

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC - COMPLEX EMERGENCY

FACT SHEET #6, FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2015

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NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

2.7 million

Estimated Number of People in the Central African Republic (CAR) Requiring Humanitarian Assistance

U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) – December 2014

1.5 million

Estimated Number of People in CAR Requiring Emergency Food Assistance

U.N. World Food Program (WFP) – December 2014

437,400

Approximate Number of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in CAR

Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) – December 2014

58,700

Approximate Number of IDPs in CAR's Capital City of Bangui

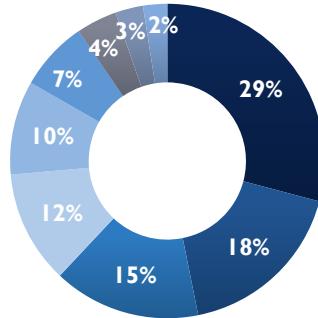
UNHCR – December 2014

424,700

Approximate Number of Central African Refugees Displaced to Neighboring Countries

UNHCR – December 2014

USAID/OFDA¹ FUNDING BY SECTOR IN FY 2014 & FY 2015



- Logistics & Relief Commodities (29%)
- Health (18%)
- Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene (15%)
- Protection (12%)
- Agriculture & Food Security (10%)
- Humanitarian Coordination & Information Management (7%)
- Economic Recovery & Market Systems (4%)
- Shelter & Settlements (3%)
- Nutrition (2%)

USAID/FFP² FUNDING BY MODALITY IN FY 2014 & FY 2015



- Local and Regional Procurement
- U.S. In-Kind Food Aid
- Food Vouchers

HIGHLIGHTS

- The U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) reaches an estimated 1.4 million people in conflict-affected areas of CAR with health care services and essential medicines.
- Insecurity, including attacks targeting relief workers, continues to hamper humanitarian efforts.
- Relief actors will require \$195 million to assist more than 1.2 million people in 2015.

HUMANITARIAN FUNDING TO THE CRISIS IN FY 2014 & FY 2015

USAID/OFDA	\$37,071,866
USAID/FFP	\$57,000,000
State/PRM ³	\$70,898,621

\$164,970,487
TOTAL USAID AND STATE ASSISTANCE

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Insecurity—including armed attacks on WFP vehicles and violence targeting relief workers—continues to hinder the ability of humanitarian organizations to deliver relief assistance in CAR. Despite constraints, USAID/OFDA partner UNICEF delivered emergency health assistance—including health care services and essential medicines—to approximately 1.4 million conflict-affected people in CAR in 2014.
- On December 23, UNHCR issued a statement underscoring concerns regarding the poor humanitarian conditions facing nearly 500 individuals of the majority-Muslim Peuhl ethnic group sheltering in Ombella M'Poko Prefecture's Yaloke town. Priority needs for the individuals—at risk for targeted attacks due to the group's predominantly Muslim population—include emergency food, protection, and health care support.

¹ USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA)

² USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

³ U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

CURRENT SITUATION

- Ongoing violence throughout CAR continues to cause loss of life and displacement. On December 21, fighting between Peuhl herders and anti-Balaka elements killed at least 18 people in Gamboula town, Mambéré-Kadéï Prefecture, and Nola town, Sangha-Mbaéré Prefecture, according to international media.
 - Clashes between anti-Balaka and members of the ex-Séléka armed group in Nana-Grebizi Prefecture's Mbrès town on December 16 and in Ouaka Prefecture's Bambari town on December 19 led to at least 20 deaths, damaged infrastructure, and destroyed houses, prompting the displacement of an unspecified number of individuals to nearby forest areas.
 - On December 14, an unidentified group of armed actors attacked staff from USAID/OFDA partner Agency for Technical Development and Cooperation (ACTED) in Ouaka Prefecture's Madomalé town, according to the U.N. The incident injured two ACTED staff and resulted in the theft of emergency food commodities.
 - During a December 30 press conference in the capital city of Bangui, Special Representative of the U.N. Secretary-General and Head of the U.N. Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in CAR (MINUSCA) Babcar Gaye expressed hope that warring factions in CAR are showing signs of moving toward broad national dialogue to end violence in the country. He referenced a December 18 Presidential Statement reiterating the call for disarmament and dialogue as the only route to lasting peace and pointed to recent tangible advances in civilian protection and other activities by MINUSCA.
 - UNICEF recently emphasized the importance of maintaining the current level of humanitarian assistance to CAR in 2015, particularly support for vulnerable children—including the 6,000–10,000 children associated with armed groups in CAR.
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DISPLACEMENT AND HUMANITARIAN ACCESS

- Nearly 500 individuals of the majority-Muslim Peuhl ethnic group sheltering in an IDP site in Yaloke require urgent humanitarian assistance and are at risk for targeted attacks, according to UNHCR. Targeted violence in recent months forced the group to seek shelter in Yaloke, and they remained unable to leave as of late December due to hostilities—including physical attacks, verbal threats, and looting. Exacerbated by limited access, key needs include emergency assistance to treat malnutrition, malaria, and tuberculosis, according to the U.N. UNHCR reports the need for the international community to assist in relocating the group to a safer location within CAR or a neighboring country. More than 90 percent of the Peuhl individuals sheltering in Yaloke expressed a desire to relocate, according to a UNHCR-led assessment conducted on December 18.
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FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

- To date in 2014, UNICEF assistance has supported 22,300 children under five years of age experiencing severe acute malnutrition, resulting in a recovery rate of 83 percent.
 - The Food Security Cluster—the coordinating body for humanitarian food security activities in CAR, comprising U.N. agencies, non-governmental agencies, and other stakeholders—will require approximately \$195 million to assist more than 1.2 million people in 2015, according to the cluster. The 2015 food security funding appeal is an 8 percent increase from the \$180 million requested for food security interventions in CAR's revised 2014 Strategic Response Plan (SRP) and represents approximately 30 percent of the total \$613 million requested in the 2015 CAR SRP. Estimates of the number of people experiencing food insecurity in CAR range from 1 million to 1.7 million people, according to the U.N.
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HEALTH AND WASH

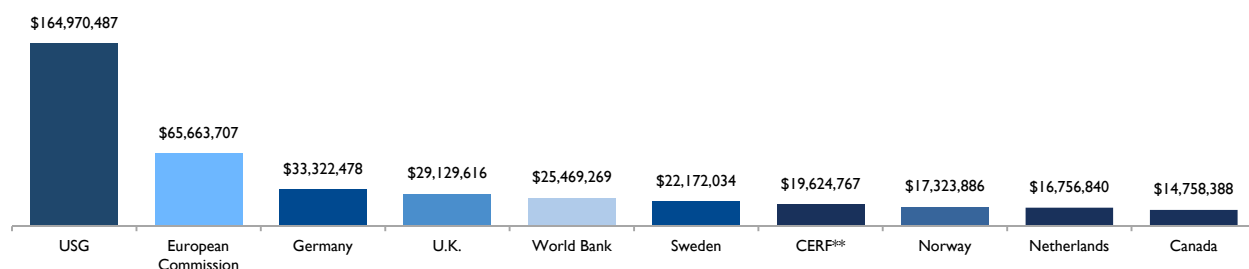
- Between January and December 2014, USAID/OFDA partner UNICEF provided access to safe drinking water to more than 415,000 people throughout CAR and ensured that nearly 221,000 people at various IDP sites had access to improved sanitation services, including latrines.
- UNICEF also reached an estimated 1.4 million people in conflict-affected areas of CAR with health care services and essential medicines, including the delivery of polio vaccinations to 1 million children and measles vaccinations to more than 200,000 children.

OTHER ASSISTANCE

- As of December 31, international donors had committed \$377.6 million—68 percent—of the \$555 million requested by the 2014 CAR SRP to address urgent humanitarian needs in CAR.

2014 TOTAL HUMANITARIAN FUNDING*

PER DONOR



* Funding figures are as of December 31, 2014. All international figures are according to OCHA's Financial Tracking Service and based on international commitments during the 2014 calendar year, while U.S. Government (USG) figures are according to the USG and reflect USG commitments in FY 2014 and FY 2015, which began on October 1, 2013, and October 1, 2014, respectively. USG funding addresses needs both within CAR and among CAR refugees and host communities in neighboring countries.

** U.N. Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)—a pooled humanitarian fund established and managed by the U.N. to support underfunded emergencies.

CONTEXT

- In December 2012, the Séléka armed alliance began to advance across CAR in opposition to then-President François Bozizé. On March 24, 2013, Séléka fighters entered Bangui, effectively seizing control of the country and triggering a period of widespread violence.
- Security conditions in CAR further deteriorated on December 5, 2013, when clashes erupted between militants associated with the now-dissolved Séléka alliance and anti-Balaka groups, composed of armed fighters that oppose ex-Séléka forces. As of December 2014, the security situation throughout CAR remained volatile, with continuing attacks against civilians. While relief agencies are working to assist conflict-affected populations, ongoing insecurity and logistics constraints impede humanitarian operations in Bangui and in more remote areas of CAR.
- In response to the ongoing humanitarian emergency, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires David E. Brown reissued a disaster declaration for the complex emergency in CAR for FY 2015 on October 1, 2014.

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE CAR CRISIS PROVIDED IN FY 2014 & FY 2015¹

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
USAID/OFDA²			
ACTED	Economic Recovery and Market Systems (ERMS), Logistics Support and Relief Commodities, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)	Bangui city, Ouham-Pendé Prefecture	\$1,375,000
Action Contre la Faim (ACF)	WASH	Ouham Prefecture	\$1,000,000

Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities	Ouham Prefecture	\$650,638
Danish Refugee Council (DRC)	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Bamingui-Bangoran, Ouham, Ouham-Pendé Prefectures	\$2,163,745
U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$3,280,623
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities, WASH	Countrywide	\$498,000
International Medical Corps (IMC)	Health, Nutrition, Protection	Haute-Kotto, Ouham, Vakaga Prefectures	\$2,734,936
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	Health, Protection	Ouham-Pendé Prefecture	\$880,587
IOM	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management, Logistics Support and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
Mentor	Health	Ouham, Ouham-Pendé Prefectures	\$1,500,242
Mercy Corps	Agriculture and Food Security, ERMS, Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management, Protection	Mbomou Prefecture	\$779,535
NetHope	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$577,765
Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Bangui city, Kémo, Mabéré-Kadéï Prefectures	\$2,220,880
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
Save the Children/U.S. (SC/US)	Health, Nutrition, Protection	Nana-Mambéré Prefecture	\$1,063,258
SC/US	Health, Protection	Haut-Mbomou Prefecture	\$1,135,126
Tearfund	Agriculture and Food Security, WASH	Lobaye Prefecture	\$1,274,445
UNICEF	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities, Protection, WASH	Countrywide	\$5,000,000
U.N. Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS)	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$500,000
U.N. Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
U.N. World Health Organization (WHO)	Health	Countrywide	\$1,500,000
USAID/OFDA-Airlifted Relief Commodities	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities	Bangui city	\$3,646,000
WFP	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$500,000
World Vision	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities, WASH	Ombella-Mpoko Prefecture	\$1,778,626
	Program Support		\$12,460
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			\$37,071,866
USAID/FFP³			
UNICEF	200 MT of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food, Nutrition Activities	Countrywide	\$2,500,000
WFP	9,876 MT in Local and Regional Procurement of Food Commodities for General Food Distributions, Supplementary Feeding, and Food-for-Assets Activities	Countrywide	\$15,000,000
WFP	Title II-Funded Emergency Food Assistance for General Food Distributions and Supplementary Feeding Programs	Countrywide	\$17,500,000
WFP	Distribution of Cash-Based Food Vouchers to Chadian Returnees Fleeing CAR for Southeastern Areas of Chad	Chad	\$1,000,000
WFP	Distribution of Locally Purchased Commodities to CAR Refugees	Cameroon	\$5,000,000

WFP	475 MT in Local and Regional Procurement of Food Commodities for General Food Distributions and Supplementary Feeding	Republic of Congo	\$1,000,000
WFP	General Food Distributions and Supplementary Feeding and Local and Regional Procurement of Food Commodities	Countrywide	\$15,000,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			\$57,000,000
STATE/PRM			
CARE	Protection, Health	Chad	\$600,000
IMC	Health, Nutrition, Protection	Cameroon	\$1,357,865
International Center for Health Support (CSSI)	Health Assistance for Refugees	Chad	\$400,000
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	Multi-Sector Protection and Assistance for Victims of Conflict	Countrywide	\$11,200,000
IOM	Evacuation and Basic Return Assistance for Vulnerable Migrants	Countrywide and Neighboring Countries	\$4,950,000
IRC	Health and Protection for Refugees	Chad	\$820,000
Lutheran World Federation (LWF)	Livelihoods Assistance for Refugees	Chad	\$620,000
Mentor	Health Assistance for Refugees	Chad	\$150,756
U.N. Population Fund (UNFPA)	Protection and Assistance for Refugees	Chad	\$300,000
UNHAS	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$500,000
UNHCR	Multi-Sector Protection and Assistance for Refugees and IDPs	Countrywide and Neighboring Countries	\$45,500,000
UNICEF	Protection and Assistance for Refugees	Cameroon	\$3,400,000
WHO	Protection and Assistance for Refugees	Cameroon	\$1,100,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			\$70,898,621
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE CAR CRISIS IN FY 2014 & FY 2015			\$164,970,487

¹Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds. USG humanitarian funding responds to urgent needs among populations inside CAR and refugees and returnees who fled violence in CAR for neighboring countries.

²USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual amounts as of December 31, 2014.

³Estimated value of food assistance.

PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for disaster responses around the world can be found at www.interaction.org.
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, and warehouse space); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
 - The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or +1.202.821.1999.
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int.

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID website at <http://www.usaid.gov/what-we-do/working-crises-and-conflict/responding-times-crisis/where-we-work>