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WFP C.A.R. CRISIS REGIONAL* UPDATE Situation Report #27

*EMOP 200799 focus on affected C.A.R. population in C.A.R. and neighbouring countries (Cameroon, Chad, DRC and RoC)

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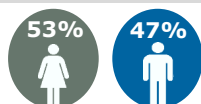
In Numbers*

2 million people food insecure in C.A.R.
—40% of the population of the country

700,344 people received food assistance in October

*The number include vulnerable local and IDPs in C.A.R. and refugees in neighbouring countries.

People assisted
October 2016



Situation Update

- The IPC conducted in August 2016 indicated that 2 million people are still food insecure in **C.A.R.**. In addition, first results of the national food security assessment show high vulnerability of rural populations whose livelihoods rely on agriculture (lack of seeds, destruction of agricultural land and insecurity).
- In October, data collection for the National Food security Survey (ENSA) was completed in **Chad**, under the leadership of the Government with WFP support. Preliminary results reveal an increase of 11% in agricultural production compared to the average of the past five years thanks to good rains (above average in southern Chad, which is the region hosting C.A.R. returnees and refugees).
- In Chad, WFP and UNHCR launched the results of the joint assessment mission on the food security and nutrition situation of the refugees from C.A.R. in 2016. The importance of maintaining

Highlights

- In October, WFP has almost doubled the number of people supported with food and cash-based assistance, across C.A.R., Cameroon, Chad, DRC and RoC, compared to September.
- In October, further insecurity triggered new displacements and continues to affect humanitarian organizations, hampering their access to parts of C.A.R.
- WFP is revising its 2017 requirements to provide assistance to people affected by the crisis, aiming at reaching 886,000 people with food and nutrition support across the five countries under Regional EMOP 200799.

critical food and nutrition assistance, as well as the need to foster self-reliance solutions, was highlighted. WFP and UNHCR are taking actions to move toward vulnerability-based targeting, in collaboration with the Government, UNHCR, IOM and other partners.

- Insecurity triggered new displacements, and continues to affect humanitarian organizations, hampering their access to parts of C.A.R. including Kaga-Bandoro and Grimari-Bambari. In Kaga-Bandoro area since the recent events, WFP partners cannot implement activities without MINUSCA escort. Due to the upsurge of violence and insecurity, the number of internally displaced people (IDPs) increased from 384,900 to 420,700 between September and October.
- The presence of armed groups and rebels from C.A.R. remains a main security concern along the Cameroon-C.A.R. border. Local authorities requested that all humanitarian activities be suspended in Touboro area (north **Cameroon**) due to an increase of attacks, robberies and abductions in the area.
- The resumption of tensions in C.A.R., particularly in Bangui, is likely to affect the border of Zongo in **DRC**. However the security situation in North- and South-Ubangi remains relatively calm.

WFP Response



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- Despite the security challenges, mostly in C.A.R. and Cameroon, WFP reached 700,344 people in need of assistance in October, compare to September when 405,000 received food assistance.
- In C.A.R., recent incidents in Kaga Bandoro triggered a rush of displacement, increasing the number of internally displaced people (IDPs) from 384,900 in September to 420,700 in October. Overall 364,100 people were assisted in C.A.R. in October, compared to 148,800 in September, including 21,784 additional people recently displaced by the outbreak of violence in Kaga Bandoro.

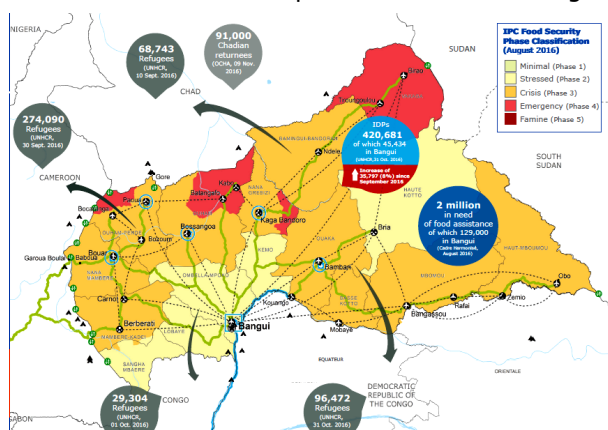


Photo: IDP in Bambari injured at the onset of the conflict WFP/ Adel Sarkozi

- In addition, in October, in Chad, WFP resumed its assistance to 50,615 C.A.R. refugees, who had not received assistance thus far during the second half of 2016. This brings the total of people assisted in October to 72,545 people, including 10,962 returnees in Salamat and 61,583 in Moyen Chari, Logone Occidental, Logone Oriental and Mandoul.
- In Cameroon, 53,710 additional people were reached in October, bringing the total of people assisted to 192,549, an increase of 70% compared to September. However, in view of limited resources and to ensure minimum assistance to those most in need, WFP reduced by 30 percent the ration provided to beneficiaries during October distributions. A specific outreach mission, composed of WFP-UNHCR-IFRC, took place in refugee sites to inform refugees and mitigate possible tensions ahead of distributions. In addition, in Cameroon, the coverage of the malnutrition prevention programme increased from 13,000 to 35,000 children aged under two, between September and October.
- In DRC, WFP distributed food and nutrition assistance to a total of 57,325 people. Some 15,758 C.A.R. refugees received food assistance in RoC. Due to resources and supply chain challenges of pre-positioning food through the Ubangi river on time for January distributions, WFP in RoC will shift its modality of assistance to CBT in the coming months.



Cash-based transfers (CBT)

- In October, overall 94,409 people received CBT assistance in C.A.R. crisis countries. WFP targeted 94,089 people through CBT (over 100 percent reached) .
- In Chad, WFP is operating a general transition of its approach to food assistance, opting for CBT, using a socio-economic categorization to target the most vulnerable refugees and considerably increasing local purchase of cereals. With the beginning of harvest in September, food availability improved. The resumption of assistance allowed beneficiaries to successfully purchase food items from local traders.
- In Cameroon, to ensure sufficient availability of diversified food items in Gado site, WFP is seeking to increase number of retailers in CBT programmes before end-December. Women's groups in the camp are being trained to provide them with necessary tools and skills to participate as suppliers to the CBT programmes. In October, 2,667 people received CBT assistance in Cameroon.

- In C.A.R., WFP reached 21,509 people through CBT in October, compared to 21,857 targeted (98 percent reached). In addition, WFP conducted a supply chain assessment in Obo for CBT implementation.



Response plan for next year

- WFP is revising its requirements for 2017, aiming at reaching 886,000 people with food and nutrition support across the five countries under Regional EMOP 200799. The prime objective remains saving lives and addressing the food insecurity and malnutrition in CAR and in surrounding affected regions, but the EMOP also seek to move towards rehabilitation activities and refugees' vulnerability-based targeting to pave the way towards early recovery and convergence of interventions.
- WFP will increase the share of CBT as a modality of assistance, where and when the security and market situation permits. WFP's requirements for 2017 are of USD 141 million.

Clusters and Common Services



Logistics Cluster (FSC)

- In C.A.R., rehabilitation of the Batangafo ferry is needed to restore access to 50,000 people in need of assistance.



UN Humanitarian Air Service

- UNHAS increased flights to Kaga-Bandoro, C.A.R., from 4 to 12 times a week to support emergency response to victims of the violence.



Partnerships

- In C.A.R., in October, WFP and the Ministry of Education trained 327 school meals partners including directors, parents' representatives and local authorities in Ouham, Nana Mambéré and Mambéré Kadeï to strengthen their capacities to implement, manage and report on the school meals programme. In Cameroon, in collaboration with partners and community participation, WFP and UNHCR are developing vulnerability-based targeting criteria to be introduced gradually in 2017. The two agencies defined a joint strategy and action plan.

WFP Operation

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)	People Assisted (October-2016)
Regional EMOP 200799 <i>(jan 2015-Dec 2016) being extended until Dec 2017</i>	379 million	241 million 63%	53.3 million	700,344

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