

Bangui demand response

Bangui 20 January 2021 - The Humanitarian Coordinator in the Central African Republic, Denise Brown, is extremely concerned about the sustained disruptions that have occurred on the country's main supply road (MSR1) connecting the capital Bangui with both the country and the closest port, in Cameroon, as a result of increased armed violence.

"Current constraints on an already fragile food supply are again driving up the price of basic food commodities. Monday's attack on a convoy of 30 trucks, that included 5 trucks carrying vital humanitarian supplies, resulted in serious injuries for three drivers is totally unacceptable", declared the Humanitarian Coordinator.

The price of some staples, such as oil, fish, meat and onions, have, in some places, increased by over 50 per cent. Even cassava, the country's main staple, has seen increases of 57 per cent in rural towns. Shortages of fuel are reported in several towns in the country. Over a third of the population, 1.9 million people, face high levels of acute food insecurity and people are unable to meet their basic food needs.

The disruption of the MSR1 supply route prevents the safe and timely delivery of vital aid, but also of commercial goods with a large share of the country's goods being imported. Over 1,600 trucks are estimated to be stuck at the border with Cameroon, including 500 trucks with critical UN and partners' supplies, such as food, medicines, and non-food items. These vital transports have been unable to proceed since mid-December 2020.

"The impact on the protection and well-being of innocent civilians is devastating. The affected population needs our assistance today more than ever and cannot wait any longer. I appeal to all concerned stakeholders to continue working together and find an urgent solution in the best interest of those who suffer the most", stated Mrs. Brown.

In 2021, 2.8 million people – more than half of the population – need humanitarian assistance and protection. Since violence and tensions broke out in connection with the general elections in December, nearly 200,000 people have been newly displaced inside the country; half of those have returned and some 100,000 remain displaced.

AGORA then facilitated Round tables with local and international stakeholders to develop neighbourhood-level response plans, with joint priorities and response actions. The response plans allow for a shared understanding among local and international actors of the needs of affected populations as well as of response capacities of local and international actors at the neighbourhood level.

AGORA worked closely with the Mayor of Bangui and OCHA to then establish a city-level coordination

body, which is inclusive of local and international actors and of all sectors, to facilitate an operational coordination of all relevant actors working on the returns in Bangui. Chaired by the Mayor of Bangui, this coordination mechanism is currently enabling a more integrated and sustainable response in the city of Bangui, including through neighbourhood-level coordination bodies for the areas witnessing the biggest return.

This pilot area-based approach is part of a global AGORA program, funded by EU Humanitarian Aid, and aiming to test field-level practices to area-based coordination and response in urban contexts.

La cartographie des zones susceptibles d'inondation ? D?dougou, r?alis?e en septembre 2024, constitue un exemple concret de l'utilisation du processus d'analyse hi?rarchique (Analytic Hierarchy Process, AHP) combin? aux Syst?mes d'Information G?ographique (SIG) pour la gestion des risques de catastrophes naturelles. Cette approche permet d'identifier les zones les plus vuln?rables aux inondations dans la commune [...]

Karachchi in Kilinochchi District faces severe challenges as natural hazards, including floods and human-elephant conflict, increasingly affect agriculture and fishing livelihoods. With a high dependency on these sectors, the region is struggling under the weight of mounting disruptions. The March 2024 Livelihood Resilience Assessment, conducted by IMPACT Initiatives via its initiative AGORA, provides deep insights [...]

In July 2024, our Colombia team went to Putumayo to present the findings of our most recent area-based assessment. Located in southern Colombia, Putumayo has long been affected by armed conflict due to its strategic location for non-state armed groups. The assessment investigated the population's experience in the face of multiple shocks: armed violence, [...]

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