



IOM providing health care assistance to returnees in Gaoui. (Photo: IOM Chad)

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Central African Republic (CAR): Throughout the country, the general situation has remained calm over the course of the reporting period. On 22 June, the National Elections Authority (ANE) of CAR announced the electoral calendar marking the timeline for return of the country to its pre-conflict constitutional order. As per the ANE calendar, the Constitutional Referendum is scheduled to take place on 4 October, and the first round of Parliamentary and Presidential Elections on 18 October 2015. However, concern remains over the feasibility of the plan due to the limited time left for voter registration, especially considering the large number of IDP and refugees.

Currently, there are **399,268 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)** in CAR, including **33,067 people** in Bangui and Bimbo (Source: Commission for Population Movement).

CAR Operations

CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

Under the CCCM/NFI/Shelter Cluster and in coordination with UNHCR, WFP, the Red Cross, World Vision, and PU-AMI, IOM continues the voluntary return of IDPs from the Mpoko displacement site. As of 22 June, **2,872 IDP households** have been deregistered from the Mpoko displacement site, of which **2,373** have been registered in their district of return. As of April, **2,366 households** have received cash payments, and 1,477 IDP households have received NFI/food assistance including tarpaulins and mosquito nets.

COMMUNITY STABILIZATION

IOM held a parenting workshop for children in Bangui's 3rd district in order to promote social cohesion from 15 to 19 June 2015. **Twenty-five children**, mostly between the ages of 4 and 9,

HIGHLIGHTS



CAR: IOM handed over **six rehabilitated classrooms** at the *Lycee Moderne de Bouar* in western CAR.

CHAD: IOM completed the construction of **300 emergency shelters** that will accommodate 413 returnees hosted in Kobiteye and Danamadja temporary sites.

CAMEROON: On 18 June, IOM's team in Garoua Boulai distributed WFP food parcels to **56 households** (368 individuals).

participated in the "My Peace Hat" workshop at Nasradine School, where they created hats with messages of peace.

Activities to help stabilize the situation in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 8th districts of Bangui continue. So far, more than **12,976 people** have participated in the activities that provide short-term employment for men and women, IDPs, and at-risk youth. The participants contribute to improvements in the capital by cleaning streets and community spaces, as well as rehabilitating markets, schools, health centres, and drainage systems.



Children participating in a painting workshop in Bangui's 3rd district. (Photo: IOM CAR)

RELOCATION AND REINSERTION OF FORMER COMBATANTS

On 13 June, IOM handed over **six rehabilitated classrooms** at the *Lycee Moderne de Bouar* in western CAR. The Regional Governor of Nana-Mambéré province presided over the ceremony that brought together local government leaders, UN agencies, NGOs, community leaders, local media, and residents. The classrooms were rehabilitated by former combatants and at-risk community members as part of an IOM project that aims to contribute to improved security in the capital and provide alternative employment to former combatants. Currently, IOM is implementing 13 other rehabilitation projects in eight locations (Sibut, Kaga Bando, N'dele, Bouar, N'goumbele, Bria, Carnot, and Kabo) across CAR where former combatants are contributing to the rehabilitation of basic infrastructure in their communities through Cash-for-Work schemes.

CHAD Operations

RETURNEE VERIFICATION AND REGISTRATION

On 10 June, IOM started the verification exercise of returnees for badge distribution in Djako temporary site. Returnees hosted in this site were the first to receive badges, with a total **312 households** (1,415 individuals) verified in an exercise that took five

days to be completed. From 16 to 21 June, IOM's verification team distributed badges to **723 households** (2,993 individuals) in Kobiteye temporary site, and the exercise is expected to extend to the Danamadja temporary site and be completed by 27 June.

SHELTER AND NFI ASSISTANCE

During the reporting period, IOM finished the construction of **300 emergency shelters** to host 413 persons in Kobiteye and Danamadja. A total of 250 returnees were selected to participate in Cash-for-Work activities, primarily the clearing of the construction site.

On 15 to 21 June, IOM distributed flood mitigation kits in Kobiteye, Danamadja sites and the neighbouring villages to enable the returnees and the surrounding communities to prepare for the rainy/flood season which began at the beginning of June. In close coordination with local authorities and site managers, IOM successfully distributed **70 flood mitigation kits** from 15 to 21 June with each kit composed of a shovel, hoes, rakes and wheelbarrows.

HEALTH ASSISTANCE

IOM continues to provide primary health care through its clinic to more than 5,000 returnees. During the reporting period in Gaoui, **315 returnees** (211 women and 104 men) were consulted and provided with necessary treatment, and six cases were referred to corresponding public health facilities in N'Djamena. Diarrhoea, respiratory infections, malaria and intestinal parasites were the most diagnosed and treated diseases.

Local authorities, along with the humanitarian community continue to express their concern regarding the phasing out of IOM's medical team from Gaoui temporary site as the end date of the team's operations approaches. The humanitarian community is currently assessing alternative solutions to address the health needs at the Gaoui site.

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Between 9 and 22 June, IOM's psychosocial mobile team conducted a group discussion for 20 households on combatting early marriages, as well as individual stress management sessions for 23 women in Maro. In Gore, a group discussion was organized for 30 female heads of households in both Danamadja and Kobiteye temporary sites, in addition to counselling sessions for 87 gender-based violence survivors.

Furthermore, in Kobiteye and Danamadja, creative and child-friendly activities were organized in which a total of **244 children** between the ages of 8 and 12 years participated. A football match between boys and girls from Kobiteye and Danamadja was also included.



Classrooms that have been rehabilitated by IOM and handed over to allow classes to resume in the Nana-Mambéré province. (Photo: IOM CAR)

CAMEROON Operations

REGISTRATION

During the reporting period, **133 Chadian and Malian** migrants were registered by IOM at its transit sites in Kentzou (48) and Garoua Boulai (85).

As of 22 June, there is been a total of **17,854 TCNs** who have been registered by IOM in Kentzou and Garoua Boulai. Among them, **154 TCNs** are hosted in IOM's transit sites in Kentzou (53) and Garoua Boulai (101), and 1,946 TCNs are living with host communities. To date, around **426 TCNs** have expressed their intentions to return to their countries of origin in Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea Conakry, Niger, Nigeria, and the Republic of Congo.

HEALTH ASSISTANCE

During the reporting period, IOM's medical team in Kentzou conducted consultations for **51 medical cases** with a majority of the consultations identifying cases of malaria, intestinal parasites, respiratory infection, and sexually transmitted infections. Since June 2014, IOM has conducted medical consultations for **1,587 cases** of which 45 cases were referred to local hospitals.

The medical team in Kentzou has also conduct several sessions on 9 and 10 June on health community focusing on personal hygiene. During the session, **53 participants** were trained on how to maintain proper personal hygiene as well as maintaining clean clothing.

In Garoua Boulai, IOM's medical team in Garoua Boulai conducted **38 medical consultations** for cases concerning malaria, diarrhoea, intestinal parasites and sexually transmitted infections. Since May 2014, IOM has provided medical consultations for **1,487 cases** of which 110 were referred to MSF for further medical follow up.

FOOD AND WASH SKIT DISTRIBUTION

On 18 June, IOM's team in Garoua Boulai distributed WFP food parcels to **56 households** (368 individuals). The food parcels consisted of flour, beans, salt and oil. Meanwhile in Kentzou, food received from WFP was distributed to TCNs on 14 June that consisted of rice, flour, beans, salt and oil.

On 12 and 18 June, IOM team in Garoua Boulai distributed soap to **41 households** (258 individuals). The soap that was distributed is part of a three month supply received by IOM during the last reporting period by UNICEF to distribute to beneficiaries in Garoua Boulai over the following three months.



A distribution of soap in Garoua Boulai to 41 households. (Photo: IOM Cameroon)

IOM'S INITIATIVES ARE SUPPORTED BY:



United Nations
CERF

Central
Emergency
Response
Fund



The
Common
Humanitarian
Fund



From
the People of Japan



For more information on the CAR Response, please visit carresponse.iom.int

CONTACTS

Regional Office for West and Central Africa | RODakar@iom.int
Preparedness and Response Division | PRD@iom.int