CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

PERSISTING INSECURITY IN KAGA BANDORO

The security situation remains alarming in Kaga Bandoro, in the Central Nana-Gribizi province, with reports of burglaries, hindrance to freedom of movement for people and goods both in the city and surrounding roads. Humanitarian partners are still assessing the situation to determine potential redeployment and full resumption of their activities in the region. On the Lazare relocation site, 4 of the 12 community shelters were vandalized. Efforts to rebuild the return areas are ongoing. Since September 2016, an upsurge of violence has affected the population of Kaga Bandoro.

AVIATION SITE HEALTH CENTRE REOPENS IN BAMBARI

The Bambari health centre aviation site, in the Ouaka province, hosting about 5,223 IDPs, reopened as of 2 January. The centre had closed as a consequence of the upsurge of violence in Bria, in the Haute-Kotto province, last November and humanitarian partners had temporarily suspended their activities. WHO has provided support with donations of medical kits and medicine, covering the needs of 1,000 people over a 3 month period. A trauma treatment unit has been established as well as a health center aimed at treating minor injuries and stabilizing serious cases.

THE GAMBIA

POST ELECTION CRISIS CONTINUES

The post-election crisis in the Gambia further deepened in anticipation of the hearing on 10 January in front of the Supreme Court. President Jammeh rejects his defeat against opposition candidate Adama Barrow in 1 December poll. Nigerian President Buhari hosted on 9 January an emergency meeting with the Heads of state of Liberia, Ghana and Senegal. The Chairman of the ECOWAS and Liberian President Johnson Sirleaf said the organization will use a peaceful and diplomatic solution for the transfer of power in The Gambia.

NIGER

RECORD FODDER DEFICIT

According to the results of the agro-pastoral production, Niger has recorded a fodder deficit of 12 million tons, representing 48 per cent of the country’s global need for 2017. Even in 2012, considered a year of crisis, the fodder deficit was estimated at 8 million tons. The government of Niger is developing an emergency plan to address the issue.

NIGERIA

MORE THAN 20 KILLED IN ATTACKS

Between 5 and 8 January, Boko Haram attacks killed 20 people across the Local Government Area (LGA) of Gubio, Damboa, Mobbar and the capital, Maiduguri, hosting nearly one million IDPs. On 7 January, Boko Haram fighters launched a major attack on a military brigade in Buni Yadi, Gubio LGA, engaging soldiers in a shootout. With the return of more than 30,000 IDPs to the LGA since June 2016, the attack raises security concerns as humanitarian partners continue to scale up support to the populations.

GOVERNMENT UNVEILS CONSTRUCTION PLANS IN THE NORTHEAST

On 7 January, a three-phase reconstruction and rehabilitation plan for the region was unveiled by the Presidential Committee on Northeast Initiatives (PCNI), with an immediate focus on comprehensive relief efforts, social stabilization and early recovery to address the needs of seven million people in the next 12 months. The second phase will prioritize voluntary relocation, rehabilitation and resettlement of 2.4 million displaced people over the next 24 months. The third phase will focus on economic revitalization and development of the region within 5 years.