



WFP C.A.R. CRISIS REGIONAL UPDATE*

Situation Report #38

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

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In Numbers

2.1 million food-insecure people in C.A.R. — 48% of the population of the country (WFP)

600,250 displaced persons (CMP)

538,432 C.A.R. refugees (UNHCR, Government, CNARR)

520,655 People assisted September 2017



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Global Humanitarian Funding

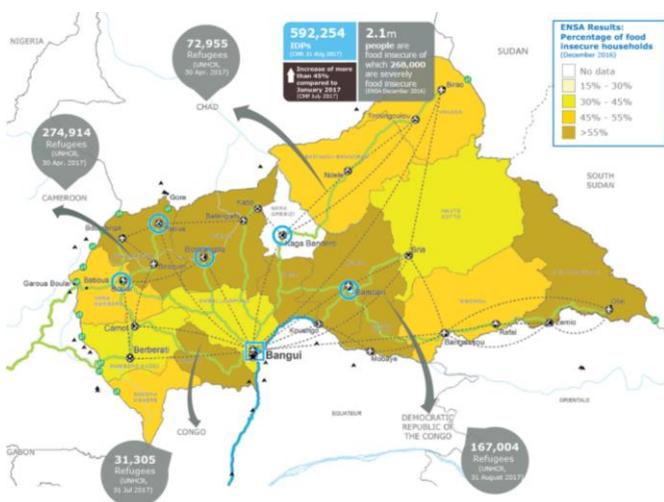
Overall: USD 497 million
WFP response plan USD 157 million

WFP response includes the regional EMOP 200799 and three special operations (201045; 200997 and 200934).

WFP 3-month Net Funding Requirements (October–December 2017)

EMOP 200799 USD 6 million

UNHAS 201045 USD 1 million



Highlights

- In September, resumption of violence in C.A.R. forced thousands of people to flee to Cameroon (236,722 people at the end of August), DRC (167,000 for the same period), and hard-to-reach areas inside C.A.R. In RoC, WFP urgently needs resources to cover the refugee needs until November, and to preposition supplies in Likouala before the start of the dry season in January.
- For the next three months (from October to December), WFP urgently needs USD 6 million to provide life-saving assistance to the vulnerable C.A.R. IDPs, and refugees in Cameroon, Chad, DRC and RoC.

“The next few months are those of all the dangers in C.A.R. [...] there is still time to be ambitious and reverse the current trend to avoid the worst.” *International Crisis Group, 28 September 2017.*

Situation Update

- On 26 September, [OCHA](#) raised alarm over the degradation of the humanitarian situation in the western part of C.A.R. since early September. With the onset of the transhumance season, clashes resumed and armed groups took over several localities including in Bocaranga, Bang and Niem cities. Most of the Bocaranga population (15,000 people) and Niem (8,000) fled to seek refuge in the bush and neighbouring cities without access to humanitarian assistance.¹
- Armed group clashes and attacks in Bangassou-Mobaye and Zemio sectors pushed other civilians to cross the river and seek refuge in DRC (Bas-Uele and Nord Ubangi provinces). With the beginning of the transhumance period in Basse-Kotto prefecture, mounting competition for control over transhumance corridors and operations increases hostilities between armed groups. The National Commission for Refugees and UNHCR estimate that around 64,000 new asylum seekers arrived in DRC between mid-May and August, while local authorities reported tens of thousands more arrivals in difficult to access areas.
- In eastern Cameroon, humanitarian needs are on a steady increase with influx of new C.A.R. refugees, increasing strain on WFP pipeline. In addition to the reduction in daily ration (75 percent for in-kind and cash-based transfer), an increase of some food commodities prices such as rice is likely to have a direct impact on the food consumption score. In September, UNHCR reported the arrival of approximately 2,255 new refugees in Bétaré Oya, Ndokayo, and Woumbou in the east region. A UN/Donors/Media joint mission led by the Resident Coordinator in Cameroon was carried out from 19 to 21 September in the east region to raise global awareness on the growing humanitarian needs of the C.A.R. refugees and to reinforce advocacy for humanitarian assistance.
- In Chad, on 23 September, WFP completed the biometric registrations of returnees from C.A.R. living in the department of Grand Sido, finalizing the exercise conducted in four regions (Logone Oriental, Logone Occidental, Moyen Chari, Mandoul).² During the exercise, the technical teams from WFP’s cooperating partners referred to the current beneficiaries list to verify some 36,264 vulnerable people. The next steps include the update of both WFP and IOM databases, data verification

Photo: C.A.R. - Ornella Princia Npanga heads back with WFP rations for her family. *WFP/Elizabeth Bryant*

¹ These incidents occurred as acts of violence against humanitarian personnel in the area have also recently prompted several actors to temporarily suspend their activities.

² The registration covered a total of eight official sites and several host community villages.

and analysis which will allow an update of the number of returnees in the area.³ The Salamat region, which hosts 13,500 returnees, was not accessible due to seasonal rains but registration exercise will later be extended to cover this remaining region.

WFP Response



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- During the [19th Global Child Nutrition Forum](#)⁴ held in Montreal, Canada, from 17 to 21 September 2017, Abdou Dieng, WFP West and Central Africa Regional Director warned that – with the upcoming 2017/18 school year – more than 1.5 million vulnerable children in West and Central Africa are at risk of going hungry or dropping out before completing primary school. In C.A.R., where WFP aimed to reach more than 200,000 youngsters, the school meals programme is only half funded.
- Meanwhile, WFP continues to assist the internally displaced, host communities and refugees in C.A.R. through food distributions using in-kind and cash-based transfers (CBT), including in remote and hard-to-reach areas. Activities are implemented in 13 out of 16 prefectures, plus Bangui. A total of 233,539 vulnerable people received food and nutrition assistance in September, including the people newly displaced by the uptick of violence since the beginning of the year. A total of 5,349 children 6 to 23 months were reached with specialised nutritious foods for the prevention of malnutrition and 2,212 children 6 to 59 months for treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM). Under the Food by Prescription programme, 1,508 malnourished people living with HIV (PLHIV) under antiretroviral treatment (ART) were assisted to improve adherence to HIV/AIDS treatment.
- To ensure an uninterrupted provision of assistance, WFP C.A.R. is opening a new corridor for food deliveries inside the country, from Uganda to C.A.R./Obo area, through South Sudan. A convoy of much needed food supplies using the newly opened land corridor is expected to arrive in Obo on 10 October.
- In **Cameroon**, WFP delivered a total of 1,835 mt of various food commodities in the east region in September to cover the food needs of some 88,000 beneficiaries receiving in-kind food assistance. Some 39,000 people were assisted through CBT and 27,788 children 6 to 23 months received preventive nutrition assistance under blanket Supplementary Feeding programme. The number of refugees planned for assistance was increased from 156,000 to 163,000 to include new refugees already registered by UNHCR. Also, WFP distributed two-month rations (40 mt) to 1,705 vulnerable people located in six sites including Mobe, Dang Patou, Bouli, Colomine, Woumbou and Samba in the east Region. This was part of the preparedness measure to prevent delay in food delivery in some remote areas because of the current rainy season. In addition, WFP is rounding up activities to close the four-month food assistance for assets (FFA) programme through which WFP has been supporting livelihood activities to benefit 20,000 people in the east and Adamawa regions since June 2017. The projects which focused on boosting agricultural productivity have already begun to have a positive impact on the communities which will continue to benefit from the proceeds of the projects in the long-term. A final round of food distribution for this activity is expected to be carried out in October. A total of 1,412 malnourished PLHIV under ART were assisted with food by prescription.
- In **Chad**, insecurity in C.A.R. in September impeded the return of 74,450 C.A.R. refugees living in southern Chad, and WFP continues to provide food assistance through CBT to nearly 44,500 C.A.R. refugees from the very poor and poor categories. Additionally, this assistance aims to support some 76,500 returnees from C.A.R. so they can

meet their daily nutritional needs and diversify their diets.⁵

- Ongoing WFP operation in the southern Chad treats some 6,627 children 6 to 59 months for MAM. During the month of September, WFP ensured emergency CBT assistance to 44,213 C.A.R. refugees and 76,353 returnees from C.A.R. Nutrition interventions included the provision of specialized nutritional foods to 776 children 6 to 59 months from the refugee and host communities. Due to a major pipeline break of nutritious foods, WFP will prioritize the purchase of such commodities if additional funding is received.
- In **DRC**, WFP provided food assistance through CBT and nutrition assistance to a total of 57,754 people in Boyabu, Mole, Bili and Inke camps (South and North Ubangui) in September.⁶ UNHCR reported more than 167,000 C.A.R. refugees are currently in DRC. The figure includes new arrivals recorded by the authorities. Registration is ongoing.
- In **RoC**, WFP is providing assistance to more than 19,000 C.A.R. refugees located in Likouala department (north of RoC). A total of 13,274 refugees located in areas with a mobile phone network and well supplied markets receive monthly cash transfers while the remaining refugees are receiving in-kind transfer through monthly general food distribution. Targeted supplementary feeding is also provided children 6 to 59 month and pregnant and lactating women (PLW) with MAM.⁷
- WFP urgently needs more resources to preposition supplies in Likouala before the start of the dry season in January. The transportation of food from Brazzaville to Pointe Noire (RoC) is done through the river (navigable only from June to December). The water level in the Ubangui River decreases during the dry season, preventing its use for transport purposes. With limited resources to cover the refugee needs until November 2017, WFP is also facing a shortfall on commodities to address malnutrition for children and PLW. WFP provided food assistance to 809 people in September.

Clusters and Common Services



Logistics Cluster

- In **C.A.R.**, the Logistics Cluster received at the end of August a funding from the Common Humanitarian Funds to implement a common air cargo service for the humanitarian community and for activities prioritized by the Inter Clusters Committee. This new service enables humanitarian organizations to deliver life-saving assistance in priority and hard-to-reach areas like Zemio and Bangassou.



Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- In **C.A.R.**, the ETC is enhancing security telecommunications in Bangui and supporting the establishment of common ICT services in eight common operational areas (Bangui, Bambari, Kaga-Bandoro, Bossangoa, Zemio, Ndélé, Paoua and Bouar).



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- The WFP-managed UNHAS provides reliable and safe transport to 31 destinations in **C.A.R.** for the humanitarian community. A total of 154 organizations depend on UNHAS to facilitate humanitarian access. On average, 15,026 booked passengers and 291 mt of light cargo have been transported from January to September 2017. From 1 January to 20 September 2017, UNHAS relocated 241 individuals working for 24 organizations in 10 different locations.

³ The difference between the current and the new figures will determine the percentage by which WFP will reduce the number of vulnerable people planned for assistance in Chad.

⁴ The event was co-sponsored and hosted by the Global Child Nutrition Foundation, WFP's Centre of Excellence against Hunger and the Breakfast Club of Canada.

⁵ Depending on market conditions, people either benefit from a direct cash transfer provided through a partnership with a financial service provider or a

voucher which they exchange on specially organized food fairs and buy a variety of products from the pre-established list of commodities.

⁶ From July to September, WFP provided food assistance to 60,500 C.A.R. refugees in DRC.

⁷ The operation will end on 31 December 2017 but assistance to refugees will continue through the RoC EMOP 201066 providing assistance to IDPs affected by the conflicts in the Pool region. A budget revision to merge the two operations is under preparation.

WFP Operations						
	2017 Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	3 Months Net Funding Requirements (October-Dec 2017) (in USD)	People reached (September 2017)	Female	Male
Regional EMOP 200799 (until Dec 2017)	139 million	60 million (43%)	6 million	520,655 people	284,524	236,131
SO 201045 (until December 2017)	15 million	13.5 million (90%)	1 million			



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