

CHAD EMERGENCY UPDATE

Influx of Central African refugees in the South (Logone Oriental Province)

6,386

Total number of new arrivals since 22 December

1,903

Total number of households

1,304

Individuals transferred to Gore and Dosseye quarantine centers

LEVEL 1 REGISTRATION IN GORE

KEY INDICATORS

4047 (63%)

CHILDREN (Below 18 years old)

3556 (56%)

WOMEN AND GIRLS

104 (2%)

ELDERLY



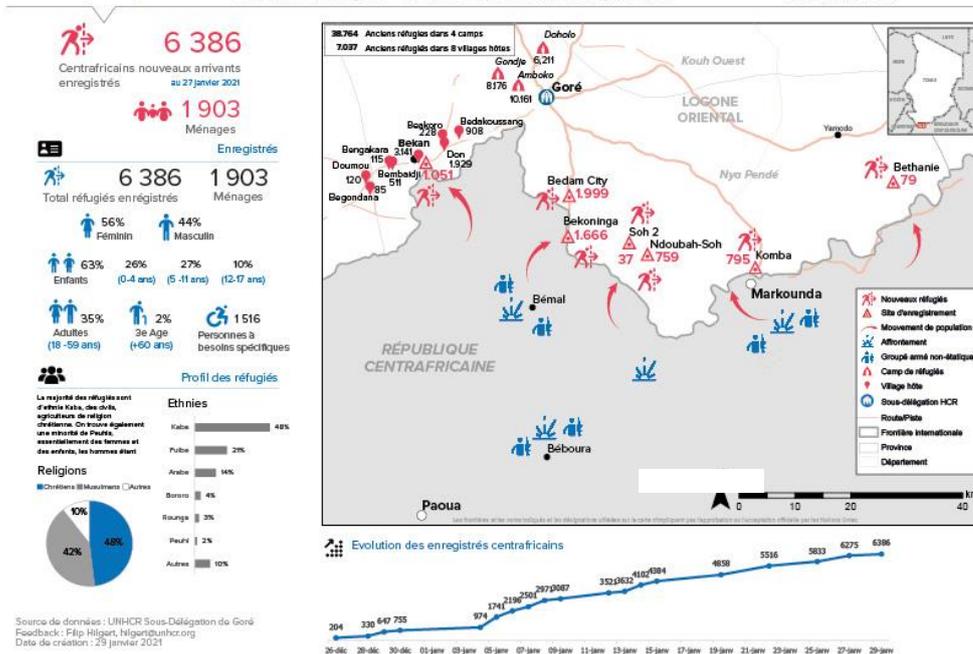
Level 1 registration for new arrivals in Kombat village ©UNHCR/A. Ngarambe



TCHAD : Afflux de réfugiés centrafricains au Sud

Province du Logone Oriental, Département de Nya Pendé

au 29 janvier 2021



OVERVIEW OF THE EMERGENCY AND RESPONSE

On 22 December 2020, few days before the presidential elections of 27 December in the Central African Republic, armed violence broke out causing thousands of people to flee to neighbouring countries. In Chad, the new arrivals entered through Logone Province in several villages surrounding the border including Ndoubasoh, Kombat, Bethanie and Bekoninga. Some people among the new arrivals arrived from Markounda, in its surrounding localities and other Central African towns. According to them, they had come to work in the mining sites of Markounda and fled the country due to clashes between Seleka and Révolution-Justice armed groups which were fighting over the collection of taxes on users and the occupation of various localities such as Beboura and Bemal. According to new arrivals, the fight of Seleka armed group evolves and occupies new localities forcing people to flee to Chad. The majority of them are farmers from kaba ethnic group while the minority is composed of Peuhl breeders.

For the past few days, a lull was observed in the Central Africa mainly in new arrivals' localities. The border at Bekoninga was re-open and public transport between the two countries (Chad-RCA) resumed.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN GORE

Protection

The Level 1 biometric registration exercise of new arrivals is ongoing in close collaboration with the Chadian government authorities. As of 29 January, **1,903** households of **6,386** individuals were registered, with women and girls representing **56%** of the registered population. Majority of them are from Ouham and Ouham pende's prefectures in the localities of Bemal, Paoua, Markounda, and Bangui.

The registration exercise indicates that **10%** of new arrivals consider it possible to return to their home country when the security situation will allow it. **273** households of **1304** people were transferred from the border villages to Goré and Dosseye transit centres. Needs assessments in Education, Child Protection, GBV, Wash and Livelihood sectors are ongoing.

Shelter

UNHCR's partner ADES is currently building emergency shelters in Doholo camp. Two hectares of land were granted for construction of new shelters in Doholo camp. In total, 167 emergency shelters out of 1200 planned were completed while 400 additional shelters are expected to be completed in the coming days.



Emergency shelters under construction in Doholo camp ©UNHCR/ Koulayom Dounngar

Food and Core Relief Items

Food assistance was provided by WFP to 3,504 new arrivals for one month while preparation of the next food distribution to 3,000 remaining individuals is ongoing.

1,304 individuals out of **6,386** new arrivals have been quarantined in Gore and Dosseye sites in accordance with the prevention measures of COVID 19. They were given core relief items (blankets, mats, Jerry cans, kitchen kits and mosquito nets) and three hot meals are being served to them on a daily basis during the quarantine period.

Health

Health coordination meeting was held on 29 January 2021, chaired by the Secretary General (Prefect a.i.) to discuss about health issues related to covid-19. It was recommended during the meeting to transfer new arrivals who already spent more than two weeks at the border area directly to Doholo camp after a medical screening. They will be quarantined in their emergency shelters in the camp. In addition, 20 awareness-raising sessions were conducted in the host villages on prevention measures to fight against covid19 and 220 masks were distributed to new arrivals before being transferred to the Dosseye quarantine site.

119 children aged from 0 to 1 year benefited from routine immunization.

The MSF-Holland emergency team arrived in Gore for an assessment and plans to work in the health and wash sectors.



New arrivals in Gore quarantine center ©UNHCR/ Koulayom Dounngar

Wash

06 boreholes out of 09 planned have been rehabilitated. 84 latrine slabs have been made; 84 dug pits and 57 latrine superstructures are being finalized.

Working in Partnership

UNHCR is working in partnership with the Government of Chad, the logone oriental Province authorities, CNARR (*Commission Nationale pour l'Accueil et la Réinsertion des Réfugiés et des Rapatriés*), World Food Programme (WFP), CSSI to provide the response to the situation.

Donor Support

Efforts are being made to respond to the urgent needs of new arrivals, however financial resources are too limited.

Contacts:

Elisabeth Kouassi Fall – Head of UNHCR Sub Office Gore, kouassin@unhcr.org

Alphonse Ngarambe, Snr Protection Officer, ngarambe@unhcr.org

Simplice Kpandji, PI Officer, kpandji@unhcr.org