

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

600,000

Internally Displaced Persons
(47% are children)



2.4 million
people living in
conflict zones

(48% of the population)



13,000 children
associated with
armed forces and groups
(June 2017)



37,281 children

suffering from **malnutrition**
Acute Malnutrition is **2%**
above the emergency threshold



2.4 million
without access to
drinking water



2.2 million

people without access
to hygiene infrastructure



2.5 million
people in need of food
assistance of which
51% are women



25% non-functional
school rates (June 2017)



1,296 rape
cases reported
(38% are minors and 7% are girls
under 10 years old)



AT A GLANCE

World Vision's **IMPACT** in the Central African Republic
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

12

Child-friendly spaces were established



HEALTH

18,385

Households affected by IYCF messaging



2,171

Mothers and infants received nutrition assistance through blanket supplementary feeding



4,683

Pregnant and lactating women were reached by IMCI messaging

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



80

Goats were distributed to families with children reunited as a means of subsistence



700,000

crisis-affected people reached

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



52

Women leaders from various community groups were trained on policy processes and milestones



42,500

People benefited from water infrastructure



32,500

People were reached through awareness-raising sessions on hygiene promotion



10,500

People (including IDPs, returnees and members of the host community) were provided with potable water



13,456

School children were given access to safe, clean water and sanitation facilities



716

Children participated in Peace Clubs



150

Men were trained on gender and equity and mobilised to support women in the policy process



EDUCATION

FAITH & DEVELOPMENT

WASH

WORLD VISION RESPONSE FOCUS AREAS

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

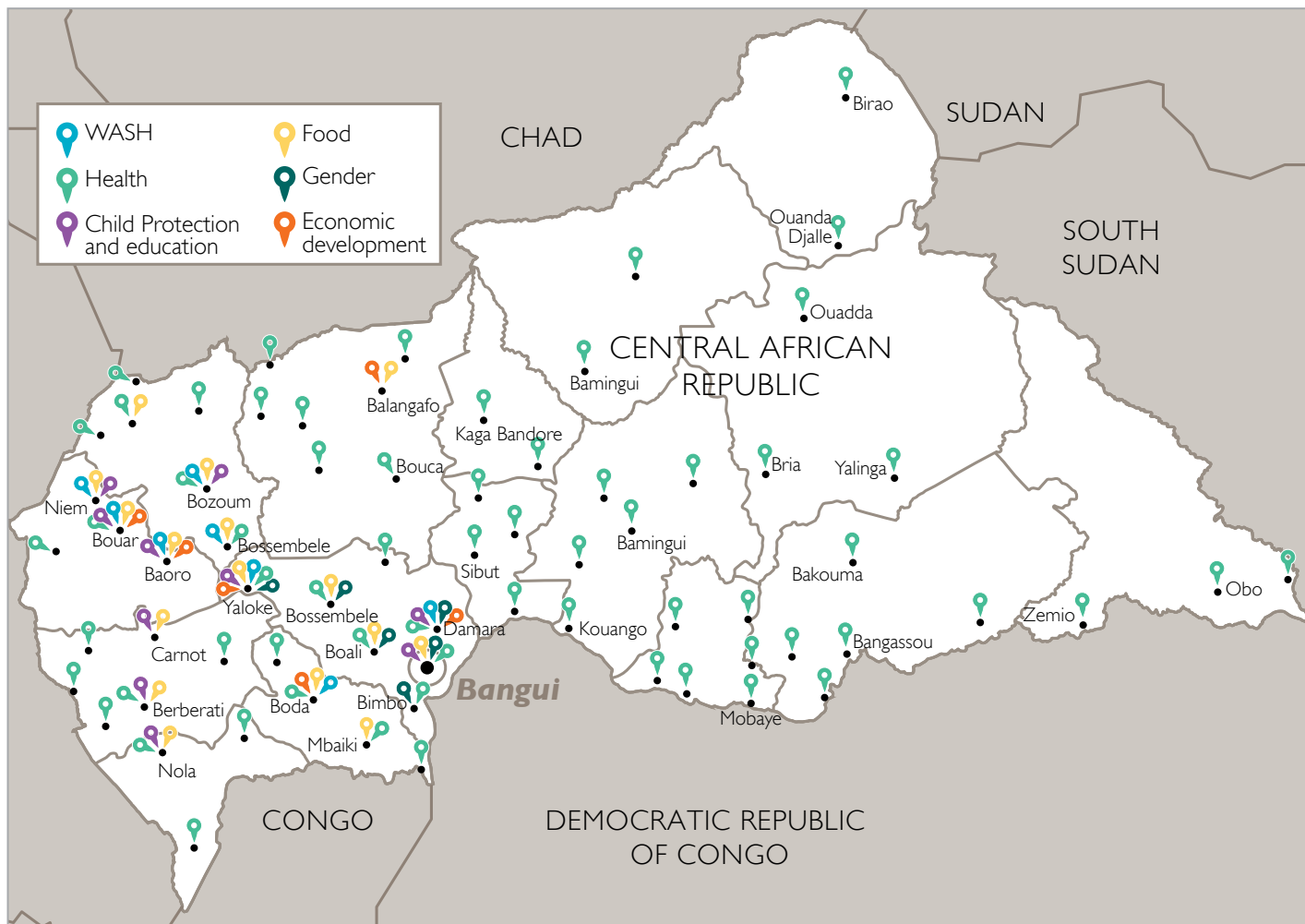


Capacity building for staff and faith leaders to better address issues of child protection



Reuniting unaccompanied and separated children with their families

World Vision Intervention Map



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 .



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