

# CAR CRISIS IOM REGIONAL RESPONSE

SITUATION REPORT

18 November - 1 December 2014



# SITUATION OVERVIEW

Central African Republic (CAR): During this reporting period, IOM received threats in camp Beal, and, as a result, IOM had to suspend assistance to all areas controlled by ex-Seleka in Bangui. IOM has been coordinating very closely with the humanitarian community and international security forces to ensure all other activities may continue without facing major difficulties.

During the reporting period, the number of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Bangui decreased by **1,774 people**, bringing the total IDP numbers to **59,470** (Source: IOM DTM Report, 2 December 2014). The decrease is due to the relative improvement of the security situation in some neighbourhoods. Most pressing IDP needs continue to be Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), health, Non-Food Items (NFIs), and educational provisions.

IOM continues to liaise with partners and key donors such as USAID, ECHO, the EU Delegation, UN agencies, the Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA), the European Union Force (EUFOR), and Sangaris.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**



CAR: During the reporting period, IOM rehabilitated 24 IDP shelters in Kabo and Moyenne Sido.

CHAD: On 26 November, IOM distributed **275 blankets** and **126 tarpaulins** to **456 Chadian returnees** at the Djako temporary site.

**CAMEROON:** On 26 November, IOM in Djako temporary site received **456 Chadians returnees** from the Garoua Boulai transit site.

# **CAR Operations**

# **FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

On 30 November and 1 December, IOM undertook a second distribution of food items to IDPs and stranded populations in the Enclave within Boda. This distribution was funded by the Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW). This distribution compliments with food distributions that took place in July which provided residents living in the Muslim enclave with food as part of Ramadhan.

# WATER SANITATION AND HYGINE

Between 18 November and 1 December, **80 public trash cans** were installed in the 3rd district following prioritization of the establishment of a public waste management system by the community of the 3rd district. Additionally, construction is ongoing on the maternity wing and public water points in the 3rd arrondissement.

During the reporting period, **six new garbage dumps** were built in Moyenne Sido (4) and Kabo (2). In addition, three new water boreholes were built in both IDP Sites in Moyenne Sido (2) and Kabo (1) by INTERSOS. Eight new latrines were also constructed by IOM in both sites in order to meet the WASH needs of the IDPs.

#### **COMMUNITY STABILIZATION**

On 1 December, more than 5,000 people attended mass football gathering organized by the *Freres Centrafricain* with support of IOM. This was the first event which brought together different communities in the Fatima School. Organizers facilitated a march of people living in the enclave of PK 5 to join their neighbours in the Fatima neighbourhood. Event was vastly peaceful. Centre of attention was the mixed football match between former international football players of CAR, IOM team members, youth and current football players of the national league.

Between 18 to 25 November, IOM supported a local youth organization in the 3rd arrondissement to facilitate cleaning of Koudoukou Street as an activity bringing together at-risk youth from different communities, many of whom were previously engaged with different armed actors.

On 22 and 24 November, **two community consultations** were held by IOM with more than 400 representatives from the 5th arrondissement in Bangui. These consultations resulted in the decision to rehabilitate the mayor's office, a social centre, bridge access to Ave Benzvi, wall construction for a school, and the main market area. IOM has begun the process of evaluating these requests.

Additionally, during the reporting period, IOM rehabilitated 24 **IDP shelters** (8 in Kabo and 18 in Moyenne Sido). 93 Masons, 6 Carpenters and 300 semi-skilled youths are involved in houses construction works in order to increase their purchasing power and enhance social cohesion between IDPs and host communities. As a result of their work, **82 IDP houses** have been completed during this reporting period in Kabo as part of the Peace Villages Project bringing the total to 217 houses. IOM is currently procuring construction materials for the rehabilitation of Kabo Junior Secondary School. To date, IOM's Cash for Work activities have had 7,800 beneficiaries.

IOM has made an initial assessment of public facilities and infrastructures within Boda to be rehabilitated, closely with local authorities.

# **CHAD Operations**

# RETURNEE VERIFICATION AND REGISTRATION

During the reporting period, IOM completed a returnee verification exercise in Maigama during which 12,169 returnees were registered. This data was later shared with humanitarian partners including, WFP, OCHA, Chadian Red Cross, and INTERSOS. Additionally, on 30 November, a further verification exercise at the Sido transit site began; it is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2014.

#### TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

On 24 November, in light of improved security, IOM resumed transportation services from Doyaba transit site to Maigama temporary site. During the reporting period, IOM transported 801 returnees and 185 CAR-claiming nationals.

As of 1 December 2014, **5,888 returnees** are waiting to be relocated from the Doyaba transit site to the Maigama temporary site. To date, IOM has transported 10,183 returnees, TCNs, and CAR-Claiming nationals from the Doyaba and Sido transit sites to the Maigama Temporary site.

On 26 November, IOM teams in Djako received 456 Chadian returnees from Garoua Boulai transit site, Cameroon. On 28 November, 101 Chadian returnees in Djako were relocated to Am -Timan where they were reunited with their families.

# NON-FOOD ITEM DISTRIBUTION

On 26 November, IOM distributed **275 blankets** and **126 tarpaulins** to **456 Chadian returnees** at the Djako temporary site.

#### **HEALTH ASSISTANCE**

The clinic in Gaoui transit site carried out a total of **295 consultations** in the reporting period. IOM clinic personnel referred eight cases to hospitals. The consultations resulted in 92 identified cases of malaria with the remaining cases consisting of respiratory infections, Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), tuberculosis, and dental referrals.



# **COMMUNITY STABILIZATION**

IOM organized a campaign on social cohabitation and peaceful coexistence among communities in the Tissi area. The campaign took place in **ten villages** (Amsissia, Amzilie, Hidjer, Gadar, Goza, Kided, Nabagaye, Tadjou, Tissi, Routrout) and **3,630 persons** participated in these activities.

**CAMEROON Operations** 

#### **REGISTRATION**

During the reporting period, IOM registered a mixed family consisting of **eight Sudanese and Nigerian Third Country Nationals** (TCNs) (one woman, one man and six children) seeking protection in IOM's transit site in Kentzou. These TCNs originated from Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea Bissau, Nigeria, and the Republic of Congo.

As of 1 December, a total of **1,590 TCNs** have been registered in Kentzou (1,039) and Garoua Boulai (551) who have shown their voluntariness in returning to their countries of origin. Among them, 1,503 TCNs are living in host communities and 87 are living in IOM transit sites in Kentzou (50) and Garoua Boulai (37).

Since January 2014, a total of **17,093 TCNs** have been registered by IOM in Cameroon. Since the beginning of operations in February 2014, IOM has provided assistance to 6,968 TCNs from Chad, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Sudan to return to their countries of origin.

# TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

On 25 and 26 November, IOM organized land transportations for 449 Chadians from IOM's transit sites in Kentzou and Garoua Boulai and host communities to return to their country of origin. An additional 201 Malians were transported from Kentzou to Bamako following a request from the Government of Mali (GoM). The GoM assisted transportation efforts with the provision of an aircraft. The Embassies of Chad and Mali in Yaoundé screened and delivered travels documents to the migrants, while IOM provided food, water, and medical assistance. IOM Bamako assisted in this operation by providing airport assistance and

relocation for returnees to their communities of origin while IOM N'djamena liaised with authorities to get necessary approval and authorization to start this evacuation.

#### **HEALTH ASSISTANCE**

An IOM medical team conducted **six medical consultations** in Kentzou which involved cases of malaria, STIs, and prenatal consultations. Since May 2014, IOM has provided medical consultations for 1,078 cases in Garoua Boulai, of which, 101 cases were referred to Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). Since June 2014, 1,035 consultations were carried out in Kentzou as well, of which 43 cases were referred to local hospitals. Majority of patients seen suffered from diarrhoea, intestinal parasites, malaria, malnutrition, and respiratory diseases.



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