

## HIGHLIGHTS

536,500

Internally displaced persons (IDPs) in CAR, including

111,500

## IDPs in Bangui

in 43 sites

378,277

Total number of  
**CAR refugees** in  
neighbouring  
countries  
(As of 20 June 2014)

10,667

## Refugees and Asylum seekers in CAR

6,982

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

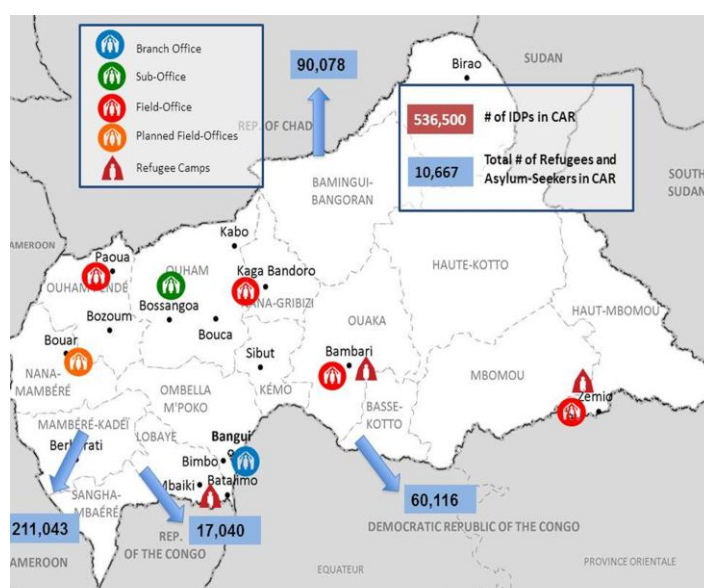
270,251

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)

- Since early June, insecurity in CAR has increased drastically following the killing of two Muslim Peuls by armed elements in the village of Liwa, 10 km south of Bambari. Reportedly members of the ex-Seleka militia attacked Liwa village, leaving 160 houses burned and nine people dead. Between 23 and 24 June, the situation escalated between 23 and 24 June following the killing of peuls by reportedly anti-balaka group in Alindao village, 10 km away from Bambari (Ouaka prefecture). Violence escalated on 24 June with attacks by armed men on the population resulting in the killing of at least 45 people and leading to the displacement of thousands of people in the city. A joint mission (OCHA, OMS, UNFPA, UNICEF and UNHCR) was carried out on 24 June and reported the new displacement of an estimated 9,300 people in several sites in Bambari and international forces bases(MISCA and Sangaris). Situation remains tense and all movements to Bambari were suspended.



Map Sources: UNHCR

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- UNHCR is developing a methodology to assess the internally displacement movement through a population tracking system, expanding its capacity to carry out protection and border monitoring activities in the North, Western and Southern parts of CAR. UNHCR is about to sign new partnership agreements with additional partners in this regard.

## Population of concern (in thousand)

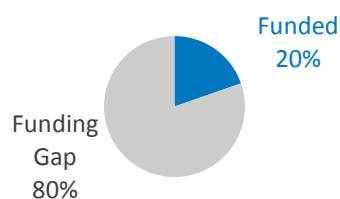
A total of **546 thousand** people of concern

Refugees assisted by UNHCR 10

IDPs assisted by UNHCR 536

### Funding against the operation

US\$76.2 million requested



## UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

### Operational Context

- The security situation in Central Africa Republic remained precarious 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 region Ouham and Ouham-Pende as well as in the regions in the North (Sido, Kaga Bandoro, Batangafo, Boguilla and Markounda). Attacks were reported in the villages of Kouki, Markounda and Bodjomo. On 9 June, the villages of Kouki and Bowara were attacked by reportedly ex-Seleka and armed Peul, resulting in the displacement of hundreds people.
- On 20 June, UNHCR, partners, national and local authorities commemorated the World Refugee Day under the thematic **“1 family torn apart by war is too many”**. Training on international protection and humanitarian principles, conferences, recreational activities, and exhibitions have been organized to celebrate the WRD in Zemio Refugee camp, Bossangoa and Paoua. In Bangui, two commemorative activities were organized. On 20 June 2014, an Official Ceremony was held with the participation of about 120 persons, including CAR authorities, heads of diplomatic missions, representatives of international organizations, a representative of the Mayor of Bangui, religious leaders, as well as representatives of refugees and IDPs and medias. Mr. Etien Lazare Kouassi, UNHCR Representative in CAR, stressed the need for synergies between the various humanitarian actors and national authorities, especially with the upcoming deployment of the MINUSCA, who will contribute to the stabilization of the country and to the strengthening of security. On 21 June, 210 students from schools and universities in Bangui who participated in a Student contest launched on 2nd June, attended the Awards Ceremony of the student contest. The ceremony was organized by UNHCR in cooperation with the Club RFI Bangui Fononon. The Awards Ceremony was followed by artistic performances, as well as a debate on the role and the activities of UNHCR in the country.



*World refugee Day- official ceremony in Bangui- The Representative of refugee community in the CAR, opened the official ceremony event with a minute of silence in memory of the victims of the crisis in the CAR. UNHCR CAR / June 2014*

## Achievements



### Protection

#### Key achievements

##### Multi-sectoral assistance to refugees

- In June, UNHCR facilitated the voluntary repatriation of 11 refugees from Bangui to DRC, Kinshasa. Since January 2014, a total of 6,982 refugees were voluntarily repatriated to their places of origin, including 699 urban refugees who voluntarily repatriated to Chad, DRC and Sudan through the emergency voluntary repatriation programme, and 6,283 refugees from Batalimo camp to DRC.
- UNHCR with the support of the National Commission for Refugees in Central Africa (CNR) and Danish refugee council (DRC) partner completed the first round of the verification operation of urban refugees and asylum seekers from 16 countries, which started on 26 May 2014. The last verification operation took place in 2011. As of 20 June 2014, over 1,700 individuals were verified and registered, mostly originating from DRC, Rwanda Chad and Sudan. A second round of the exercise will be organized at the soonest in order to verify Chadian, South Sudanese and Sudanese refugees of Muslim faith who are confined in surrounding areas in the capital. This exercise enables UNHCR to profile the urban refugee caseload, identify durable solutions and better target assistance, particularly in consideration of the CAR crisis on the refugees.
- UNHCR and partners in implementation assisted about 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 Bambari, the refugee camp of Pladama Ouaka, which is located at 10 km from the city, is hosting some 1,960 Sudanese refugees. Considering the security situation in Bambari, UNHCR undertook all necessary actions in order to ensure that international treaties protecting the refugees are not violated and that the refugees' rights are fully respected during the country's inter-communal conflict.  
In Zemio camp, refugee students from the primary and secondary school have started their examinations. UNHCR and COOPI ensure efforts to increase school attendance in the camp. Most of the children are performing regular domestic chores.

## Internally displaced persons (IDPs)

- There are currently an estimated 536,500 Central Africans displaced within the country - including 111,500 in Bangui hosted in 43 sites. Return of IDPs in 13 sites and the fourth arrondissement has been observed resulting in the closure of the Boy-Rabe and SECA (Bimbo) sites in the capital. In addition, a new site, namely Temple Benjamin, opened in the 6e arrondissement. The seven most populated sites (over 5,000 people) accommodate about 72 per cent of the IDP community. The largest site is located near to the M'Poko international airport site and hosts some 38,400 IDPs.
- Outside the capital, the Commission Mouvement de Population (CMP), under the Protection Cluster, launched an operation to collect data on both IDP sites as well as IDPs living in host communities outside of Bangui in order to update current IDP statistics in CAR and respond to the need of humanitarian actors. As of end of June, several areas of internal displacement have been identified and mapped by the CMP. The operation targets both IDP sites as well as IDPs living with host families. A map on displacement trends and contextual analysis will be published. In addition, UNHCR is developing a methodology to assess the internally displacement movement through a population tracking system, expanding its capacity to carry out protection and border monitoring activities in the North, Western and Southern part of CAR. UNHCR has signed a partnership agreement with COOPI for the protection monitoring activities in the Southern part of CAR and is about to sign additional agreements with implementing partners for both protection and border monitoring.
- Two inter-agency missions were carried out to monitor the situation of the communities at risk in Yaloke on 14 June (UNHCR, FAO, UNICEF, OCHA) and the situation of IDPs in M'Baiki and Boboua return village on 21 June (UNHCR, CIM-COORD (OCHA) and the Protection Cluster). In Yaloke, the mission recommended to continue advocacy with the local authorities and military forces for the freedom of movement of the IDPs and especially for those who may wish to leave CAR and join Cameroon, as well as quickly set up the site the development of inter-communal dialogue amongst the communities for the community for those who may wish to stay. In M'Baiki the mission reported that some 31 persons, originating from Bouboua, M'Baiki city center and Bangadou, are hosted in the MISCA base. Some IDPs are in need of specific medical assistance. The mission outlined that the return of IDPs to their locations of origin is possible. Mediation efforts were already carried out by several actors. As a result, spontaneous return movements already reported, with the return of an estimated 60 Muslims in their community of origin in Boboua. Taking this development into account, Mbaiki and Boboua are not no longer considered as "communities at risk". Instead, the mission recommended that efforts should be strengthened for a prompt return of the population to their community of origin.
- Since early May, UNHCR team in Bossangoa identified and registered a total of new 585 displaced households (representing 1,139 persons) coming from villages in the northern region to Bossangoa. The families received full NFI packages from UNHCR and unaccompanied/separated children were also referred to UNICEF.

### Protection Cluster

- The Protection Cluster led by UNHCR and co-facilitated by Danish Refugee Council (DRC) endorsed the overall Protection strategy 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. The strategy has been shared with the Humanitarian Country team (HCT) members and Humanitarian coordinator for their final approval.
- As of 26 June, the Protection Cluster reported some 19,252 individuals are confined in 8 locations, three of which are assessed as being at a high risk (in Boda, PK5 (Bangui) and Berberati), and five at risk (Bocaranga, Boganangone, Bouar, Carnot, and Yaloke). This number and the locations are in a constant flux.
- 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 is working, jointly with the humanitarian community and closely with state and city officials in order to facilitate return of IDPs wherever possible and to seek alternatives options such as transfer to more secured alternative sites or host families when the return is still not possible due to the security situation or the lack of financial means for IDPs. 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 identified and validated by the humanitarian community, the Government and the international security forces: Boganda I and Patassé.
- According to the fifth IOM return intention survey IOM published early June, 77 percent of the displaced persons left their place of origin since December 2013. The data, used in the report, was collected from 19 to 23 May, before the attack on Notre Dame de Fatima Church on 28 May. IOM site facilitators interviewed a total of 575 displaced persons in 34 sites in Bangui. A total of 60 percent of the displaced persons indicated their intention of return within the next four weeks while 27 percent of displaced persons indicated their intention to stay in their displacement site. In addition, some 11 percent of the displaced persons interviewed expressed their desire to be relocated to another region within CAR. According to the survey, lack of financial means, houses damaged and or completely destroyed, and the prevailing insecurity in their neighborhood are holding back the displaced population from returning to their communities of origin.
- As part of the CCCM capacity building strategy, a total of 27 staff members of the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Cooperation, were trained in June on the humanitarian action and principles of the CCCM Cluster, with the participation of OCHA. This workshop aimed to reinforce the capacities of the authorities on the CCCM strategy in CAR and roles and responsibilities among the cluster. The capacity building programme will be extended to the rest of the country, where an estimated 65 sites have been identified hosting approximately 160,000 IDPs (estimated statistics). 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. As the end of June, some 493 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, 88 staffs from the national Red Cross or the national and local authorities and 81 representatives of IDPs in Bangui and Bossangoa.

### CCCM Cluster

- The CCCM Cluster led by UNHCR and co-facilitated by IOM, is monitoring the situation of the 111,500 IDPs hosted in 43 displacement sites. The seven most populated ones accommodate about 72 per cent of the IDP community living in sites. The largest site located next to the M'Poko international airport hosts approximately 38,400 IDPs, where the security situation remains preoccupying with reportedly theft, violence and abductions by armed groups
- The Cluster is ensuring that a solid coordination mechanism is established as well as 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 40 site facilitators from IOM and who assess the needs in sites on a regular basis.
- The IDP sites outside of Bangui are being mapped while 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 coordination of assistance and protection in sites, and capacity building.



## Shelter and NFIs

### Key achievements

- Since the beginning of the crisis in December 2013, the Shelter and NFI Cluster and partners supported a total of 537,033 people with relief items and emergency shelter, including 270,251 people directly assisted by UNHCR. According to the Shelter and NFI Cluster, about sixty percent of the distribution focused on the CAR capital and sub-prefecture of Bimbo. As such, there are still large parts of the country are not covered by distributions of NFI. There are also still significant needs for plastic sheeting, mosquito nets, jerry cans, mats and kitchen kit.
- In Ouham Prefecture, according to a recent assessment undertaken by ACF, about 8,000 IDPs are in need of assistance in the community of Kouki (Prefecture of Ouham). These IDPs have suffered from the destruction of their homes by armed groups and are currently sheltering in fields and wooded areas. In addition, according to the inter-agency assessment mission carried out from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June by OCHA, UNDSS, DRC, COOPI, Mentor NGO and UNHCR, 2,500 returnees have been identified in the communities of Ngaounday and Bang in the Ouham Pende Province. These returnees are in need of both NFI assistance and support to reconstruct their destroyed houses. In the community of Bang a near totality of the community's 520 homes were reported destroyed. In Bossangoa, a total of 824 IDPs households (representing 3,503 persons) received full NFI kits from Solidarites NGO through RRRM. In addition, a total of 18 shelter committees are now functional with the support of ACTED NGO.
- Through the Rapid Mechanism Response (RRM) and in coordination with UNHCR, Solidarités is providing NFI assistance to 3,000 IDP households in Kaga-Bandoro.
- In Liwa (Bambari, Ouaka Province), ICRC distributed NFIs to IDPs.
- In Bangui, UNHCR implementing partner, Norway Refugee Council (NRC) has organized two capacity building workshop on the housing, land and property (HLP) issues to shelters partners, and members of the Shelter / NFI Cluster as well as members of the Protection Cluster. Over than 40 participants were trained on the international legal framework of the HLP, the HLP and durables solutions in IDP and urban area context, approach to land disputes in June.

### 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 16,528 houses are currently financed by humanitarian programs. Significant gaps have been identified in the Ouham Pende, Ouham and Ouaka Prefectures in emergency shelter and NFI support. The sub-prefecture of Markoundia, in the northern Ouham Province is almost completely inaccessible to the humanitarian community, rendering the delivery of assistance to populations in that region impossible.
- 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\$ 15 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
UNDP	32,636
UNAIDS	30,000
Republic of Korea	300,000
Private Donors	18,865
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 seeking clarification of reports that people fleeing CAR denied entry to Chad

Link: <http://www.unhcr.org/539aef436.html>

- 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>

### News Stories

- Rapid treatment saves seven-year-old CAR refugee chopped and left for dead

Link: <http://www.unhcr.org/5391e0116.html>

- 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>

### 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>