**Situation**

**Background**

There are currently five armed groups operating in CAR who have signed peace deals with the government and are awaiting the DDR process. Two of these groups – the CPJP and the UFDR - are located in the three Northern prefectures of Vakaga, Bamingui-Bangoran, and Haute Kotto. Their ongoing presence in these areas continues to destabilize the area, limiting humanitarian access and restricting access to basic services. Both the CPJP and the UFDR have signed Action Plans with UNICEF and the MRM taskforce to release the children among their ranks.

*Insecurity has prevailed since Monday AM, 10.12.12, when the UFDR launched attacks and took control of N’délé and Sam Ouandja in CAR with additional insecurity around the towns of Bria and Bambari as the UFDR advanced Tuesday (11.12.12) and Wednesday (12.12.12)*

**Emerging Threats**

During the last 24 hours, the security situation has remained calm, though tense in N’délé, Sam Ouandja and Bria. However, the continued movement of troops around these towns and in addition UFDR troop movement near Ippy and Bambari, Ouaka prefectures, has contributed to a heightened sense of insecurity and uncertainty, with continued displacement of populations in N’délé, Bria, Ippy and Bambari.

**N’délé town** remains under the control of the UFDR ((Union des Forces Démocratiques pour le Rassemblement), despite rumors that the FACA had reclaimed the town of N’délé. According to sources, the UFDR still maintained control with the President of the CPJP still seeking asylum at the MICOPAX base.

The majority of the population of N’délé still remains outside of the town, most often on their farms on the outskirts of N’délé. Presently, there are no collections of populations (camps) in or near N’délé. The humanitarian situation remains unclear. There have been reports of 2-3 FACA and one gendarme have been killed in N’délé, there are no specific figures reporting the number of injured have been increased or report as of 12.12.12.

There are reports of continued looting of abandoned homes/businesses by armed persons. MSF continues to maintain a minimal presence in N’délé at the hospital to assist those that have been injured due to the crisis in addition to basic, emergency health care for the population that remains. Per the request of the UN system, MICOPAX evacuated staff and assets of INGOs as well as the children located at the UNICEF CAR-DRC CTO to their base. As of this afternoon, all humanitarian partners: ICRC, MSF, DRC, PU-AMI and OCHA have been evacuated by air or road, with MICOPAX
having secured a 5km humanitarian corridor for convoys. In addition per the request of UNICEF CAR, with partner DRC, all 32 children formerly associated with armed groups are in the process of being evacuated by road (7) today and air (25) tomorrow AM at 0700. These children will be evacuated to Bangui and placed in an emergency CTO supported by UNICEF CAR with partners Don Bosco, DRC and COOPI and support from MSF-Spain.

**Sam Ouandja Haute Kotto prefecture** has remained calm since the arrival and control of the UFDR Monday (10.12.12). No reports of fighting or violence to date. However, there is currently no humanitarian or UN presence in Sam Ouandja and the humanitarian situation is unknown.

As reported yesterday, UFDR troops were advancing on Bria yesterday, however, the CPJP has arrived to reinforce the capacity of the FACA in **Bria town, Haute Kotto prefecture** which is 250 kms southwest of Sam-Ouandja. It was reported by INGO partners last night that as the UFDR approached Bria, the troops decided to proceed directly to **Bambari via Ippy**. Based on this new information, INGO partners began to evacuate Bambari last night, 11.12.12 and into today, 12.12.12 – INGO partners IMC, Mercy Corps, COOPI and Triangle Generation Humanitaire have been impacted, with only IMC and Triangle maintaining a basic presence.

There are unconfirmed reports of large scale population movement from Bambari and Ippy into the surrounding ‘bush’. Tensions remain high in Bria and Bambari where both the UFDR and CPJP have a presence.

UNICEF CAR continues to participate in Country Security Management Meetings and the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT).

**Implications for women and children:**

- Continuing displacement can aggravate the existing vulnerability of children and women
- Disrupted delivery of basic health, nutrition, and WASH services will further exasperate the condition of women and children
- Children formerly associated with armed groups are at high risk of being re-recruited, including those children currently residing in CTO in the affected area, especially in N’dele where approximately 32 children formerly associated with armed groups are located in a UNICEF CAR – DRC supported CTO
- Presence of armed groups increases the risk of gender based violence
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Estimated Affected Population

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* N’dele has an approximate population of 36,541 and Bria, 70,073 persons

Short narrative on relevant sectors affected

- Child Protection situation / implications
  - SRSG briefed of situation of children formerly associated with armed groups in N’dele and requested to support evacuation of children to Bamingui or Bangui and has prioritized their placement of planned UNHAS evacuation flights for tomorrow 13.12.12. 32 children (total) to be evacuated from N’dele: 7 by road 12.12.12; 25 by UNHAS 13.12.12 and an additional 28 children from Bria-Bambari-Bangui.
  - N’dele: UNICEF CAR partner DRC who operates the CTO where 32 children have been moved to MICOPAX base today and are currently being provided support and security at the MICOPAX base. & children evacuated by road today with DRC team and the remaining 25 to be evacuated tomorrow am, 13.12.12 by UNHAS to Bangui.
  - Bria-Bambari: UNICEF CAR partner COOPI evacuated all 28 children from the CTO Bria to Bambari and today began the process of evacuating to Bangui. All 28 children to arrive in Bangui tomorrow, 13.12.12
  - Bangui: UNICEF CAR with Don Bosco, Bangui, is in the process of establishing an emergency CTO for 70 children that may be evacuated to Bangui from N’dele and Bria-Bambari. The site will be operational tomorrow AM with DRC and COOPI supporting the operation and management of the CTO with UNICEF CAR support.

- Rapid Response Mechanism:
  - RRM has the capacity to respond to the needs of 12,500 persons in terms of NFI, WASH and emergency nutrition for 2,500 children U% acute, sever malnourished
  - RRM potential partners have been identified for the 3 zones; UNICEF CAR currently developing appropriate PCA to support RRM activation
Senior Humanitarian Mission to N’dele: UNICEF CAR staff, Shannon Strother, Emergency-RRM, EPR and Fosca Giulidori, Chief Protection will be accompanying a senior level technical humanitarian mission to N’dele once security has been confirmed to assess the humanitarian situation and advocate for humanitarian access; tentatively 14.12.12.

UNICEF CAR continues to monitor the situation with key stakeholders including the United Nations system, Government and non-governmental partners, civil society and communities affected by the current conflict. INGO partners prepared to respond with UNICEF CAR support in N’dele, Sam Ouandja, Bria, Bambari and Bangui (CTO) as necessary.

Funding
No current funding needs identified, will continue to monitor the situation.

Supply and Logistics
- UNICEF CAR is in the processing of establishing an emergency CTO in Bangui for 70 children formerly associated with armed groups. UNICEF CAR is providing NFI, WASH, education, recreation, tents, and operational support to the Don Bosco CTO.

- UNICEF CAR currently has in stock NFI, Water and Nutrition supplies for 2,500 families or 12,500 persons and is in the process of reviewing local market availability in blankets and cooking sets and emergency nutrition for 2,500 severely malnourished children. Specifically, UNICEF CAR has a contingency stock of
  - 2,500 plastic sheeting 4x5 m
  - 5,000 LLINS
  - 600 cooking sets (can be divided between 2 households if necessary)
  - 5,000 jerry cans, 10 litres
  - 30.6 MT soap
    - 900 blankets (confirming availability in local market)
    - 5 20,000 litres bladders with distribution system
    - 1 10,000 litres bladders with distribution system
    - Calcium hypochlorite, Aquatab tablets
    - 4 water pumps (20cbm/hr@20m)

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Internal

Issues not suitable for External part of SitRep
- None at this time

Cluster / Sector Coordination
- All clusters currently monitoring context.
- RRM standby for deployment

Human Resources
- Not applicable currently; will continue to reassess as situation evolves.

- No further support requested from WCA Regional Office or UNICEF NYHQ.