR. To date, some 466 participants were trained on CCCM and related topics, among them 168 site managers, 64 site coordinators or data collectors, 92 service providers or CCCM partners, 61 staffs of the national Red Cross or the local authorities and 81 representatives of IDPs in Bangui and Bossangoa.



*Members of the Ministry of Health trained by CCCM on 21 May 2014. UNHCR / CAR.*

- As part of the CCCM capacity building strategy, a total of 24 staffs of the Ministry of Health in charge of Humanitarian Action including the Cellule d'Appui Technique, were trained on the humanitarian action and principles of the CCCM Cluster, with the participation of OCHA in May. This workshop enabled reinforcing the capacities of the authorities on the CCCM strategy in CAR and roles and responsibilities among the cluster. A second training for the Ministry of Planning will be planned early June.
- The CCCM cluster is highly involved in the Bangui working group supporting voluntary return of IDPs and is contributing to the development of a comprehensive return strategy. As part of the return strategy, the Cluster is disseminating in displacement sites information on the situation in the neighbourhoods of origins.

### CCCM Cluster

- The CCCM Cluster led by UNHCR and co-facilitated by IOM, is monitoring the situation of the 133, 500 IDPs hosted in 44 displacement sites. The six most populated ones accommodate about 70 per cent of the IDP community. The largest site located next to the M'Poko international airport hosts more than 44,500 IDPs. Following the violence in the capital end of May, it is estimated that a total of seven sites, located mainly in Bimbo, are now each hosting more than 2,000 newly displaced people.
- The Cluster is ensuring that a solid coordination mechanism is established and an equitable access to services and protection for displaced persons living in displacement and transit sites. The monitoring of the assistance provided in the sites and the possible gaps in this assistance is ensured by the Cluster, partly through a team of site facilitators from IOM who assess the needs in sites on a regular basis. A data verification exercise was completed early May in the IDPs sites in the capital. Results were used to improve data collection process.
- In coordination with the City of Bangui, local authorities and owners of 40 out of 44 displacement sites in Bangui met with CCCM coordinators to discuss preparations and needs in view of the rainy season, the coverage of the IDP needs identified in sites and to ensure effective and transparent communication between local authorities and humanitarian actors.
- The CCCM Cluster presently covers the Bangui, Kaga-Bandoro, Bossangoa, Paoua, Kabo, Moyen-Sido, Batangafo, Boda, Grimari and Bouca prefectures and sous-prefectures and is in the process of extending its scope around the country in order to better serve the IDPs in terms of community mobilization and coordination of assistance and protection in sites.

## Shelter and NFIs

### Key achievements

- Since the beginning of the crisis in December 2013, the Shelter and NFI Cluster and partners had supported a total of 500,695 people with relief items and emergency shelter, including 266,396 people directly assisted by UNHCR.

On 15 May, an inter-agency mission composed of UNHCR, OCHA, UNFPA, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), and CARITAS assessed the needs in Bouca (Ouham Prefecture) following clashes between ex-Seleka and anti-Balaka occurred at the end of April. The destruction of 1,000 houses in Bouca and surroundings was reported. Through the Rapid response mechanism (RRM), Action Contre la Faim (ACF) NGO assisted over 1,300 households with relief items distribution.

- On 16 May, the Shelter and NFI cluster participated in a joint assessment with the WASH and CCCM clusters in Yaloke in order to evaluate the new site proposed by the local authorities to accommodate over than 600 displaced people. The assessment approved the technical feasibility of the site selected by the local authorities and identified 10 community shelters that needed to be constructed on the site to house the displaced families. Partners for the construction of the community shelter are being identified.
- In Bangui, ACTED NGO has launched its housing reconstruction program in the 5th District of Bangui, supporting an initial group of 300 households that want to return to their homes. In the 8th district, Norway Refugee Council (NRC) NGO has launched a housing reconstruction program, supporting about 100 households to rebuild their homes destroyed during violence. UNHCR has signed an agreement partnership with NRC to implement housing, land and property capacity building and advocacy activities in Bangui, Begoua and Bimbo.
- In Kaga Bandoro, security incidents have resulted end of April in the displacement of 23,300 IDPs, who were mostly concentrated in three sites namely Nativité, Evêché and Bissingale villages and they are in need of emergency shelter and NFI assistance. Through the Rapid response mechanism (RRM), Solidarités NGO, is being supported more than 15,000 IDPs in Kaga Bandoro with NFI distribution.
- In Bossangoa, CRS, ACF and UNHCR assisted some 7,790 persons (1,510 households) with the distribution of relief items in the Gbakera, Bomayan Kette, Bokago I, Borroll, Bondoro and Bouca villages.

### Shelter and NFIs Cluster

- The Shelter and NFI Cluster led by UNHCR and co-facilitated by ACTED identified a need to support the reconstruction of 19,409 houses, out of them only 15,828 houses are currently financed by humanitarian programs.
- The Cluster aims to support affected IDPs, host communities and returning population to meet their protection needs, ensure access to privacy and adequate space to live, as well as restore their habitat taking into account the connection to disaster risk reduction measures, contingency planning and early recovery strategies. The Shelter and NFI Cluster in collaboration with the WASH cluster at the request of the CCCM cluster are assessing alternative sites for those IDPs who cannot return to their homes before the raining season. A sub-national Shelter/NFI Cluster is active in Bossangoa.



## FINANCIAL INFORMATION – CAR OPERATION

Total revised financial requirements for the CAR operation amount to some **US\$ 76.2 million**. UNHCR received a total of **US\$ 14.9 million**, representing 20 percent of the financial needs.

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to the CAR operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR activities around the world with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

### Total contributions for 2014 received (in USD)

United States of America	11,300,000
UNAIDS	30,000
Republic of Korea	300,000
Private Donors	17,295
Luxembourg	339,674
Japan	1,500,000
Holy See	5,000
CERF	1,500,000

## COMMUNICATIONS AND FURTHER READING

In May, UNHCR in CAR and other offices in the region published the following web stories:

### Briefing Notes / Press releases

- UNHCR and WFP Chiefs in joint push for more attention on Central African Republic refugees

Link:

<http://www.unhcr.org/538d9e809.html>

- At least 17 killed and 27 missing after attack on Bangui church sheltering the displaced, 30 May 2014

Link:

<http://www.unhcr.org/53885df86.html>

- UNHCR says insufficient help reaching CAR refugees in Cameroon

Link:

<http://www.unhcr.org/537f1a5f9.html>

- UNHCR staff member killed in the CAR

Link:

<http://www.unhcr.org/53639d189.html>

- CAR: UNHCR condemns attack on humanitarian convoy, two dead

<http://www.unhcr.org/535f94176.html>

### News Stories

- Insecurity aggravates the plight of the displaced at sprawling Bangui site

Link: <http://www.unhcr.org/538ddba36.html>

- UNHCR condemns deadly attack on displaced people in CAR church

Link: <http://www.unhcr.org/5388681c6.html>

- Brothers reunite with mother after ordeal in Central African Republic

Link: <http://www.unhcr.org/538353f86.html>

- UNHCR issues fresh appeal for CAR refugees in Cameroon

Link: <http://www.unhcr.org/537f19309.html>

- Growing numbers of young CAR refugees arrive in Cameroon with malnutrition

Link: <http://www.unhcr.org/537df8166.html>

- Thousands displaced by stepped-up fighting in central-northern CAR

Link: <http://www.unhcr.org/5375de3d9.html>

- Central African students pursue their studies in Chad exile

Link: <http://www.unhcr.org/5370af2c9.html>

- UNHCR renews call for protection of displaced people after attack on CAR convoy

Link: <http://www.unhcr.org/535fa9bf9.html>

### Flash Infos

Please note that all Flash Infos sent by CAR operation can be found on the UNHCR Regional data portal on the following link: <http://data.unhcr.org/car/regional.php>

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

# ANNEXES

## Annex 1- Map- IDPs sites in Bangui

