



International Organization for Migration (IOM)
The UN Migration Agency

IOM FLASH APPEAL

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO THE INFLUX OF CENTRAL AFRICAN
REFUGEES IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
MARCH - DECEMBER 2021 |



SITUATION OVERVIEW

As a result of violence between government and rebel forces that erupted following the Presidential and legislative elections in the Central African Republic (CAR) in December 2020, thousands of people continue to flee to neighbouring countries. Violence and insecurity in the towns of Damara (Ombella M'Poko Prefecture) and Bangassou (Mbomou) in CAR on 2 and 3 January 2021, forced people to cross the border from CAR into the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). According to the Congolese authorities, 92,053 CAR refugees arrived in DRC, rising to a new complex emergency situation (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees - Interagency emergency response Plan).

To better provide assistance, refugees should be relocated from the bank of the river to the identified sites. As transport is a core element to its activities cutting across the migration cycle, IOM aims to provide protection assistance through the provision of humane, orderly, safe, and dignified movement transport assistance from the border to the identified locations. Shelter is also among the most priority needs identified (Interagency emergency response Plan). In addition, the identified sites must be well planned to ensure health, security, privacy and dignity. Based on its strong experience in site planning and shelter, IOM will contribute to fill these gaps.

The needs specified in this Appeal have been coordinated with UNHCR and included in the Inter-Agency Emergency Response Plan for CAR refugees which was published in March 2021.

92,053 CAR refugees

PEOPLE AFFECTED

65,000 individuals

TARGETED THROUGH THIS RESPONSE PLAN

IOM APPEAL (USD)

(March - December 2021)



Movement Assistance and Medical screening

7,000,000



Shelter /Site planning

2,500,000

TOTAL

9,500,000





MOVEMENT ASSISTANCE & MEDICAL SCREENING

IOM will provide humane, orderly, safe, and dignified transport assistance from the bank of the river to the identified sites by ensuring that all movement interventions are in line with COVID-19 preventive measures (use of masks, hydro-alcoholic gel available, personal protective equipment (PPE), as appropriate). Activities will include:

- Pre-departure medical screenings to assess refugees' fitness to travel.
- Establishment of transportation schedules that ensure access to prioritized boarding for persons with specific needs.
- Transport refugees from their current locations to the identified sites.

Funding required

\$ 7,000,000

Target no. of individuals

50,000



SHELTER AND SITE PLANNING

IOM will support the immediate needs of the most vulnerable refugees through provision of shelter assistance and site planning.

Activities will include:

- Construction of emergency shelter
- Site cleaning and land preparation.
- Construction of kitchens and communal shelters where new arrivals will be accommodated while the emergency shelters are built for each household. This approach will also allow to involve refugees in the construction of their own shelter.

Funding required

\$ 2,500,000

Target no. of individuals

15,000

IOM IN DRC

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) has been operating in DRC since 1994. IOM in DRC has a strong geographical presence throughout the country, with strategically located offices, including the main office in Kinshasa and various sub-and satellite offices in North-Kivu, South-Kivu, Ituri, Tanganyika, Haut-Katanga, Kasai oriental, Kasai, and Equateur provinces.

IOM DRC is an active member of the Humanitarian Country Team, United Nations Country Team, Programme Management Team, and similarly, an active member of various Clusters namely water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), Shelter and Non-Food Items (S-NFI), Protection, and Health Clusters.

Together with UNHCR, IOM is co-leading the Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Working Group in three provinces (North Kivu, Tanganyika, and Ituri). Through these fora, IOM works with the broader humanitarian community to coordinate life-saving assistance harmonize approaches and minimize risks of duplication. IOM's WASH, Shelter, CCCM and Protection teams collaborate closely with the aim of providing an integrated response, taking into consideration protection risks. As co-lead of the CCCM Working Group in the three above-mentioned provinces, IOM works closely with government counterparts in the respective provinces, namely the Commission Nationale pour les Réfugiés (CNR) in North Kivu, *Division des Affaires Humanitaires* (DIVAH) in Tanganyika, and Protection Civile in Ituri to support their function in camp administration. In addition, IOM is a leading partner in health emergency response in collaboration with the Ministry of Health in disease outbreaks, including Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) and COVID-19.

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