Overview

In 2013, a total of 195 Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA) attacks were reported as compared to 212 in 2012, with 84% of these occurring in DRC. Whereas the total number of LRA attacks declined slightly by 8% in 2013, there was a notable increase in related number of abductions (346) and deaths (73) (at 57% and 55% respectively) as compared to 2012.

The last quarter (Q4) of 2013 saw a sharp increase in LRA incidents, with DRC reporting the highest number of incidents compared with other quarters in 2013 and South Sudan reporting new LRA incidents.

Trend in total LRA incidents in CAR, DRC and South Sudan. January 2012 to December 2013

Over 326,000 people remain displaced from their homes in LRA-affected areas of CAR, DRC and South Sudan.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

In Q4 of 2013, a total of 52 LRA attacks, 14 deaths and 99 abductions were reported in the DRC. The majority of the attacks (65%) occurred in Dungu territory in Haut Uélé district in Province Orientale, where attacks have been reported every month since January. Compared to 2012, the number of LRA attacks (164) declined slightly (3%) with related deaths (37) and abductions (180) increasing by 54% and 37% respectively. 14% of the abductees were children. An estimated 219,000 people remain displaced in Province Orientale, which also hosts 6,590 CAR refugees.

Central African Republic

In CAR, seven LRA attacks and 35 abductions were reported in Q4 of 2013. Overall in 2013, there were 28 reported LRA attacks, a 35% decline as compared to 2012. However related deaths (33) and abductions (163) increased by 43% and 83% respectively. The majority of these LRA incidents were reported in Q1 and Q2. The number of displaced people in LRA-affected areas remains at 81,000. In addition, 3,884 DRC refugees remain hosted in Haut-Mbomou.

South Sudan

During Q4 of 2013, three suspected LRA attacks and 5 abductions were reported in Ezo and Tambura counties of Western Equatoria State, resulting in 3 deaths and 99 abductions, causing small-scale displacement. These incidents occurred after almost two years of lull. Previously reported LRA-related IDPs caseload have since returned to their home areas. South Sudan hosts 13,933 DRC and 1,634 CAR refugees.

Displacements in LRA-affected areas in DRC, CAR and South Sudan as of 31 December 2013

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<th>Country</th>
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LRA Attacks in 2013

- Number of IDPs
- Number of Refugees
- Population movements