Situation Overview

The humanitarian community is preparing an addendum to the 2023 Humanitarian Response Plan to target **25,000 people** most affected by the crisis in Sudan in need of immediate assistance, namely IDPs and the host population. This is due to the insecurity along the border area, causing a sharp increase in the price of basic commodities.

The northern region of CAR was already experiencing **acute food insecurity**, which is projected to reach one of its most severe stages by August if an adequate response is not forthcoming. **10,368 people, including 3,456 Central African returnees**, have preventively crossed the border from Sudan and are living in host families and spontaneous settlements in Am-Dafock, CAR.

Women and children constitute **98 per cent** of asylum seekers and **87 per cent of returnees**. Their number is expected to increase as registration is underway, including consolidation of lists between Government partners and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Am-Dafock is in a **flood-prone area** and with the **rainy season coming this month**, access will be extremely limited.

The humanitarian community is working hard to ensure that those in need receive required assistance in a timely manner, including in adapting logistical arrangements.

**Key concerns**

- **Humanitarian needs** were already severe in CAR with 3.4 million people - 56 percent of the population - in need of assistance and protection. The **2023 Humanitarian Response Plan**, which aims to assist 2.4 million of the most vulnerable Central Africans, is only **24% funded**. The capacity to absorb additional needs is very limited.

- **Central African Republic** is facing a precarious security situation that is hindering agricultural and economic activities, affecting the availability of food, and limiting the population's opportunities to restore their livelihoods.

- **Agriculture** is a central means of livelihood for the majority of the population in the Central African Republic, employing 70% of the population and being the main source of income and food for rural households.

- **The security situation**, conflicts between farmers and herders, and the use of explosives on roads are hindering agricultural and economic activities, affecting the availability of food, and limiting the population's opportunities to restore their livelihoods.

- **Inflation and high food prices** are affecting households’ access to food, with nearly half of households having a monthly income of less than US$ 50 (30,000 XAF).
World Vision’s response focus and priorities

Our goal is to provide emergency assistance to 18,000 vulnerable people affected by the crisis in the Vakaga Prefecture in Central African Republic. Our response plan has four strategic objectives: providing child protection and protection services for vulnerable groups, basic life-saving assistance for emergency needs such as food, shelter, and non-food items, improved access to safe drinking water for vulnerable households, and access to health services for crisis-affected populations. Our response plan includes activities such as cash and voucher distribution, drilling new boreholes, constructing latrines, distributing hygiene kits and mosquito nets, providing psychosocial support, creating safe spaces for children, and GBV intervention. The response timeline is six months (June 1 – November 31, 2023), and the target budget is US$ 2,396,608. Our response plan aims to benefit 7,500 adults, and 10,500 children, and provide support to 1,000 vulnerable host households.

World Vision’s actions to date

A mission to assess the humanitarian situation and position in Birao and Amdafock (pk 65 east of Birao) in the context of the ongoing humanitarian crisis was commissioned by World Vision CAR from May 12 to 26, 2023. Meetings with the administrative and local authorities, the humanitarian actors, and the decentralized technical services of the State were organised, as well as a visit to the site of the refugees and returnees. A response plan coordinated by the UNHCR is being implemented and a strong presence of security forces in Birao has been noted. However, security incidents are still present on the Birao-Amdafock axis. Economic infrastructure is present, but the roads are in poor condition and the comfort of housing is at its lowest. However, local suppliers are available and a functional central market exists in Birao. The relocation of refugees to Birao is necessary due to unfavorable security conditions on the border with Sudan. The move will be made in stages, with truck transport, individual registration, and allocation of shelters. World Vision CAR will distribute 12,000 mosquito nets to refugees and returnees to Amdafock near the border worth over US$ 69,185.

Target reach

7,500 women and men

10,500 girls and boys

Resources & Links

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