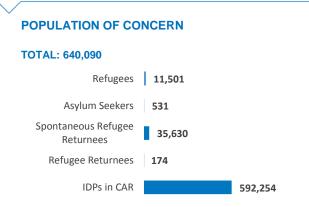


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ACTIVITIES

- Aligning its activities on the National Plan for Recovery and Peace Consolidation, UNHCR supports the Ministry of Humanitarian Action and National Reconciliation on its work on peaceful coexistence and conflict resolution as well as social cohesion.
- Refugees: UNHCR has worked with the CAR authorities to protect and assist the 12,032 refugees and asylum seekers in CAR. The community enjoys full access to protection and assistance, integrated health and education services, as well as designated land for farming purposes where required.
- Protection response to widening conflict: UNHCR is constantly increasing the reach of its protection monitoring activities as displacement touches new parts of the country. In addition to its 8 offices, the operation has also maintained a constant presence in Bria, and is now solidifying its presence in Bangassou, Batangafo, and Alindao, amongst other areas.
- CCCM: UNHCR undertakes regular liaison with the landowners of sites to ensure that they remain open for as long as they are required. Across the country, UNHCR works with displaced communities to better organise themselves into sectorial committees, providing referral mechanisms through which issues can be addressed. A CCCM-light approach is followed in some less accessible areas.
- Durable Solutions: The agency also seeks permanent shelter solutions for returnee families in high-return
 areas. In Bangui, UNHCR is implementing a project to construct some 600 houses for refugee/IDP returnee
 families and hosting communities.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- NFI and Shelter Assistance: In 2017, UNHCR has provided NFI assistance to 9,955 IDP and refugee households (46,922 individuals) and emergency shelter to 14,833 households/54,274 individuals.
- Returns and Reintegration: Focusing initially on Bangui and its surrounding areas, UNHCR has successfully supported the government in creating conditions conducive for sustainable reintegration, closing 32 sites, with 17,489 IDPs in Bangui returning to their homes since the start of the year.
- 50 naturalisation requests for refugees in CAR have been submitted to the Commission Nationale pour les Réfugiés (CNR), 14 of which have already been approved.

NEEDS

- Access: The reduction in humanitarian space across the country amid deteriorating security has made the delivery of essential protection activities and assistance ever more challenging.
- Basic Services and State Presence: As of the end of August, 35,630 Central Africans had returned to the country in 2017. Numbers returning each month have now begun to reduce, with a 50% drop recorded in August. The re-establishment of basic services and civil state functions in return areas will be crucial to ensuring sustainable future returns.