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On 4 May, a woman exits a shower stall at the Danané 2 camp for people displaced by the conflict, in Danané, a town in Dix-Huit Montagnes Region. An estimated 800 people continue to live in the camp because of continued insecurity in their home areas.

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Highlights

- Ongoing distributions of emergency supplies in various site in Abidjan (including Yopougon and Abobo) worth about US\$ 350,000
- The security situation remains volatile in the southeast of Cote d'Ivoire (Bas-Sassandra) and the area remains out of reach for UN aid agencies. UNICEF/WHO have delayed a polio vaccination campaign in the region, but UNICEF plans a rapid assessment mission as soon as security permits.
- Regional Director and Director of EMOPS completed a field mission in Côte d'Ivoire. The Director of EMOPS visited the West and met with Man Sub-Office staff and partners.

Situation Overview

- Rebels continued fighting in outskirts of the commercial capital Abidjan, but reportedly lost grounds this reporting period when the Republican Forces informed media they finally had total control of the whole city. Around 70 dead bodies were found in Youpougon by Ivorian Red Cross 4 and 5 May.
- Reconciliation work on going in Cote d'Ivoire. Visit this week of the so called 'Group of Elders': Mary Robinson, Kofi Annan and Desmond Tutu, who also paid visit to the former president Laurent Gbagbo where he is held in the city of Korhogo, North of Cote d'Ivoire.

- A hearing of Mr. Gbagbo and his former close entourage planned to start end of this reporting period in front of the national Ivorian court. They are held responsible for the post electoral crisis in the country during which 1.000 – 3.000 persons were killed.

Humanitarian Needs

An update of the total number of IDPs is now ready for the following regions: Vallée du Bandama, Lacs and N'zi Comoé in the CNO zone (Central, North and East). These IDPs are all staying with host families.

Vallée du Bandama region : **62 064** IDPs , registered as follows :

Lacs region: **4 422** IDPs registered as follows:

N'zi Comoé region : **5 534** IDPs registered as follows :

Inter-Agency Collaboration, Coordination, Cluster Leadership and Key Partnerships

CLUSTER LEADERSHIP

EDUCATION Cluster

Advocacy towards Ministry of Education to encourage all educational authorities to return to their work. At the moment **the regional administration of education (DREN) is not functional in places like: Guiglo, Bondouko, Korhogo et Dimbokro. In the Central, Northern and Western zone (CNO) 1/3 of the teachers are still not working.** Means to compensate for this have been discussed. Double shifts and temporary recruitment of voluntary teachers are alternatives that are explored.

Inventory lists of schools having been damaged due to combats or plundering are about to be made.

Duékoué: In cooperation with the education commission, education cluster is looking for a new site to do educational and recreational activities for IDP children in the Catholic Mission in Duékoué, as the place used so far has to be made available for ordinary IDP set up.

Activities on the ground: Save the Children distributed office stationary for DREN in Katiola region in the center of Ivory Coast, as well as school kits to 91 pupils in primary and 78 pupils in secondary. 1 Hygiene kit was also distributed to a school in Katiola with 63 IDP pupils (of 285 total).

CHILD PROTECTION Cluster

In the West, Child Protection sub-cluster response focused on:

- Regional mapping of child protection interventions and response plan developed
- IDTR (identification, documentation, tracing and reunification) of separated children (SC) and unaccompanied children (UC): 93 cases since the beginning of the crisis, with 11 new cases identified (as of 03 may 2011). ICRC has identified more than 100 UC among refugees in Guinea and Liberia, coming from Danané and Zouan Houenien, and is undertaking family tracing for reunification.
- Temporary care and relocalization in Guiglo of 24 children deprived of parental care evacuated from Bolequin to Man by UNICEF through Caritas partner
- Training of 25 FRCI soldiers on child protection, human rights principles and Security Council resolution 612/1882 by IRC and ONUCI-CP.
- Training of 26 community workers on gender based violence (GBV) sensitization in Danané by IRC and Save the Children
- Support to monitoring and reporting mechanism on child rights violations : Training of 20 IDP and host community volunteers on child vulnerabilities, risks of abuse and exploitation, and monitoring and reporting mechanisms by IRC
- Psychosocial assistance provided in IDP sites by UNICEF, Save the Children, and IRC. In Duékoué site, 75 persons accessed counseling units (since March 2011)

In the South, partners continue evaluations. Save the Children is undertaking an assessment in IDP sites in Abidjan district (04 axes – Bingerville, Adjamé-Yopougon-Dabou, Abobo, Port-Bouët-Bassam-Bonoua) on crisis impact on child protection situation. Identification and documentation process of children separated/unaccompanied children has started.

In the North, updating of IDP status: 62.064 IDPs in Vallée du Bandama region, 4.422 in Lacs region, 5.534 in N'zi Comoé region. Support to child protection monitoring and reporting networks in Daoukro and Yamoussoukro, with UNICEF support.

NUTRITION Cluster

- 3 rapid assessments implemented by the NGO ACF on IDP sites in Duékoué and in the villages of Guéhiéblly in Guiglo. Results: 176 cases of acute malnutrition out of a total of 2.066 screened children in Duékoué, 10 cases of acute malnutrition out of 376 screened children in Guiglo, in Guéhiéblly 30 cases of acute malnutrition detected of which 20 children suffered from severe acute malnutrition of a total of 341 screened children.

UNICEF RESPONSE

UNICEF emergency response Cdl; List of indicators and updated numbers

Sectors	Indicators	Total (Update until 5 May 2011)
Health	Total number of children vaccinated against measles	919,102 children from 6 to 59 months (Bouaflé: 48,004; Duékoué 46,864; Guiglo: 35,605)
	Total number of children vaccinated against Yellow fievre	n.a
	Vaccination against neo natal tetanus	n.a
	Total number of families received MILDA	n.a
WASH	Total number of persons exposed to cholera and received hygiene kits	162,046 persons as of 28 April
	Total number of persons exposed to hygiene promotion messages	182,470 persons as of 28 April
	Total number of persons received WASH package	13,100 persons as of 28 April
	Total number of persons received water treatment products for households	43,000 persons as of 28 April
	Total number of persons benefited of campaign on chlorination of wells	256,000 persons as of 28 April
Nutrition	Total number of children and women screened for acute malnutrition	535 out of 12,207 children screened mainly in IDPs' sites in the West
	Total number of children taken care of due to acute malnutrition	535 children
	Total number of persons received Vitamin A and de-worming treatment	730,630 children including 47,898 at Bouaflé, 46,864 at Duékoué and 35,605 at Guiglo reached during the immunization campaigns held in these towns
Protection	Total number of persons received NFI materiel	13,729 persons
	Total number of victims of gender based violence, GBV, received treatment from UNICEF and partners	108 cases supported including 35 children
	Number of community networks established or enlarged	33 protection community networks
	Number of separated or not accompanied children identified	198 cases identified: - 115 separated children in Abidjan - 83 separated or not accompanied children in the West
Education	Numbers of deplaced children in sites participating in daily programs to maintain school/life skills and recreational activities	4,557 children at Man, Danané and Duékoué as of 28 April
	Number of teachers and teaching assistants of displaced children in IDP sites trained in psychosocial support, teaching and how to use UNICEF school kits	33 teachers and teaching assistants as of 28 April

	Number of displaced children integrated in formal schools in the South	12,203 IDP students in primary or secondary as of 28 April
HIV	Number of persons reached through awareness messages in IDP sites or in host communities	534,513 persons (estimation) - youngster between 10 - 24 years, reached directly : 134,513 - persons reached indirectly : 400,000
	Number of persons receiving ARV treatment	47 persons as of 28 April
	Number of pregnant IDP women referred to a PTME program	391 women as of 28 April
	Number of violated women and children received PEP kit	49 women and children as of 28 April
	Number of persons covered by ARV and other medications for AIDS treatment	- 75,237 ill persons: 52,438 women et 22.799 men as of 28 April - 10,993 pregnant women - 4,550 children
	Number of STI cases in IDP sites	504 cases: 35 women and 469 men as of 28 April

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Action networks monitoring and reporting mechanism (MRM)

- Technical support and local mobilization mission for Child Protection actions network and MRM in two districts Daoukro and Yamoussoukro, in the Center of the country.
- Assessment in the two districts of social services capacity building needs for psychosocial assistance.
- Finalization of partner cooperation agreement (PCA) with NGO OIS for building CP monitoring and action networks, and psychosocial assistance to affected children, in 13 districts in the regions of the Vallée du Bandama, Nzi Comoé and Lacs regions.
- Joint planning with national CP sub cluster partners of training and logistical support for scaling up systematic CP monitoring and reporting on grave rights violations and protection vulnerabilities.

Assistance given to IDP children. In the Center and North, 2.529 children (displaced and living in affected communities) received psychosocial assistance through group therapy, recreational activities, and individual consultations in the towns of Tiébissou, Katiola, Korhogo, Béoumi, Dabakala and Brobo. Mental health cases of children referred to special unit in Bouake's psychiatric hospital. 142 IDP households' (including 597 children beneficiaries) received NFI (transit kits) in Bouake, Dabakala and Béoumi.

IDP Assessment field mission with USAID in Bouake and Khorogo highlighted the priority need for psychosocial assistance. Preliminary results from HCR's rapid assessment in Abidjan indicates strong needs for mental health and psycho social assistance. PCA with Save the Children on psychosocial assistance, enable to address equivalent needs in all IDPs sites in the West, in coordination with IRC.

Assistance to children deprived of parental care affected by the crisis

Temporary care and relocalization in Guiglo of 24 children in custody care evacuated from Bolequin to Man, by UNICEF through Caritas partner. Since the beginning of the crisis, UNICEF has been providing support to more than 476 children deprived of parental care in institutions affected by the crisis (Abidjan, Bouake, Bondoukou, Man).

Care for separated/unaccompanied children (SC/UC). Finalization of partner cooperation agreements (PCA) with Save the Children for systematic identification, documentation, tracing, reunification and temporary care for separated/unaccompanied children (IDTR) in all areas affected by population displacement, in coordination with IRC and ICRC interventions. In the west, 93 separated/unaccompanied children (SC/UC) family tracing and reunification since the beginning of the crisis, with 11 new cases identified (as of 03 may 2011). Meanwhile, in the IDP site of Duekoue, 274 parents have been registered as having lost at least one child. Rapid assessment missions in Abidjan

IDP settings indicated presence of SC/UC. Identification and documentation is underway through partners Save the Children.

Sexual violence. 13 new cases of sexual violence (9 in the West and 04 in the Center), including 5 against children and 3 committed by armed groups were detected and referred during the reporting period. This brings to **108** the number of reported sexual violence cases, including 37 child victims, since the beginning of the crisis. All identified victims received medical care and psychosocial assistance, with UNICEF, UNFPA and IRC support. Detection and reporting of sexual violence strongly relies on community sensitization, psychosocial interventions, protection networks with confidential referral and responsive services. Other information mechanisms, such as ONUCI hotline or rapid assessment do not enable highlighting sexual violence cases and trends. Strengthening MRM relies on strengthening prevention and response mechanisms.

Other grave violations of human rights. Since the beginning of the crisis, 20 children were killed and 55 children wounded/mutilated during rallies, attacks and hostilities. Numbers of other cases in the West and Abidjan are still under documentation and verification. Cases of children being associated with armed groups have been observed and documented, in particular in the West. Attacks against schools and looting of health facilities are being documented.

NUTRITION

Activities in IDP sites in the West and Center have been assured by NGOs ASAPSU and CARITAS and financed by UNICEF.

- This week 336 children were screened: 20 cases of acute malnutrition registered and 8 cases of severely acute malnutrition detected.
- 380 pregnant and breast-feeding women in Tiébissou have benefited from education sessions on birth, and feeding of newly born and young children.
- 132 children (6 to 59 months) received Vitamin A supplement.
- In Korhogo health district in the region of des Savanes 52 nurses, 10 general practitioners and 3 midwives went through UNICEF education on how to take care of acute and severe malnutrition.
- In the region of Worodougou, 100 community health care personnel went through education on screening acute malnutrition as well as nutritional activities. Courses held by NGO ODAFEM.

HEALTH

Two suspect cases of measles were detected in the district of Abobo East (Abidjan). These cases will be submitted for laboratory analysis for confirmation.

The measles immunization campaign was carried out in 4 districts (Danané, Guiglo, and Duekoué in the West and Bouaflé in the Center) from 3 to 9 May 2011. 179,938 children from 6 to 59 months were vaccinated against measles with coverage around 100%. In addition, 179,830 children from 6 to 59 months received Vitamin A (99%) and 157,554 children from 12 to 59 months were de-wormed.

An agreement for the purchase of essential drugs by the Ministry of Health at the UNICEF Copenhagen warehouse is under negotiation and will be finalized next week.

UNICEF Regional Director, Dr. Gianfranco Rotigliano paid a visit at the General Hospital of Abobo North (Abidjan), May 4, 2011, where he was informed about an important increase in the number of severe malaria in women and children under 5 year.

EDUCATION

Schools in Abobo neighborhood in Abidjan are not yet opened. The distribution of emergency education supplies initially planned for more than 3,850 children to the conflict-stricken areas of Abobo has been rescheduled for 7 May. The population in this area south of Abidjan has also been severely affected by

post electoral conflicts. The supplies distribution will allow boosting up the re-opening of schools and is the start of the Back to School campaign.

Report from field mission conducted in the Zanzan region and especially to Bouna from 19 to 22 April pointed out that particular attention should be paid to Bouna, which is a deprived vulnerable zone North East of the country. Bouna has been left on its own with massive displacement of public officers, particularly teachers, in the aftermath of the post electoral crisis. **Only 24.4% of teachers and 49.7% of pupils are present in schools after the official resumption on 28 March 2011.**

9 schools in Koumassi school district in Abidjan received 3.860 schoolbags with stationary, 120 packets of white chalk and 60 packets of coloured chalk, - all given by UNICEF.

HIV/AIDS

National committee on ARVs met and set an agenda for ARV supplies and distribution over the country. This will allow the 45,000 people under Anti retroviral therapy to continue their treatment without interruption.

With the support of the General Hospital of Duekoué, 70 people living with HIV, among them 48 women, 22 men and 11 children, were identified among IDPs and received plumpy nuts as nutritional support as well as care and psychosocial services.

2.360 displaced people and host communities in Danané, West of Cote d'Ivoire were exposed to preventive information on HIV, AIDS and sexual violence and were informed about where to access basic health and support services. This was implemented with the contribution of the coordination body on NGOs working on HIV prevention (COSI).

In the North: Bouaké, Béoumi, Katiola and Dabakala, the NGO AIP and CASES reached around **3.013** adolescents and young people (1.501 girls and 1.512 boys) between 10 and 24 years old with information on HIV and Sexual transmitted disease (STDs).

21.045 young people were tested for HIV. 28 persons living with HIV have had access to care and treatment accordingly to their different needs of support and 29 persons (16 girls and 13 boys) were tested for sexual transmitted infections and had treatment. **2.283** condoms have been distributed (125 femidom and 2.158 male condoms).

The Scouts targeted 5.000 IDPs in Bingerville and other surrounding areas of Abidjan, sensitizing 1.500 children, adolescents and young people on HIV, ISTs and reproductive health issues through theater, sketches and songs. Those who are interested by HIV testing and care services are referred to the nearest general hospital that received medicines and IST kits from UNICEF.

In the area of orphans and vulnerable children, Centre Solidarité and Action Sociale (CSAS), AKWABA Fondation, ADSR in Abobo (Abidjan) offered different services (supplementary feedings, school kits, psychosocial support) to 1.057 orphans. 471 among them are known having lost one or two of their parents due to HIV and AIDS.

Radio broadcasts facilitated by young people continue to mobilize people living with HIV and AIDS inviting them for services and informing on where they can access them.

Supply and Logistics

- During this reporting period, UNICEF distributed through the implementing NGOs health, education, nutrition and protection supplies worth \$US 347.096 to respond to the emergency operations in Abidjan. \$US 27.795 of supplies were distributed from Man warehouse.

- UNICEF received biscuits, high energy/protein, cholera kits and water purification products tabs/BOX-10000 for the total value of around \$US 32.000
- Four containers from TEMA/Ghana are about to reach Bouake, the containers are loaded up with emergency health kits to cover needs for 450.000 beneficiaries for three months period, and the value is roughly \$US 308.000.
- The value of supplies in UNICEF warehouses is now around US\$ 1.2 million.

Funding

For the revision of EHAP **nutrition projects** are now mounting to a total of US\$ 6.725 000.

In the context of the Back to school campaign, **procurement of school material**, teacher's kits, ECD and recreational kits for a total amount of 1.879.266 US\$ has been effected.

A total of **US\$ 19.5 million** have been received or pledged to the Country Office for the current emergency response.

Human Resources and Surge Capacity

Human Resources as of 5 May 2011

	ABIDJAN	BOUAKE	MAN	Total
International Staff	17	0	5	22
International Staff (Surge)	2	0	2	4
Local Staff	60	7	20	87
Local Staff (Surge)	0	0	0	0
Total	79	7	27	113

Media and communication

- 2 video packages and web features on the situation in the West uploaded
- Series of pictures uploaded on global database on situation of children and women and UNICEF response in the West.
- Joint WHO/UNICEF press release on polio vaccination campaign
- Interview with IRIN News and France Info
- Recruitment of Communication Consultant underway for deployment in Man (ETA 16 May 2011)

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