The Humanitarian Coordinator allocates US$ 12 million from the Central African Republic Humanitarian Fund to support multisectoral emergency response.

**Bangui, 6 May 2020** - The Humanitarian Coordinator for the Central African Republic (CAR), Ms. Denise Brown has allocated US$ 12 million from the Humanitarian Fund to support multisectoral emergency response in line with priorities under the 2020 Humanitarian Response Plan. This emergency funding allocation will also help to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This funding will enable 34 humanitarian partners to implement priority projects in health, water, hygiene and sanitation, camp management, shelter and non-food items, nutrition, food security, protection and logistics sectors. $ 9 million will be allocated to critical needs of the 2020 Humanitarian Response Plan, while $ 3 million will cover COVID-19 projects.

“The Humanitarian Fund allocation will enable humanitarian actors on the frontline to meet the most critical humanitarian needs in the prefectures of Bamingui-Bangoran, Basse-Kotto, Haute-Kotto, Haut-Mbomou, Mambéré-Kadei, Mbomou, Nana-Gribizi, Nana-Mambéré, Ombella M’Poko, Ouaka, Ouham and Ouham-Pendé”, said Ms. Brown.

In 2019, the CAR Humanitarian Fund allocated $39 million and targeted 1.3 million vulnerable people. “I am very grateful to donors for their confidence in the Humanitarian Fund, which is a flexible funding mechanism to ensure effective, rapid and coordinated humanitarian response,” declared the Humanitarian Coordinator.

The humanitarian situation in CAR continues to deteriorate. More than half of the population - 2.6 million people - need humanitarian assistance and protection. 697,340 people are internally displaced. With 94 confirmed cases of COVID-19 as of 4 May, the Central African Republic is facing increasing needs within a context with very poor humanitarian indicators. Only a third of the population has access to clean water, while the country has the second highest maternal and third highest child mortality rates worldwide. 121 incidents affecting aid workers were registered in the first quarter of the year, including 2 killed and 8 injured. The 2020 Humanitarian Response Plan is only 28% funded, which represents $113.4 million of the 401 million required.