

REPUBLIC OF CONGO

UNHCR OPERATIONAL UPDATE – CAR SITUATION

09-15 MARCH 2015

KEY FIGURES

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Unaccompanied minors assisted by UNHCR

16,938

NFIs distributed since the beginning of the CAR emergency

56

SGBV survivors who have received support from UNHCR

FUNDING

USD 10,865,000
requested for
the operation

USD 800,000
received

PRIORITIES

- Operational priority 1 in the coming weeks: ensure registration and documentation of all CAR refugees
- Operational priority 2 in the coming weeks: lifesaving activities for CAR refugees living in northern Congo
- Operational priority 3 in the coming weeks: reduce exposition to SGBV, especially in camps
- Operational priority 4 in the coming weeks: reinforce assistance for education, including secondary education and vocational activities.



OVERVIEW OF THE REFUGEE SITE 15 AVRIL. UNHCR BETOU

STATISTICS

406 new CAR refugees were registered in Bétou and Brazzaville by UNHCR and CNAR (National Committee for Assistance of Refugees) during the week.

Up to 15 March 2015, **24,273** CAR refugees were registered in the Republic of Congo, including **14,855** who arrived after 5 December 2013.

Statistics of the refugee population- 15 March 2015

Locality	31/12/2013	08/03/2015	Arrivals	15/03/2015
Betou	8,002	16,583	356	16,939
Impfondo	435	1,072	0	1,072
Brazzaville	1,547	5,827	50	5,877
Pointe Noire	100	385	0	385
Total	10,084	23,867	406	24,273

In addition, 912 refugees were pre-registered by the immigration services of Betou but not yet registered in ProGres. This number has however to be re-assessed as it is expected that many of these individuals have then relocated to Brazzaville and were registered there while others may have returned to CAR. On 8 March 2015, the **cumulative** number of registered and pre-registered refugees was of 25,185 refugees.

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS



Protection

- On Sunday 15 March, a new police operation was launched in the district of Mpila, Brazzaville. The aim of the operation was to evacuate the habitations which had been damaged during the explosions of 4 March 2012 and that are currently occupied illegally, mainly by CAR individuals. Up to 300 CAR individuals were reportedly arrested during this operation. All those holding valid refugee cards were released on the same day and requested to move immediately from the area. 74 individuals holding refugee attestations delivered in Betou and Impfondo or not yet registered as refugees remained in the premises of the central Police station of Brazzaville. UNHCR met with the police authorities regarding their situation which should be discussed by a 'commission' in the upcoming days. UNHCR will be associated to the discussions.
- UNHCR Betou was informed of the recent arrival of some 1,200 new CAR refugees in the localities of Mouale and Mokabi. Both localities are only accessible after more than one day of travel by road. Thus a screening and registration mission will be organized next week.
- In Betou, CNAR and the immigration services pre-registered 32 families of 79 individuals who remain to be registered in ProGres.



Education and vocational training

Achievements and Impact

- In Betou, UNHCR's partner AIRD is currently constructing 11 classrooms in three (3) public schools. Construction work is about to be finalized and the classrooms will soon be delivered to local authorities.
- Three (3) classrooms as well as a vocational center are also being constructed in the refugee site of Ikpengbele.



Health and nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- A meeting on child malnutrition in the area of Betou reunited UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP and UNHCR's medical partner Terre Sans Frontières. The meeting was aimed to strengthen the coordination of remedial and prevention activities in this particular sector.
- One case of acute malnutrition was identified and treated.
- 107 children and 45 pregnant women were vaccinated during the week in Betou.



Water and Sanitation

- UNHCR and UNICEF had a meeting regarding the coordination of WASH activities in the area of Betou.
- Two (2) water points and four (6) units of latrines and showers are currently being constructed in Ikpengbele and two additional water points are being constructed in Betou.
- UNHCR's partner AARREC proceeded to the chlorination of 39 water points and held sensitization sessions on the basic hygiene rules. 109 individuals participated to the sessions.



Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

- After a meeting with UNHCR, the local authorities of Betou gave their agreement for the future extension of the refugee site 15 Avril.
- The 'shelter planner' from UNHCR Kinshasa was on mission in Betou to assess the construction work currently ongoing on the sites 15 Avril and Ikpengbele.
- On the site 15 Avril, 380 shelters on 400 initially planned are finalized and 291 have already been allocated.
- A mission from the organization 'Salvation Army' came to Betou and assisted 904 CAR refugee families with food and non-food items.