CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

ARMED ATTACK EMPTIES 145 VILLAGES

Some 145 villages in Koui locality in the western Bocaranga prefecture remain deserted since an invasion in late September by armed militants. All schools and health facilities are closed and more than 3,000 displaced families are living along the main roads in Bocaranga. Around 440 people have sought refuge at a site near the local Catholic Church. Others are staying with host families. Additional health, food, education and sanitation assistance is required. The UN Humanitarian Coordinator led a mission to Bocaranga to seek ways of enabling aid workers deliver assistance to those in need.

GHANA

CHOLERA INFECTIONS IN CAPE COAST REACH 175

As of 3 November, there were 175 cholera cases and no deaths in the ongoing outbreak in the southern Cape Coast district. After a sudden upsurge in cases, the outbreak is showing a downward trend owing to control and preventive measures being undertaken by the authorities, humanitarian organizations and the affected communities. Case detection, recording and reporting at the health facility level is also ongoing.

MAURITANIA

LOCUST CONTROL COVERS 8,500 HECTARES

Locust control has so far covered nearly 8,500 hectares since the operations began in late September, FAO reported on 3 November. The outbreak is currently confined to the western part of the country where widespread breeding by scattered adults, groups and a few swarms in October resulted in the formation of hopper groups and bands. It is likely that the outbreak will extend into areas that received heavy rains in the north of the country.