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RECENT EVENTS

Deadly violence continues in the capital, with civilians attacking houses in various communities, including close to the Bangui Airport. The security situation remains extremely volatile. Despite the constraints, UNICEF is continuing to conduct assessments and providing life-saving interventions to the most affected, especially in response to a growing number of displaced people.

The number of displaced people in Bangui is now close to 110,000, with people taking sanctuary in 30 sites around Bangui. This figure does not include people staying with host families.

French President, Francois Hollande, arrived in CAR on 10 December.

UNICEF RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

WASH and Non-Food Items (NFI)

- **Bangui:** On 10 December, UNICEF WASH team distributed 200 hygiene kits (1 per family) for 700 displaced people at the Fatima site.
- **Major challenges include logistics and a shortage of essential supplies like soap.**

Child Protection

- **Bangui:** A UNICEF supported Gender-Based Violence team visited the Église St Paul/Archevêché site to assess capacity to prevent and respond to sexual and gender-based violence. The site has a medical doctor, nurses, and volunteers who are not trained on GBV. The health facility near the site does not have PEP kits. As UNICEF is supporting the site for WASH services, women and girls will have access to secured toilet facilities that are lacking to date. A room has been allocated that can be used for counselling and discussions with survivors of GBV. No cases of SGBV have been reported to date. Volunteers have been identified to raise awareness of women, girls, boys and men against SGBV.
- **Bangui:** Child protection team visited the Don Bosco site where children aged 3 to 16 years were playing various games in the child friendly space and sports fields with UNICEF provided recreational kits. Social workers requested additional tents and recreational and educational kits to respond to the psycho-social needs of children affected by conflict. Another child friendly space has been established for children at the Église St Paul/Archevêché site and has been equipped with educational kits.
- **Bangui:** Vulnerable and separated children hosted in a government center *(mother and child)* in Bangui and a center run by Oblat Sisters received food rations with UNICEF support as the center had a shortage of food since the crisis, while the number of children has increased during the same period.

Health & Nutrition

- Distribution of emergency drugs to the referral Community hospital and the Pediatric hospital. Kits of essential drugs including malaria drugs provided to the health facility of Église St-Paul/Archevêché to assist the 7,000 IDPs.
- **Further distribution of medical supplies is being planned for the St Jean de Galabadjia dispensary, where there are 15,000 displaced people.**
- **In addition food (rice, fish, oil and salt) was provided to the Bangui Pediatric Hospital to provide at least 2 meals a day to 24 inpatients during one month.**
Further health assessments planned in IDPs sites including the Boy-Rabe Monastery (12,000 IDPs), St Pierre de Gobongo (2,500 IDPs) and St Jean de Galabadja (12,000 IDPs).

The Health cluster set up a crisis management team which held its first meeting today. This will help to better coordinate health and nutrition assistance to the affected population.

FUNDING

As of end of November, UNICEF had only received half of the US $32 million required to cover humanitarian needs for this current year while financial needs have tripled in the course of the year.

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