



# WFP Central African Republic Country Brief

## WFP Assistance

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
<b>Critical support to populations affected by the ongoing crisis in the Central African Republic and its regional impact - C.A.R. component</b>			
Regional EMOP 200799 (Jan 2015 – Dec 2016)	83.4 m	38.2 m (46%)	18.3 m (43%)
<b>Provision of Humanitarian Air Services in the Central African Republic</b>			
SO 200804 (Jan 2015 – Dec 2016)**	30.3 m	22.4 m (74%)	n/a
<b>Logistics &amp; Emergency Telecommunications Cluster Augmentation in Central African Republic</b>			
SO 200997 (Aug 2016 – Mar 2017)	2.0 m	0 m (0%)	2.0m (100%)
<b>Logistics augmentation and coordination for humanitarian corridors into Central African Republic</b>			
Regional Special Operation (SO) 200934 (Jan 2016 – Dec 2016)	3.4 m	1.8 m (54%)	1.6m (48%)

\*September 2016 – February 2017  
\*\* Operation ending in December

**EMOP 200799:** The project provides flexible seasonal support to moderately food insecure households, supporting the restoration of access to basic services and human capital protection. It is based on large scale nutrition and food security assessments. The operation is valid until December 2016.

WFP assists the internally displaced, host communities and affected local populations through food distributions, complementing food assistance with cash-based transfers.

In addition, WFP conducts nutrition activities including blanket supplementary feeding for affected households with children aged 6-23 months, and treatment services for moderately acute malnourished children aged 6-59 months, as well as pregnant and nursing women.

The Purchase for Progress (P4P) activity and home-grown school feeding are some of the initiatives WFP has been actively conducting during the recent months.

In 2016, WFP plans to assist 997,000 people in C.A.R., a slight increase from the 923,000 in 2015.

**Main** Credit: WFP/Bruno Djoyo

**Photo** Caption: A mother exchanges WFP vouchers for some food.

## Highlights

- In September 2016, WFP plans to assist 447,852 people with 3,156 mt and 89,560 USD through direct food distribution, cash based transfers (CBT), resilience activities and nutrition activities.
- A new Special Operation for the Logistics and Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) has been launched. Urgent funding of USD 2 million is requested in order to provide Logistics and ETC services to the entire humanitarian community.

**SO 200804:** WFP's Humanitarian Air Services (UNHAS) provides reliable and safe transport to 28 destinations in the country for the humanitarian community. More than 111 humanitarian organizations depend on UNHAS services to facilitate humanitarian access.

From January to August 2016, 2,800 passengers and 30 tons of cargo on average have been transported every month. UNHAS also conducts medical evacuations and staff security relocations.

**SO 200934:** A regional Special Operation addresses, through enhanced coordination, logistics gaps and bottle-necks in the main access route from the port of Douala in Cameroon to the capital Bangui which originate from the unstable security in C.A.R. These challenges are currently hampering the efficiency and timeliness of cargo deliveries.

**SO 200997:** A new Special Operation for the Logistics and Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) has been approved to continue providing Logistics and ETC support to the entire humanitarian community in C.A.R.

## In Numbers

**2.0 million** People Food Insecure

**600,000** Severely Food Insecure

**400,000** People Displaced

**371,955**  
People Assisted  
August 2016



August 2016

## Operational Updates

- In August, WFP conducted the second cycle of the seed protection programme in collaboration with FAO. Conflict-affected, severely food insecure small farm households who have displacement history, which includes internally displaced people currently living in host families and host families themselves, are assisted.
- WFP is preparing to introduce cash-based transfer (CBT) assistance in Kaga Bandoro, including vouchers to 5,000 displaced people in the framework of cash-for-work initiatives for up to 2,250 vulnerable people.
- WFP is purchasing 60 mt of beans and rice under the P4P initiative. At least 45% of the farmers participating in the P4P programme are women. P4P specifically targets women farmers in order to address the particular difficulties they face. In Bouar one of the farmers' group is 100% composed of women.
- The combined operational capacity of WFP and partners is 4,000 tons per month on average. This requires WFP to concentrate activities in 10 out of 17 prefectures, and the capital.

## Assessment Data

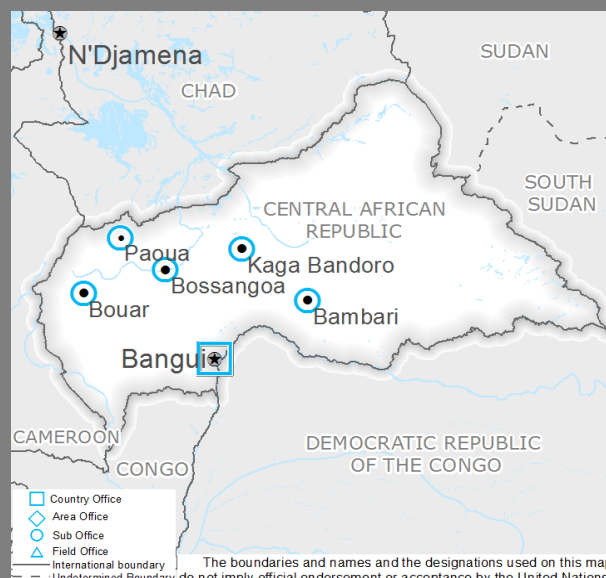
- The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis for C.A.R. took place in August 2016, in collaboration with the Government and the partners in order to provide an update of the food security classification undertaken in December 2015. The results indicate a deterioration of food and nutrition security in the country, in which the number of people in crisis and emergency situation (Phase 3 and 4) increased from about 1.7 million people in December 2015 to 2 million people.
- The preparation for the Emergency Food Security Assessment (EFSA) planned for September 2016 is underway. Findings of the EFSA will complement those made in the recent IPC analysis.

## Challenges

Some of the main challenges WFP is encountering while implementing its operations are:

- Insecurity, which includes sudden outburst of violence causing temporary suspension of WFP operations in Bangui and the field.
- Long lead-time of two to six months to transport commodities into the country.
- WFP urgently requires additional funding to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable people and ensure that commodities are received on time. Needs to continue life-saving assistance and nutritional support in C.A.R are secured only until November.

## Country Background & Strategy



The past three decades of socio-political challenges in the Central African Republic have been characterized by instability, coup d'états and the establishment of uncontrolled armed elements contesting for control over territory as well as access to economic and natural resources.

Despite its agro-ecological and mining potential, the country remains one of the poorest in the world. Following decades of political and economic crises, the country has experienced weakened social indicators and fragile social and economic infrastructure. Moreover, the violent conflict since 2012 has affected the entire population and placed over half the population in dire need of humanitarian assistance.

According to the UNDP 2015 Human Development Report, 84 percent of the population lives on less than USD 2 a day, with nearly half the population facing extreme multidimensional poverty.

The C.A.R. President Faustin Touadera was sworn in on 30 March 2016, putting an end to the two-year transitional government.

WFP has been present in the Central African Republic since 1969.

Population: **4.9 million**

2015 Human Development Index:  
**187 out of 188**

Income Level: **Least Developed**

Chronic malnutrition: **40% of children between 6-59 months**

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