



IOM's infrastructure cleaning activities underway, Bangui. (Photo: IOM CAR)

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Central African Republic (CAR): In Bangui, the situation continues to be calm albeit unpredictable. Many armed attempts of hold-ups of humanitarian actors' vehicles and break-ins by anti-Balaka were reported in Bangui and its vicinity. Caution and vigilance have been recommended to UN and other humanitarian staffs following criminal activities along the main roads between Bangui and several other towns. UN, NGO and private vehicles are becoming targets of regular attacks by criminal gangs with some of them posing as political or military groups.

IOM, through its offices in Bangui, Kabo and Boda, has been providing assistance to IDPs, returnees and other conflict-affected populations. IOM also continues working on social cohesion through activities that include all communities, and actively participates in the UN task force in charge of preparing for the Parliamentary and Presidential elections which are expected to take place in CAR later in 2015.

As of 3 March, there are currently **436,256 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)** in CAR, including **49,113 people** hosted in sites in Bangui and its environs (Source: Commission for Population Movement).

CAR Operations

CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT (CCCM)

During the reporting period, IOM continued to track displacement movements and needs of **3,605 IDPs** located in sites, and **5,200** in

HIGHLIGHTS



CAR: IOM provided ongoing maintenance for **five boreholes, 50 latrines and 47 emergency showers** at the IDP sites located Kabo and Moyenne Sido.

CHAD: Shelter construction continues in the Kobiteye transit site near Goré with a total of **300 shelters** built to date.

CAMEROON: IOM's medical teams conducted consultations for **63 cases** in Kenztou and **45 cases** in Garoua Boulai.

host families within Kabo and Moyenne Sido. In addition, IOM is monitoring a number of returnees (estimated at 4,172) among a group of protracted IDPs, who have returned to their villages of origin. It is believed that more than 80% of these IDPs had returned due to the fatigue and lack of farming space in Kabo.

Monitoring of IDP site facilitation and management is ongoing through the local chapters of national Red Cross Society following an agreement signed in February, through June 2015.

SOCIAL COHESION AND LIVELIHOODS RECOVERY

On 8 March, IOM worked with local authorities and women groups to celebrate Women International's Day 2015 (IWD2015) to strengthen social cohesion among IDPs and hosting communities through the following activities: 1) march in solidarity for IWD2015; 2) women dancing groups' exhibition; and 3) women football games. IOM also worked with six local organizations which mobilized a total of approximately **8,000 people** for the celebration of the International Women's day. It is the first time that IWD has been celebrated in CAR since 2008.

Moreover, during the reporting period, IOM assisted with the ongoing construction of **457 houses** out of a planned 671 houses for the Peace Villages in Kabo and Moyenne Sido through technical assistance, as well as with the installation of roofs, doors, and windows.

Between 3 and 16 March, the Relocation and Reinsertion Unit continued tracking and monitoring the former Séléka returnees as well as their participation in the Cash-for-Work activities which include road maintenance and sanitation in the remaining four localities of N'délé, Bria, Carnot, and Bouar. Meanwhile in Kabo, Kaga bandoro, Damara, and Sibut the Cash-for-Work activities have already been completed.

In Carnot and Bouar, beneficiaries completed the fourth rotation of Cash-for-Work activities on 12 and 13 March respectively, with the fifth and final rotation starting on 16 and 17 March in Bouar and Carnot respectively. In Ndélé, the third rotation was completed on 12 March while the commencement of the fourth rotation has been delayed until 18 March due to security reasons. In Bria, the fifth and final rotation of Cash-for-Work was launched on 13 March. Following the request of the authorities from the town of Ngoumélé, Cash-for-Work activities will be launched in this locality in the coming days with necessary materials having been procured on 13 March.

COMMUNITY STABILIZATION

In Bangui, the rehabilitation works of the Maternity of the 3rd district have been completed. Additionally, the rehabilitation of the school for dumb, deaf and blind, and Born Fountain kiosks (KBF) for the sale of water are within the final stages of completion. Tenders for the construction of fences around the Miskine High School and the rehabilitation of the social centre Malimaka are underway. Furthermore, the evaluation of tenders for Ngbenguewe and Galababa markets is ongoing. Finally, works for the rehabilitation of the 5th district town hall is expected to launch on 16 March.



Completed shelters in Kobiteye. (Photo: IOM Chad)

The High Intensive Manpower (THIMO) activities which are linked with IOM's Cash-for-Work activities, has seen **10,512 beneficiaries** who have benefitted from the work conducted by 550 workers (350 from the 5th District, and 200 from the 3rd District). The main activities during this rotation included: the cleaning of drainage channels that are currently filled with sediment and waste which had previously caused flooding, garbage collection, and the cleaning of public buildings relating to social services.

CHAD Operations

RETURNEE VERIFICATION AND REGISTRATION

During the reporting period, FAO and World Vision gained access to IOM returnee's registration list. Currently, IOM has **14 partners** who have access to IOM's registration lists including three UN agencies (OCHA, WFP and UNHCR) and nine international and national NGOs.

On 3 March, following a request of the Government of Chad (GoC), IOM's registration team started an intention survey exercise in the site of Gaoui. The Ministry of Sports indicated they wanted the site back and they are pushing the GoC to relocate the returnees in another area. A delegation from the GoC visited different sites of returnees in Maigama, Djako, Danamadja, and Kobiteye in order to determine if it is possible to relocate the returnees from Gaoui site to the different sites in the south of Chad; the delegation did not retain this option as all the sites are already at full capacity.

SHELTER ASSISTANCE

Shelter construction began on the 9 February in Kobiteye site near Goré. By 16 March, **300 shelters** have been build and 273 shelters were assigned to returnees by the site manager. The daily workers hired for this work are composed half of returnees, half of host community (village of Kobiteye and Beseye).

HEALTH ASSISTANCE

During the reporting period, IOM continued providing medical support at the clinic located in the Gaoui transit site where **369 returnees** were provided with medical consultations, including five referrals. One of the tuberculosis patients who was referred is still hospitalized at a local hospital. Action Contre La Faim (ACF) stopped their health activities in the site on 14 March (malnutrition for children under 5 years old and permanence during nights and weekends when IOM Clinic is closed). Last week, almost 40% of the patients received by IOM were children under five years old. Furthermore, UNFPA are currently referring the care of pregnant women to the IOM clinic citing a lack of resources. The CCCM/Shelter Cluster is in touch with the Health Cluster to resolve this issue.

CAMEROON Operations

REGISTRATION

Between 3 and 16 March, IOM registered **29 Third Country Nationals (TCNs)** (10 women, 6 men, and 13 children) from Chad, Niger and seeking protection in IOM's transit sites in Kentzou and Garoua Boulai.

To date, IOM has registered a total of **17,560 TCNs** in Kentzou and Garoua Bouali, of which 176 TCNs are hosted in IOM's transit sites and 1,862 TCNs are living with host communities. During the reporting period, 17 TCNs left the transit site in

Garoua Boulai to join the host community. As of 3 March, approximately **495 TCNs** have expressed their intention to return to their countries of origin.

Since operations began in February 2014, IOM has provided assistance to **6,988 individuals** from Burkina Faso, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Niger, the Republic Congo, Senegal, Sudan and Liberia to return to their countries of origin. IOM continues working with consular services to identify the most vulnerable cases in need of immediate evacuation assistance.

HEALTH

In the reporting period, IOM's medical team in Kentzou conducted **63 medical consultations**. The majority of cases treated concerned malaria, sexually transmitted infections, and pregnancies. Since June 2014, IOM has conducted medical consultations for **1,263 cases** of which 45 cases were referred to local hospitals.

Additionally, in Garoua Boulai, IOM's medical team conducted **45 consultations** for malaria, diarrhoea, intestinal parasites, malnutrition, varicella, and sexually transmitted infections. In the cases involving varicella, the children who were showed symptoms of the illness were put under quarantine in order to prevent further spreading. Since May 2014, IOM has provided medical consultations for **1,231 cases** of which 110 were referred to MSF for follow up.

CAMP MANAGEMENT

IOM continues with the maintenance of its transit site in Kentzou. From 3 to 16 March, IOM rehabilitated a broken kitchen, and cleaned the site following a tree that had fallen due to bad weather in Kentzou on 10 March.



Site maintenance is being done following severe weather which impacted the Kentzou transit site (Photo: IOM Cameroon)

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