

**Central African Republic**  
**ETC Situation Report #1**  
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### Highlights

- A letter has been sent by OCHA to the government authorities requesting them to grant UN agencies exemption from import tax and customs duties. Once exemption is granted, the ETC can import equipment to Bangui.

### Cluster Responsibilities

- WFP is leading the ETC in CAR. The ETC is responsible for providing emergency telecommunications support to humanitarian organizations on the ground.

### Achievements

- A letter has been sent by OCHA to the government authorities requesting them to grant UN agencies exemption from import tax and customs duties. Once exemption is granted, the ETC can import equipment to Bangui.
- Almost all the telecommunications equipment has now been purchased. The total value of this equipment is US\$397,849.
- The ETC is now providing data connectivity at the WFP sub-office in Bouar using an EMC VSAT.
- Data connectivity is being provided by OCHA in Paoua.

### Challenges and Gaps

- The security situation remains incredibly volatile and is delaying deployment. The situation has improved slightly in Bambari and Kaga-Bandoro. If it continues to do so the ETC will be deployed in those locations.
- The ETC is only about 35% funded which is only enough for deployment to four locations, however the scope of work has changed over time. More funding is expected.



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## Planned Activities

- Deployment of fully operational COMCENs and data connectivity in Bambari, Bossangoa and Zemio as part of phase 1.
- Deployment of fully operational COMCENs and data connectivity in N'Délé, Paoua and Bouar as part of phase 2.

## Meetings

### Global ETC teleconference

The next Global ETC teleconference will be held when equipment is ready to be shipped unless there is a need to hold one sooner.

### Local ETC meeting

The next Local ETC meeting will be held on:

29<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

10:00

WFP Conference Room

All information related to ETC operations can be found on the ICT Emergency website:

<http://ictemergency.wfp.org/web/ictopr/countries-car>

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## Status Matrix

LOCATION	STATE	AGENCY	REPEATER CH.	TEL. LINES	RADIO ROOM	ICT SUPPORT	CONNECTIVITY	STAFF TRAINED
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## Acronyms

BINUCA	UN Integrated Peacebuilding Office in the Central African Republic
CAR	Central African Republic
COMCEN	Communications Centre
EMC	Emerging Markets Communications (satellite company)
ETC	Emergency Telecommunications Cluster
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IT	Information Technology
OCHA	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNDSS	United Nations Department of Safety and Security
UNHCR	United Nations Refugee Agency
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
VSAT	Very Small Aperture Terminal
WFP	World Food Programme
WHO	World Health Organization