UNICEF Central African Republic (CAR) Situation Report
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Key developments during the reporting period:
The security situation remains volatile in the capital. An estimated 60,000 people have fled their homes and sought refuge in approximately 20 IDP sites according to data collected by UN agencies in Bangui. While a more accurate estimate is expected in coming days, there are new arrivals at displacement sites. On 7 December, the ICRC reports that the population at the airport has tripled from 5000 to 15,000. Bossangoa is reported to be relatively calm since the arrival of French troops.

UNICEF teams on the ground in Bangui have identified the following pressing issues:
Health/shelter: Numerous pregnant women and children under 5 years among the displaced, some sleeping outside laying on the floor, exposed to cold and rain. Lack of health workers and access to health care and malaria cases reported.
WASH: Non-existent or inadequate supply of latrines at the 20 displacement sites. Existing latrines are not gender segregated and lack of hygiene kits for girls and women.
Protection: Separated and unaccompanied children being reported by UNICEF team on the ground. People are afraid to leave displacement sites to look for food due to fear of being attacked. However, even within the sites, there was a report of four people injured by bullets at the St. Jean site. The injured included one 17 year old child.

UNICEF Response:
UNICEF continues to respond to the needs triggered by the latest violence in Bangui and in the interior of the country. The following response was launched:

Health

- Bangui: Today on 8 December, UNICEF teams on the ground distributed emergency health supplies and medicine for 1,000 children at the sole pediatric hospital in the country where many child victims of violence are being treated.

CHILD PROTECTION

- Bangui: Today, UNICEF protection teams visited the airport and the Don Bosco displacement sites to set up an alert mechanism for unaccompanied and separated children to facilitate family identification, tracing and reunification. Also, clothing has been provided to child victims of violence and their rooms in the Bangui Pediatric complex has been equipped with electric fans.

WASH

- Bossangoa: UNICEF continues to support the provision of water through water trucks delivering 18,000 litres to the École Liberté and 96,000 litres to the Évêché site and another 5,000 litres to the FOMAC base. UNICEF will install an additional bladder at the Évêché site to increase the water supply.

Interagency Collaboration.
Bangui: On 8 December UNICEF attended two interagency missions, who visited 6 displacement sites and communities in Bangui to assess the needs of these populations. UNICEF continues to work with UN agencies and NGO partners to respond to immediate needs where access and security permit.

**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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