

Central African refugee situation

Democratic Republic of the Congo

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Highlights

- Biometric registration for CAR refugees who arrived since May 2017 continued in the territories of Yakoma and Mobayi-Mbongo (Nord-Ubangi Province). As of 12th December, 39,150 refugees have been registered. Registration is a key element for refugee protection and a basis for the humanitarian response.
- UNHCR and WFP prepared cash distribution for new arrivals who already registered with biometrics. Distribution started on 4th December in four localities around Gbadolite (Mobayi Mbongo, Lembo, Kambo and Mogoro). 20,870 refugees are targeted as well as 6,895 host families.
- Partner ADES distributed farming and fishing kits (seedlings, farming tools, fishing tools and courtyard animals) to 730 refugees and 165 locals in Inke (Nord-Ubangi) and to 1,606 refugees and 605 locals from Boyabu (Sud-Ubangi).
- In Inke camp, partner AIRD started the construction of 268 transitional shelters for new arrivals who were awaiting transfers from the border area.

KEY INDICATORS

167, 544

Central African Refugees registered in DRC (as of 30th November 2017)

59,704

Of them **living in five camps** (as of 30th November 2017)

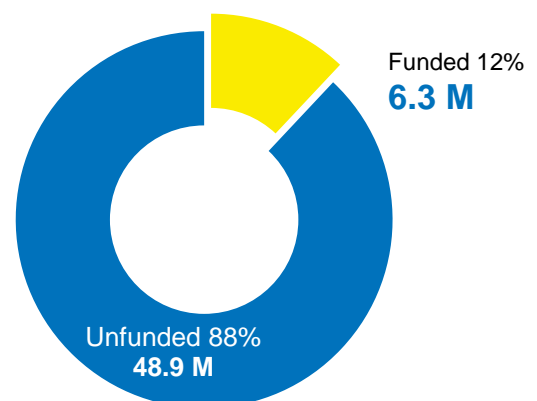
39,150

New arrivals registered with biometrics in North Ubangi province (as of 12th December 2017 – to be included in the next statistic report)

FUNDING (AS OF 28 NOVEMBER 2017)

USD 55.3 M

requested for the DRC - CAR situation



Update on Achievements

Operational Context

New arrivals from CAR are mainly settled along the rivers Ubangi and Mbomou that constitute the border between CAR and DRC. Access to many areas is extremely difficult, because of lack of infrastructures (lack of passable roads / bridges) and in some cases because of the security situation. Incursions of armed groups from CAR into DRC were reported in Bondo territory and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) and other armed groups are operating in Bas-Uele province.

Conditions of new arrivals are extremely precarious: there is lack of shelter and core relief items, drinking water, food, sanitation and healthcare. They arrived with few belongings, and often their houses and property have been burned down or looted. Some of them are working in the fields of host community for little money or some food.



Distribution of farming tools in Inke camp © UNHCR / G. Nentobo

Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- Biometric registration for CAR refugees who arrived since May 2017 continued in the territories of Yakoma and Mobayi-Mbongo (Nord-Ubangi Province). As of 12th December, 39,150 refugees have been registered. Registration is a key element for refugee protection and a basis for the humanitarian response.
- In the camps of Inke, Bili and Boyabu, partner AIDES is giving courses of Sawara, a martial art. 3,814 refugees are attending classes (2,168 women and girls). This sport is beneficial because it teaches some elements of self-defence and discipline. Participants were also sensitised on waste collection.
- NGOs World Vision and Search for Common Ground will launch in 2018 a project for 20,000 CAR refugees and locals in Nord and Sud Ubangi in the fields of food security, Water and Sanitation and Protection (peaceful coexistence and gender-based violence). The project is funded by the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration - US Department of State (PRM).



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

- The mobile clinic organized by UNHCR partner AIDES for new arrivals moved to the village of Kanzawi (Bas Uele province), where 670 refugees and locals were screened and 378 received necessary medical care.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- In the refugee camps of Nord and Sud Ubangi, around 800 people are in need of eye treatments but there are no specialists in the area.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR and WFP started a joint assessment in the four camps of North and South Ubangi provinces to define criteria for a targeted food assistance approach. The approach aims to develop livelihood activities outside camps (as part of sustainable solutions for refugees) and free limited resources to assist new refugees in other areas of the region (source: WFP).

- During the mobile clinic screening in Kanzawi (Bas Uele province), 40 cases of malnutrition among children under five years were identified out of 69 cases screened. 19 of the cases are of severe malnutrition. Treatments with Plumpy Nut® and therapeutic milk were provided.
- Partner ADES organized a training on nutrition of babies and children with the participation of 25 traditional chiefs in Ndu (Bas Uele province) where there is a high concentration of newly arrived refugees.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Nutrition supplements for treating malnutrition cases among new arrivals are needed.



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievements and Impact

- Cash distribution for new arrivals who already registered with biometrics started on 4th December in four localities around Gbadolite (Mobayi Mbongo, Lembo, Kambo and Mogoro). 20,870 refugees are targeted as well as 6,895 host families. Refugees will receive an amount of 16,500 Congolese Francs per person (around 10 USD) while host families will receive a one-off payment of 82,500 Congolese Francs (around 52 USD) per household.
- Relief items (3,900 jerry cans, 3,900 mosquito nets, 3,900 mats, 500 plastic sheets, 6,997 blankets, 3,880 buckets and 2,499 kitchen sets) for the new arrivals arrived in Zongo (Sud Ubangi) from Douala (Cameroon). They will soon be shipped to Nord Ubangi and Bas Uele for distribution.
- Relief items and clothes were distributed to 254 detainees (refugees and locals) from the central prison of Angenga (Gemena, Sud Ubangi) where detention conditions are harsh.
- In Inke camp, partner AIRD started the construction of 268 transitional shelters for new arrivals who are going to be transferred in the coming weeks.
- The 795 transitional shelter for new arrivals initially planned to be constructed in Ndu by NGO “Terre sans frontières” will be realized in Monga (Bas Uele).
- In Bili, Boyabu and Mole camps, clothes donated by Japanese fashion brand UNIQLO were distributed to 39,535 people. Distribution is ongoing in for out-of-camp refugees and vulnerable and will be soon launched in Inke camp.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Achievements and Impact

- Partner ADES distributed farming and fishing kits (seedlings, farming tools, fishing tools and courtyard animals) to 730 refugees and 165 locals in Inke (Nord-Ubangi) and to 1,606 refugees and 605 locals from Boyabu (Sud-Ubangi).

- Material to start income generating activities such as milling, soap making, carpentry, and masonry was distributed to refugees and locals in Inke and in Zongo (out of camp refugees).
- On 10th November, UNHCR staff, as well as partner staff and local authorities took part in the fabrication of bricks for community infrastructures of Inke camp in order to sensitize refugees to community works. The same initiative is planned with teachers, schoolmasters, students and parents to construct new classrooms in Inke.

Working in partnership

- UNHCR coordinates its assistance with a variety of humanitarian actors, working together to ensure refugees benefit from dignified and efficient protection mechanisms.
- For this operation, UNHCR partners are: AIRD, CNR, ADES, ADSSE and AIDES. Other partners include CARITAS, COOPI, MSF, TSF, WFP and WORLD VISION.

External / Donors Relations

Donors for CAR refugee response in DRC in 2017

Japan (2.5 M) | CERF (2.4 M) | UNIQLO Co. Ltd (1.0 M) | U.N. Foundation (0.2 M) | Vodafone Foundation (0.05 M)

Other donors for UNHCR operations in DRC in 2017

United States of America (38.9 M) | Belgium (1.5 M) | Republic of Korea (1.5 M) | European Union (1.1 M) | Sweden (1.1 M) | DRC Humanitarian Fund (0.8 M) | CERF (0.8 M) | Canada (0.7 M) | Private Donors Germany (0.5 M) | France (0.5 M) | Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints (0.2 M) | Private Donors Republic of Korea (0.08 M) | Private Donors Spain (0.07 M)

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