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RECENT EVENTS

In Bangui, 127,213 IDPs are reported to be in 31 camps. Many service providers are displaced or fear resuming their work due to the prevailing insecurity, compounding major disruption of basic services. The city water system is working but needs to be closely monitored to avoid major water shortages in the various sites. In Bossangoa, 48,500 IDPs remain at the three main camps, while various sources report IDP presence in rural areas and other major cities such as Bozoum and Bouar.

The security situation remains tense in and around Bangui. It is being reported that while displaced people may go out during the day, they return in the evening as people remain too afraid to return home. Conditions at displacement camps remain worrying with families exposed to the elements, and an insufficient supply of food, basic supplies, drinking water and sanitation.

Despite security constraints, UNICEF continues to provide life-saving interventions to the most affected areas in response to the growing number of displaced people.

UNICEF RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

WASH and Non-Food Items (NFI)

- UNICEF supports hand washing and sanitation facilities at the St. Paul site (13,218 IDPs) and is rehabilitating 12 latrines with community management.
- An assessment at Village SOS (1,300 IDPs) revealed no water and no latrines. Advocacy is ongoing with The National Agency of Water and Sanitation (ANEA) to resume water distribution.
- UNICEF partners with IRC to cover needs in three sites: Mission Carmel (2,614 IDPs), Église des Frères Castor (1,150 IDPs) and Église du Grand Séminaire (1,900 IDPs). Distributions will begin tomorrow.
- In Bossangoa UNICEF is producing and distributing 120,000 liters per day for the population displaced at the three major sites.
- UNICEF and partners began a hygiene promotion campaign and cleaning of premises at École Liberté (10,000 IDPs)

Child Protection

- UNICEF continues to support the newly established Child Friendly Space at Don Bosco (13,000 IDPs) where children engage in sports activities, recreation and informal education activities.
- UNICEF provided five early child development kits to the Oblate Sisters’ transitional centre.
- At the St. Paul site, UNICEF supports psychosocial activities and recreational, educational, and sporting activities for 800 children.

Health and Nutrition

- UNICEF provided medicine and antibiotics in particular to the Bangui Pediatric Centre.
- UNICEF provided basic health supplies and malaria drugs to the St. Jean site (12,000 IDP).
- 15 HIV positive people were identified by UNICEF as having stopped treatment due to lack of access to ARV drugs during visits to three displacement sites.
- UNICEF supplied the St. Joseph clinic with PlumpyNut and F100 and F75 therapeutic milk for the management of 13 cases of severe acute malnutrition.
• Bangui: UNICEF met with partner ACF concerning 950 cases of children suffering from severe acute malnutrition that are not being treated because of the closure of outpatient nutritional centers. Establishment of a system of daily monitoring of new cases in the Bangui Pediatric Centre is to be jointly managed between UNICEF and ACF.

C4D
• Training of 120 peer educators on hygiene and sanitation (hand washing with soap, the distribution of kits, use of latrines, garbage collection) and child protection (prevention of separation of children and support to the children's animation spaces)

RAPID RESPONSE MECHANISM (RRM)
• Bangui: Prepared for an NFI distribution to 7,500 IDPs in St Bernard which will take place tomorrow (12-December).
• Bangui: Multi Sectorial Assessments completed in six sites during the last three days.

SUPPLIES AND LOGISTICS
• Local purchase of bars of soap covering the immediate needs of 140,000 people.
• Very limited local transport capacity and inactivity of main logistics service providers has an impact on daily delivery of supplies.

INFOCOM
• Interviews and field visit to Fatima site (700 IDPs) with Al Jazeera and Austrian media (diepresse.com).
• Grazia Magazine interviewed Judith Léveillé (UNICEF CAR Deputy Representative) as arranged by the UK NatCom.
• Media visits organized for NewsChannel4, France2, and other francophone media.

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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