



In the Central African Republic (CAR), the UN Refugee Agency provides **protection and multi-sectorial assistance to refugees living in urban and rural areas. As leading agency of three Clusters, namely Protection / Shelter and NFI / Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) UNHCR coordinates life-saving protection and assistance activities for internally displaced persons (IDPs) in close collaboration with other humanitarian actors** to respond to the recent civil conflict that has displaced more than 900,000 persons in the country and forced over 86,000 persons to seek refuge in neighboring countries since March 2013.

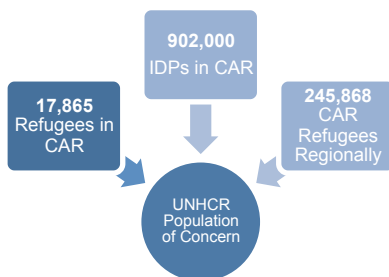
### Operational Highlights

- **UNHCR Response to the L3 Emergency:** UNHCR deployed an emergency team of 20 international staff (including five senior staff), airlifted NFIs and shelter material for some 15,000 households in the first week of January 2014 incl. 38,000 sleeping mats, 37,540 kitchen sets, 37,540 blankets as well as 8,079 plastic sheets. To increase its logistic capacity, UNHCR also brought 15 vehicles including 5 trucks to transport NFIs into the country.
- **Joint NFI and Food Distribution:** Since January 7, UNHCR together with COOPI and WFP started distributing food and non-food items at the Airport Site with the aim to assist the entire population, gauged to be more than 100,000 individuals. To date, more than 7,000 households comprised of an estimated 35,000 individuals have been assisted in 15 IDP sites (12 in Bangui and 3 in Bossangoa).
- **Civil-Military Coordination:** The Protection Cluster that is led by UNHCR works with the Sangaris (French Forces) and MISCA (AU Peacekeepers) in collaboration with the OCHA CIMIC Officer to secure neighborhoods of origins in Bangui as well as to ensure safe distribution of food and NFI at the Airport Site.
- **Repatriation of Refugees:** UNHCR continues to follow up on the repatriation of refugees willing to return home. On 19 January, 200 urban refugees have been repatriated and more than 100 families wishing to return home have been registered. Additionally, UNHCR has increased its efforts to ensure that the voluntary return of some 6,000 DR Congolese refugees from Batalimo, will take place shortly.

### Populations of Concern

Refugee/Asylum-Seeker Countries of Origin in CAR	
Country of Origin	Population
DRC	12,546
Sudan	2,683*
Chad	1,862*
OTHERS	552
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,865</b>

\*Numbers have reduced due to recent repatriations.



CAR Refugee in Neighboring Countries		
Country of Asylum	Total Refugee Population (as of 01/2014)	Newly displaced (since 12/2013)
Cameroon	98,504	4,859
Chad	80,364	14,477
DRC	56,000	56,000
Congo (ROC)	11,000	10,748
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>245,868</b>	<b>86,084</b>

### WORKING WITH PARTNERS

Area of Intervention	Actual and Potential Implementing Partners
<b>Life-saving Support</b> (IDPs, hosts and returnees)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IFRC (NFI Distribution and other forms of assistance)</li> <li>• Premier Urgence - AMI</li> </ul>
<b>Protection</b> (Assistance to conflict affected populations and vulnerable persons)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DRC (protection monitoring and SGBV)</li> <li>• Association Centrafricaine des radios communautaires/ Radio la Voix de l'Ouham</li> <li>• Premiere Urgence - AMI</li> </ul>
<b>Returnees Assistance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Premiere Urgence - AMI</li> </ul>
<b>Multi-sector assistance to refugees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COOPI (shelter, food security, community service, education, income generating)</li> <li>• IMC (health, HIV, SGBV, WASH)</li> <li>• CSSI (health, HIV, SGBV, food security, education, community services)</li> <li>• CNR (protection, status determination, registration.)</li> </ul>

### UNHCR OPERATION IN CAR (USD) in 2014

Country	2014 Approved Budget	Additional Approved Requirements	Total Budget in USD in Million
CAR	24,355,141	28,174,236	52.5*
Chad	197,069,508	2,566,390	199.6
Congo	29,948,467	1,500,000	31.4
DRC	176,969,980	5,000,000	181.9
Cameroon	25,010,536	-	25,010,536

\* The total Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) for Central African Republic.

### FUNDING GAP



## PRELIMINARY ACHIEVEMENTS

### Protection Cluster Lead: UNHCR / Co-Facilitator: DRC

- UNHCR as Protection Cluster Lead delivers a coordinated response to the current crisis, provides gap analysis and ensures through its leadership role that protection considerations are central to all strategic decisions and drive the humanitarian response in CAR as well as inform the work of all clusters.
- UNHCR, together with its partners, monitors risks and protection concerns of displaced and other affected populations in the provinces most impacted by the crisis to allow for evidence-based decision making. These provinces include Ouham, Ouham Pende and Ombella M'poko.
- To address immediate security concerns of IDPs, UNHCR cooperates with OCHA CIMIC and MISCA/Sangaris through an alert system channeled through the Protection Cluster.
- UNHCR has recently established a sub-national Protection Cluster in Bossangoa, which covers the Ouham Prefecture and is extending services and assistance to conflict-affected communities. Several protection evaluation missions have already taken place after which immediate assistance was provided.

### Camp Coordination and Camp Management Cluster Lead: UNHCR / Co-Facilitator: IOM

- UNHCR leads the CCCM cluster to ensure equitable access to services and protection for displaced persons living in displacement and transit sites and improve their quality of life and dignity during displacement, while supporting the attainment of durable solutions.
- A site-monitoring system is being developed in cooperation with local counterparts and other humanitarian partners in particular IOM, the Danish Refugee Council and Mercy Corps.

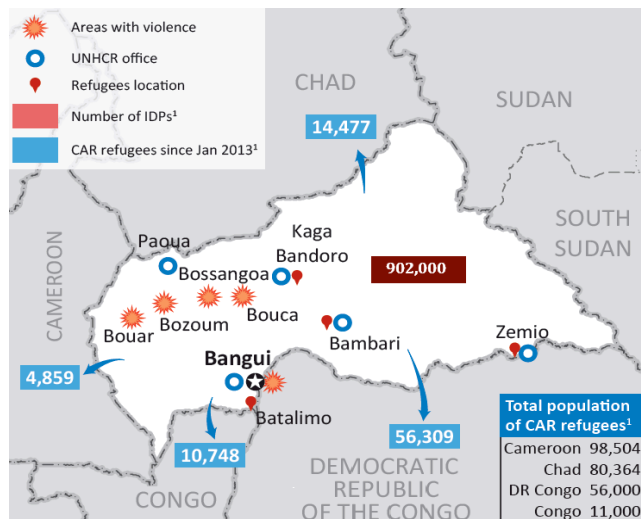
### Shelter and Non-Food Item Cluster Lead: UNHCR / Co-Facilitator: ACTED

- The Shelter and Non-Food Item Cluster led by UNHCR coordinates the emergency distribution of shelter material and relief items to the displaced population based on international standards. Since January 8, more than 7,000 households (around 35,000 individuals) have been provided with NFI packages.
- Together with partners, UNHCR coordinated the re-location of 25,000 IDPs to a secured site within the airport area in order to decongest the current airport site and to facilitate a more structured delivery of assistance.

### Multi-Sector Assistance to Refugees and Stranded Migrants in CAR

- UNHCR provides multi-sectoral assistance to refugees in CAR as well as transportation and repatriation grants for refugees wanting to return to their country of origin. Some 200 refugees have already been repatriated and more than 100 families have been registered with UNHCR for voluntary repatriation.
- Identification and referral to IOM of third country nationals to be evacuated as well as exceptional emergency assistance to stranded migrants with the setting up of tents in transit areas.

### OPERATION MAP



### STAFFING

Location	Nat.	Int.	Int.	Current Total	Newly Created
		Before 12/2013	After 12/2013		
Bangui	24	8	15	47	22
Bossangoa	2		5	7	19
Kaga Bandoro	5	1		6	3
Paoua	5	1		6	6
Zémio	6	1		7	0
Mbaika					10
Bouar					11
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>71</b>

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