

World Food Programme Democratic Republic of Congo

REGIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATION TO ASSIST CAR REFUGEES

WFP provides assistance to CAR refugees who have crossed into DRC to flee ongoing violence in Central African Republic.

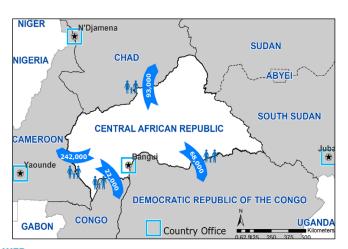
Duration: January 2015-December 2015

Targeted Beneficiaries: 96,000

Cost: US\$ 20.5 million

2015 Funding shortfall: US\$ 8.2 million

The political and humanitarian crisis in CAR unfolded in December 2012, when armed attacks against the central government intensified, leading to the demise of President Bozize and the arrival of the Seleka coalition in March 2013. Afterwards, intense fighting erupted between Seleka and Anti-Balaka elements, causing thousands of Central Africans to flee their homes in search for safety.



There are currently 97,200 CAR refugees living in the DRC. The majority of them live in Equateur, either in 4 different camps managed by UNHCR (57,200) or among host communities. WFP provides food assistance to all refugees living in camps but also supports off-camp refugees and host community members with various activities such as school feeding.



WFP and UNHCR will continue to work with stakeholders to advocate for refugee access to land to allow for increased autonomy and economic opportunities. With FAO, projects for agricultural development will be implemented to improve food security for refugees and host communities. Partnerships are key to provide assistance in the region because it is expected that the number of refugees will increase in the coming months due to the continued deterioration of the security situation in Central African Republic.



