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CAR CRISIS

IOM REGIONAL RESPONSE

SITUATION REPORT | 31 March - 13 April 2015

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Central African Republic (CAR): IOM has been providing support to MINUSCA (*Mission multidimensionnelle intégrée des Nations unies pour la stabilisation en Centrafrique*) and the National Elections Authority by sending an elections expert to Bangui and Cameroon to assess possibilities for IOM support in electoral registration. IOM also looking into electoral participation by IDPs in CAR as well as CAR nationals (mainly refugees) in neighbouring countries including Cameroon, Chad, Congo and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). IOM is in the process of providing recommendations to the Government of CAR and MINUSCA in order to facilitate the holding of a constitutional referendum as well as the Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in a timely and inclusive manner. The recommendations made by IOM include Out-of-Country Voting for CAR nationals in neighbouring countries. The Presidential Decree nominating the Technical Committee for the Bangui Forum was repealed on 13 April. Consultations are being held between the Transitional Government and Parliament, as well as political parties and civil society organizations in order to form a consensual technical committee for the Bangui Forum taking place between 27 April - 2 May.

In Mbomou, Bema city, two ex-Seleka factions disputed the control of customs and police positions while pushing populations to flee into DRC. Within Bangui and its nearby areas, the security situation is stable but unpredictable as there continues to be reports of armed robbery and break-ins targeting humanitarian workers.



IOM donating bicycles to a local chapter of the Red Cross in Kabo and Moyenne Sido (Photo: IOM CAR)

HIGHLIGHTS



CAR: On 1 April, IOM launched a vulnerability assessment targeting IDPs to identify vulnerable persons and those with specific needs that require urgent assistance and referrals.

CHAD: During the reporting period, IOM distributed **33 tarpaulins** to **165 returnees** in the Djako site to rehabilitate shelters that were in poor conditions ahead of the upcoming rainy season.

CAMEROON: During the reporting period migrants in IOM

Currently, there are **436,119 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)** in CAR, including **43,592 people** in Bangui (Source: Commission for Population Movement).

CAR Operations

CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

IOM continues site facilitation and displacement tracking report in Boda. Currently, there are **10,957 IDPs** in both Muslim Enclave and Christian community. In Kabo and Moyenne Sido, IOM continues to track displacement patterns of **3,606 IDPs** in sites, as well as another **5,200** who are staying with host families. On 1 April, IOM launched a vulnerability assessment targeting IDPs to identify vulnerable persons and those with specific needs that require urgent assistance and referrals in the areas of medical care, psychosocial counselling, return/family reunification and assistance with legal documents, transportation, and intake assistance while under medical care. Following the assessment, IOM will provide protection and direct assistance to the vulnerable IDPs in need and referral to relevant assistance providers. IOM is working closely with local authorities to monitor returnees from Chad and those who had returned to their villages located near Kabo and Moyenne Sido. A total of 3,151 returnees (811 households) have been registered to date.

From 31 March to 14 April, IOM organized a support monitoring mission by *Association des Femmes pour la promotion de l'Entrepreneuriat (AFPE)* in order to strengthen the capacity of the Red Cross in site facilitation and site management of sites hosting IDPs. During the monitoring mission, a workshop was also held with attendance **45 participants** representing local authorities and IDP Committees, including site facilitators. The

workshop was conducted as part of a signed partnership agreement between IOM and AFPE to train the direct implementers on IDP site facilitation.

During the reporting period, IOM donated IT equipment and bicycles to local chapters of the Red Cross Society within Kabo and Moyenne Sido to strengthen their capacity to conduct site facilitation and site management since they have begun their activities in February.

WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE

During the reporting period, in coordination with the WASH Cluster, IOM distributed water depolluting tablets to IDPs in Capable, Touma, and Gbaguila quarters of Boda which were polluted during the Inter-community violence.

COMMUNITY STABILIZATION

During the reporting period, IOM continued with its Cash-for-Work activities in Bangui. The rehabilitation of the maternity wing in the 3rd district has been completed while progress on the mayor's office in the 5th district is ongoing. IOM is preparing to expand the scope of project activities including increasing the targeted number of beneficiaries from 10,000 to 19,000.

A total **462 former fighters** have participated in the High Intensive Manpower Works/Activities (THIMO) in addition to 1,020 additional beneficiaries. A total of 38 infrastructures were rehabilitated or cleaned up through THIMO out of 39 planned. To date, **11,512 beneficiaries** have participated in IOM's Cash-for-Work activities.

CHAD Operations

RETURNEE VERIFICATION AND REGISTRATION

At the beginning of the reporting period, **128 returnees** were registered following their welcomed arrival to Goré from Mbitoye. To date, there are a total of 18,255 returnees in Goré.

Starting on 13 April, IOM will identify returnees in the Sido site wishing to be relocated to the Maigama temporary site. Additionally, the Shelter Technical Group involved with the construction of shelters in Goré will meet to discuss the shelter gaps in the Kobiteye and Danamadja sites. As co lead of the Shelter Technical Group, IOM wishes to fill these gaps and to proceed with the distribution of tarps for shelters requiring maintenance before the beginning of the rainy season.

During the reporting period, ACTED gained access to IOM returnee's registration list. Currently, IOM has **16 partners** who have access to IOM's registration lists including three UN agencies (OCHA, WFP and UNHCR) and nine international and national NGOs.

SHELTER ASSISTANCE

During the reporting period, IOM distributed **33 tarpaulins** to **165 returnees** in the Djako site to rehabilitate shelters that were in poor conditions ahead of the upcoming rainy season.

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

During the reporting period, the psychosocial team worked with small groups of women in Kobiteye, Danamadja, and Maigama to share life experiences amongst each other. In addition, IOM conducted recreational activities in Kobiteye and Danamadja with women and children to improve socialization in the sites.

In Kobiteye, **14 returnees** received counselling and, among them, eight cases were referred to a health centre for further medical assistance.

HEALTH ASSISTANCE

During the reporting period, IOM's medical clinic provided consultations to **395 patients** in the Gaoui site. Among the consultations, malaria, diarrhoea, and respiratory infections were cited as the most common diseases found in patients. **Three cases** were referred to local hospitals and reported cases involving tuberculosis, pneumonia, acute abdominal pain, and dermatosis.

In addition, **four cases** of whooping cough were identified in children under the age of five. In response, the CCCM/Shelter Cluster, made an appeal to the Health Cluster to request the return of a Ministry of Health team which recently provided routine vaccinations for whooping cough at the Gaoui site. In addition, IOM made an appeal to the Health Cluster to make a request for a sensitization campaign to be conducted at the Gaoui site.

CAMEROON Operations

REGISTRATION

Between 31 March and 13 April, **31 Third Country Nationals** (TCNs) (7 women, 8 men and 16 children) originating from Chad, Mali, Nigeria, Niger were registered by IOM seeking



IOM's providing medical consultations in Kentzou (Photo: IOM Cameroon)

protection in IOM's transit sites in Kentzou and Garoua Boulai.

As of 13 April, an estimated **500 TCNs** have expressed their intention to return to their countries of origin. To date, IOM has registered a total of **17,621 TCNs** in Kentzou and Garoua Boulai. Currently, **186 TCNs** are hosted in IOM's transit sites in Garoua Boulai (121) and Kentzou (65), and 1,913 TCNs are living with host communities.

HEALTH ASSISTANCE

During the reporting period, IOM's medical team in Kentzou conducted **44 medical consultations**, with the majority of consultations identifying cases of malaria, intestinal parasites, respiratory infection and sexually transmitted infections. Since

June 2014, IOM has conducted medical consultations for **1,358 cases** of which 45 cases were referred to local hospitals. IOM medical team organized a session on health community where migrants were sensitized on dental oral health. This session took place in IOM transit site in Kentzou for 65 migrants.

Additionally, in Garoua Boulai, IOM's medical team conducted **53 medical consultations** for malaria, diarrhoea, intestinal parasites and sexually transmitted infections. Since May 2014, IOM has provided medical consultations for **1,336 cases** of which 110 were referred to MSF for follow up .



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