CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC:

DONORS PLEDGE OVER US$2 BILLION

Donors on 17 November pledged US$2.28 billion for the country’s National Plan for Recovery and Peacebuilding during a conference by the European Union and the CAR Government in Brussels. The funds are meant to support the country’s efforts to restore peace, security and reconciliation as well as promote development and economic recovery and support the ongoing humanitarian assistance. CAR is still struggling to emerge from the devastation of conflict triggered by a 2013 coup. Violence attacks continue to erupt across the country, causing new displacements and complicating humanitarian operations.

NIGER:

SOME 1.9 MILLION PEOPLE NEED ASSISTANCE

Around 1.9 million people, including 340,000 in the conflict-hit south-eastern Diffa region, will need humanitarian assistance in 2017, according to the Humanitarian Needs Overview published on 19 November. Assistance will focus on food security, nutrition, the displaced and those rendered vulnerable by natural disasters and epidemics. Some 1.3 million people are food insecure and nearly 1.2 million children require nutrition assistance.

RIFT VALLEY FEVER MORTALITY DROPS

The mortality rate in the Rift Valley Fever outbreak in Tahoua region has declined from 50 per cent at the beginning of the epidemic in August to 14 per cent currently, according to the Ministry of Health. From 7 to 13 November, 36 new cases and no death were recorded. The new cases bring to 227 the total number of cases, including 32 deaths. Among other control measures, the authorities have been urging people to bury animal carcasses, handle infected animals with care and avoid drinking raw milk.

Nigeria:

TEAM DEPLOYED AFTER IDP ABUSE REPORTS

The Government on 14 November deployed a team from the Office of the National Security Advisor to the President following allegations of abuse of women and girls in displacement camps in the country’s north-east. The move follows the deployment of some 100 female police officers to camps to ensure the protection of women. Male officers are now restricted to camp entrances and surroundings to provide general security. Last month, Human Rights Watch reported sexual abuse of women and girls in camps by security officers.

ATTACKS ON THE RISE IN MAIDUGURI

After a three-month lull, Boko Haram gunmen have stepped up attacks targeting camps hosting the displaced, military positions and public places in Maiduguri, the capital of the north-eastern Borno. No fewer than seven suicide attacks have been reported since late October, three of which targeted IDP camps. On 18 November, an explosive was detonated near a police post, while another suicide bomber targeted the federal high court complex. A third assailant was arrested while trying to detonate his explosives. Six people including two security agents were killed in the attacks.