



WFP Central African Republic Country Brief

WFP Assistance

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
Critical support to populations affected by the ongoing crisis in the Central African Republic and its regional impact - C.A.R. component			
Regional EMOP 200799 (Jan 2015 – Dec 2017)**	81.4m	30.4m	23.4 m
Provision of Humanitarian Air Services in the Central African Republic***			
SO 201045 (Jan 2017 – Dec 2017)	15m	2.2m	5.7m
Logistics & Emergency Telecommunications Cluster Augmentation in Central African Republic			
SO 200997 (Aug 2016 – June 2017)	2m	1.2m	0.8m
Logistics augmentation and coordination for humanitarian corridors into Central African Republic			
Regional Special Operation (SO) 200934 (Jan 2016 – Dec 2017)	3m	1.8m	1.2m

*February-July 2017

EMOP 200799: The project provides flexible seasonal support to moderately food insecure households, supporting the restoration of access to basic services and human capital protection. It is based on large scale nutrition and food security assessments.

WFP assists the internally displaced, host communities and affected local populations through food distributions, food assistance for the creation of productive assets and Purchase for Progress (P4P) that links the local production to the school meals; complementing food assistance with cash-based transfers.

In addition, WFP conducts activities for prevention and treatment of malnutrition targeting children aged 6-23 months for blanket supplementary feeding and children aged 6-59 months for treatment services.

In 2017, WFP plans to assist 548,560 people in Central African Republic (C.A.R) with in-kind distributions and/or cash-based transfers.

SO 201045: The WFP-managed Humanitarian Air Services (UNHAS) provides reliable and safe transport

Main Photo Credit: WFP/Bruno Djoyo
Caption: A teacher and her student in one of the primary schools supported by WFP

Highlights

- The United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund allocated USD 6 million to help provide food assistance to 36,800 people displaced by renewed violence in Bria, Bambari and Kaga-Bandoro.
- In the framework of the Humanitarian Response Plan for 2017-2019, USD 400 million are needed to provide protection and humanitarian assistance to 2.2 million people among which 2 million are in need of food assistance. WFP requires USD 98 million to support food projects included in the plan in 2017.
- Security incidents continue to be regularly reported in the Bambari area and on the Ippy-Bria axis.

to 31 destinations in the country for the humanitarian community. More than 138 humanitarian organizations depend on UNHAS services to facilitate humanitarian access.

SO 200997: A Special Operation for the Logistics and Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) continues to provide Logistics and ETC support to the entire humanitarian community in C.A.R. The clusters were activated in 2013 at the onset of the crisis to provide ETC and logistics coordination and information management; facilitate the provision of common warehousing and transport services; and provide reliable emergency telecommunications and data connectivity networks and services. For additional information on the logistics cluster visit: <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/caf13a>. On the ETC visit: <https://www.etcluster.org/emergencies/central-african-republic-conflict>

SO 200934: A regional Special Operation addresses, through enhanced coordination, logistics gaps and bottle-necks in the main access route from the port of Douala in Cameroon to the capital Bangui which originate from the unstable security in C.A.R.

In Numbers

2 m people are food insecure

600,000 people are severely food insecure

420,680 people displaced

325,132
December 2016



January 2017

Operational Updates

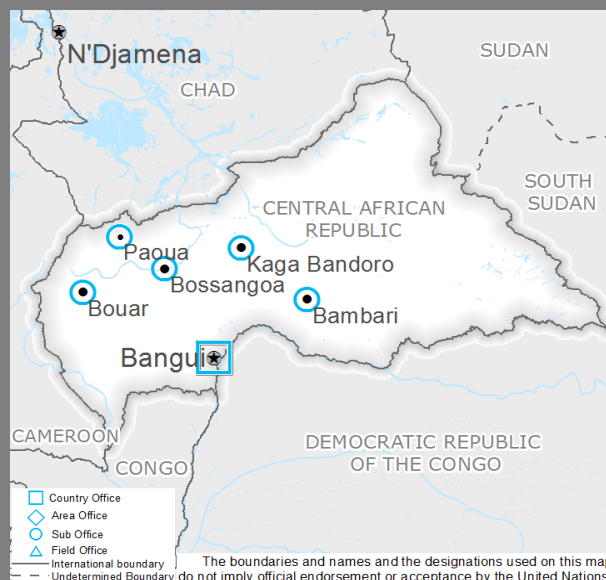
- In January, WFP planned to assist 416,684 people through general food distributions, interventions for preventing and treating malnutrition, food by prescription and school meals.
- Shortages of food stocks continued to hamper the distributions to internally displaced people in January.
- Assistance was maintained at 100 percent for children aged 6-23 months, caregivers, people living with HIV and schoolchildren.
- The new Special Operation for the Provision of Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) started on 3 January for 12 months until the end of December 2017 for a total budget of USD 15 million.
- With just 10 percent of the funds received to date, UNHAS relies on the generosity of donors to urgently secure additional resources to maintain regular flights and enable the prompt delivery of relief aid to populations in need.
- In January UNHAS transported 1,874 passengers and 25 mt of cargo to 31 locations in the country. UNHAS also conducted 1 medical evacuation from Berberati to Bangui.
- The logistics cluster facilitated the dispatch of 43 mt of cargo from Bangui to the provinces on behalf of 41 organizations.
- Current total storage capacity available in-country for the humanitarian community amounts to 960 cubic meters in Bangui, Bossangoa and Kaga Bandoro.

Challenges

The main challenges WFP is encountering while implementing its operations are:

- Insecurity, which includes sudden outburst of violence, attacks against civilian and humanitarian organizations.
- Humanitarian access, which is also affected by violence that often result in temporary suspension of movements.
- Long lead-time of two to six months to transport food commodities into the country.
- Funding constraints. Thanks to the generosity of its donors, WFP has mobilized 37 percent of the funds needed to support food and nutrition assistance. WFP continues to work with partners to mobilize the resources necessary to ensure the uninterrupted supply of aid throughout the year.

Country Background & Strategy



The Central African Republic (C.A.R.) is a land – locked, least developed country of nearly five million people. After decades of poor governance and repeated political and military crisis over the decades, C.A.R. is slowly recovering from the crisis that erupted at the end of 2012 and plunged the country into chaos.

However, challenges remain great. Eighty four (84) percent of the population lives on USD 2 a day, with half the population facing extreme multidimensional poverty. Nearly 800,000 people continue to be displaced in C.A.R. or in the neighbouring countries and one in two households face food hunger. C.A.R. has some of the highest chronic malnutrition rates in the world with 40 percent of children aged 6-59 months suffering from stunting. Maternal and early childhood mortality rates are also among the highest in the world.

WFP provide critical life- and livelihood saving assistance to address the urgent needs of most vulnerable conflict-affected populations and people affected by food insecurity and acute undernutrition.

WFP interventions in C.A.R. are aligned with the 2017 Humanitarian Response Plan and support the Government's five-year strategic plan, the National Recovery and Peacebuilding Plan 2017–2021.

WFP has been present in C.A.R since 1969.

Population: **4.9 million**

2015 Human Development Index: **187 out of 188**

Income Level: **Least Developed**

Chronic malnutrition: **40% of children between 6-59 months**

Donors

Australia, Canada, European Commission, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, United States of America, Sweden, CERF, Humanitarian funds

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