World Vision’s IMPACT in the Central African Republic

**Introduction**

The Central African Republic has struggled with recurrent insurgencies and army mutinies since the late 1990s. The country faced an internal conflict in late 2013 which was both political and economic. Despite the return to constitutional legality and the election of a new president in early 2016, the security situation remains extremely volatile and unpredictable. Armed groups are present throughout the country, carrying out acts of violence against the population, plundering resources and preventing the redeployment of state services. The multiple clashes further reduced the already limited humanitarian space making humanitarian workers and civilians regular targets. Of the country’s population of 4.6 million people, more than 2.3 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance and almost 20% of them are internally displaced persons. The humanitarian crisis has since been acknowledged by the international community, receiving attention from the UN which decided to increase the Mission’s troop to approximately 12,000 military personnel and made a call for financial assistance worth US$ 497.3 million.

### Complex Emergency – Facts and Figures at a glance

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<td>600,000</td>
<td>Internally Displaced Persons (47% are children)</td>
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<td>2.4 million</td>
<td>people living in conflict zones (48% of the population)</td>
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<td>37,281</td>
<td>children suffering from malnutrition</td>
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<td>2.5 million</td>
<td>people in need of food assistance of which 51% are women</td>
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<td>rape cases reported (38% are minors and 7% are girls under 10 years old)</td>
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<td>2.4 million</td>
<td>without access to drinking water</td>
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<td>people without access to hygiene infrastructure</td>
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<td>25%</td>
<td>non-functional school rates (June 2017)</td>
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Acute Malnutrition is 2% above the emergency threshold.
### AT A GLANCE

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March 2014 to September 2017

#### CHILD PROTECTION
- 40,025 People were awarded on child rights and protection
- 5,360 Children demobilised from (or affected by) armed groups were trained to become peace promoters
- 10,000 Births in target areas were registered

#### EDUCATION
- 13,456 School children were given access to safe, clean water and sanitation facilities
- 205 Children demobilized from (or affected by) armed groups in Damara received life skills and vocational training based on their age and interests
- 230 Children were enrolled in schools and received school kits

#### FAITH & DEVELOPMENT
- 1,050 People (including IDPs, returnees and members of the host community) were provided with potable water
- 150 Men were trained on gender and equity and mobilised to support women in the policy process
- 52 Women leaders from various community groups were trained on policy processes and milestones

#### HEALTH
- 18,385 Households affected by IYCF messaging
- 4,683 Pregnant and lactating women were reached by IMCI messaging
- 2,171 Mothers and infants received nutrition assistance through blanket supplementary feeding
- 3,500 Households benefited from seeds and tools and were trained for market gardening

#### INTEGRATED FOOD ASSISTANCE
- 68,804 Children had access to food through school feeding programmes
- 42,658 Highly vulnerable IDPs and returnees received food
- 42,500 People benefited from water infrastructure

#### WASH
- 32,500 People were reached through awareness-raising sessions on hygiene promotion
- 80 Goats were distributed to families with children reunited as a means of subsistence
- 700,000 Crisis-affected people reached
- 230 Children were enrolled in schools and received school kits
- 42,658 High vulnerable IDPs and returnees received food
**WASH**

**Goal:** Provide emergency WASH and NFI services to conflict-affected people

**Focus areas:**

- **Water and sanitation infrastructure:** Construct and improve WASH infrastructure, including latrines, handwashing stations, boreholes and other sanitation facilities
- **Community engagement:** Establish WASH committees and hygiene clubs; educate and train communities on water management and WASH-related best practices
- **Hygiene promotion:** Distribute soaps, detergents and NFI kits and promote hygiene-related best practices

**FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION**

**Goal:** To contribute towards mitigating the negative effects of food insecurity of vulnerable households and improve the nutritional status of mothers and children under 5

**Focus areas:**

- **School feeding programmes**
- **Food assistance** to families and vulnerable populations through food and voucher distribution services
- **Capacity building** and training of programme and health care staff and facilities
- **Education on nutrition** to improve the nutritional status of those affected
- Targeted and blanket **supplementary feeding** of mothers and infants
- **Food production and diversification** through seed protection rations

**CHILD PROTECTION**

**Goal:** To limit child recruitment by armed groups and establish safe and protected living environments for children by empowering youth and communities to be agents of peace

**Focus areas:**

- **Facilitating community protection programmes** to train and educate communities on child safety and protection
- **Promoting campaigns** to increase awareness and knowledge of child protection and to limit recruitment by armed groups
- **Establishing** peace clubs and creation of child-friendly spaces for children to learn and grow
- **Issuing birth certificates** and registering children for school
- **Capacity building** for staff and faith leaders to better address issues of child protection
- **Reuniting** unaccompanied and separated children with their families
LOOKING AHEAD FOR 2018 AND BEYOND

To continue to support the Government of the Central African Republic in increasing the safety, resilience, and well-being of children and families affected by the conflict and humanitarian crisis, our priorities for 2018 will be to impact the lives of thousands of beneficiaries. We will do this through:

• Strengthening our grant acquisitions and increase funding.
• Being prepared and agile enough to move into new areas of operations to respond to the needs of CAR’s most vulnerable populations.
• Continuing to use peacebuilding and social cohesion as an operational approach and most importantly, strengthening even further our focus on children.

True partnership has been at the heart of World Vision Central African Republic’s operations since we began here and it guides us still. We will continue to collaborate with government, local authorities, and our colleagues around the world, so as to be able to serve the most vulnerable communities here, to bring a better life and ultimately, life in all its fullness to the children of the Central African Republic.