



A food distribution is being conducted within Boda (Photo: IOM Central African Republic)

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Central African Republic (CAR): The overall situation in CAR has not changed since the previous reporting period with incidents registered in Bangui limited to thefts and breaking and entering. The Government of CAR continues to reach out to civil society and conflicting armed groups in an effort to promote peace and stabilization. Prospects towards the closure of prominent IDP sites, such as the Bangui Mpoko International Airport, are unlikely to happen as the basic requirements for IDPs to return to their former communities or to resettle them to alternative sites have not yet been met. IOM continues to assist more than 3,000 IDPs hosted in both Kabo and Moyon Sido IDP sites with the coordination of food and shelter assistance for more than 5,500 IDPs in host families.

CAR Operations

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

During the reporting period, IOM conducted a food distribution, funded by the Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW), to IDPs within Boda. The distribution included 6,000 frozen chickens, 1,200 tins of tomatoes, 3,600 kilograms of sugar and 10,000 loaves of bread. The distribution was planned to take place just ahead of the Central African Republic's Independence Day to allow vulnerable populations to join the celebrations in a dignified manner.

COMMUNITY STABILIZATION

IOM community stabilization activities in CAR aim to help kick-start economic and social recovery and contribute to stabilization and the building of social cohesion in conflict-affected communities. During the reporting period, two

HIGHLIGHTS



CAR: Between 2 and 15 December, the first rotation of **111 participants** involved in a two-week city cleaning operations has been completed with a second rotation underway.

CHAD: On 12 December, IOM completed the clearing of land for the construction of **300 temporary family shelters**.

CAMEROON: IOM distributed food to **69 households** in Garoua Boulai and **180 households** in Kentzou.

football games were held in the 4th and 5th arrondissements of Bangui to promote social cohesion in mixed communities.

IOM and partners are working on facilitating different work rotations in the 3rd and 5th arrondissements of Bangui which will focus on road construction leading up to a roundabout that formerly served as a main trading point but now lays abandoned. By starting to work on the roads from both sides of the roundabout, IOM aims to allow the beneficiaries both a physical and social reconnection between these arrondissements.

Furthermore, IOM is in the process of designing a new graphic novel focusing on the theme of "working together" with the aim of contributing to rebuild the community and countering rising criminality within the arrondissements in Bangui.

Work is ongoing on the completion of 217 IDP houses in Kabo and Moyenne Sido as part of the Peace Villages project where over 300 youths are actively involved in clearing the space and producing bricks while IOM provides the technical assistance through master-artisans such as carpenters and masons.

Additionally, between 2 and 15 December, the first rotation of 111 participants (41 in Kabo and 70 in Kaga-Bandoro) involved in a two-week city cleaning operations has been completed with a second rotation underway. The city cleaning operations are part of IOM's cash-for-work activities. Furthermore, IOM continued socio-economic reinsertion activities in Sibut, Damara, and Kaga Bandoro where 174 former fighters benefit from cash-for-work community projects as part of IOM's broader support to relocation and reinsertion of former fighters, which is implemented in coordination with the Government, UN, MINUSCA, Sangaris and MISCA.



Progress is ongoing for over 200 IDP houses in Kabo and Moyenne Sido as part of the Peace Villages project where beneficiaries actively participate in the construction process (Photo: IOM Central African Republic)

CHAD Operations

RETURNEE VERIFICATION AND REGISTRATION

During the reporting period, IOM continued with its verification exercise in the Sido transit site which began on 30 November. The main findings from this exercise highlighted that the returnees are in need of psychosocial support and that although the host community have provided returnees with plots of land, the returnees still lack the materials needed for construction. A thorough report from this verification exercise will be released by IOM in January 2015 and shared with humanitarian partners including WFP, OCHA, Chadian Red Cross, Islamic Relief, and INTERSOS.

TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

From 2 to 15 December, IOM relocated 1,728 returnees from Doyaba transit site to Maigama temporary site. Based on the results of the verification exercise completed in November, 1,065 returnees are waiting to be relocated from the Doyaba transit site to the Maigama temporary site as of 15 December.

To date, IOM has transported 11,911 returnees, third country nationals (TCNs), and CAR-claiming nationals from the Doyaba and Sido transit sites to the Maigama temporary site.

HEALTH ASSISTANCE

During the reporting period, the clinic in Gaoui transit site conducted a total of 158 medical consultations (109 females and 49 males). IOM clinic personnel referred eight cases to hospitals. The majority of these cases consisted of malaria and respiratory infections which particularly affected children.

SHELTER ASSISTANCE

On 12 December, gaps in the shelter needs within Kobiteye temporary site were addressed by IOM completing the clearing of land for the construction of 300 temporary family

shelters. Members of both the returnee and host community were hired as daily workers for this exercise with the aim of promoting job creation and social cohesion. The construction of the temporary family shelters will begin in January 2015.

CAMEROON Operations

REGISTRATION

As of 15 December, a total of 1,688 TCNs have been registered in Kentzou (1,134) and Garoua Boulai (554) and have shown an interest in returning to their countries of origin. Among them, 1,576 TCNs are living in host communities and 112 are living in IOM's transit sites.

Since January 2014, over 17,100 TCNs have been registered by IOM. Since the beginning of the operations in February 2014, IOM provided evacuation assistance to 6,969 individuals from Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Niger, Senegal, and Sudan to return to their countries of origin.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

On 9 December, IOM distributed food, provided by WFP, to 180 households (1,048 individuals) at the transit site in Kentzou. Additionally, on 12 December, IOM distributed food, provided by WFP, to 69 households (288 individuals) in Garoua Boulai. The food distributed consisted of oil, salt, rice and flour.

TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

During the reporting period IOM organized land and air transportation for an Ivorian TCN from Garoua Boulai to Douala and then to Ouagadougou.

IOM is now finalizing the evacuation of 18 Burkinabes from Garoua Boulai to Burkina Faso. During the reporting period, the Consulate of Burkina Faso created laissez-passer travel documents after proceeding with the identification of their citizens. IOM is providing support through the provision of medical escorts and food, as well as the arrangement of land transportation to Yaoundé and air transportation to Ouagadougou. This movement is scheduled to take place on 27 December 2014.

HEALTH ASSISTANCE

Since May 2014, IOM has provided medical consultations for 1,078 cases in Garoua Boulai. Additionally, since June 2014 IOM's medical team in Kentzou has conducted medical consultations for 1,035 cases of which 43 were referred to local hospitals. Majority of cases received by the medical team concerned diarrhoea, intestinal parasites, malaria, malnutrition, and respiratory diseases.

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