

## Central African Republic

### ETC Situation Report #4

Reporting period 01/01/14 to 06/01/14

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#### Highlights

- Seven tonnes of ETC equipment arrived in Bangui. This will support deployment of critical IT and telecommunications services to the humanitarian community in the seven identified field locations.
- Although the security situation improved over the past days in Central African Republic (CAR), access and lack of secure office locations remain a challenge for ETC activities.

#### 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

- An additional 1 tonne of critical IT and telecommunications equipment was received in Bangui and delivered to the WFP Warehouse on 03/01/2014.
- The inventory of all 7 tonnes of ETC equipment received was completed.
- ETC programmed and installed VHF radio on two UNDP vehicles.
- ETC is installing a dedicated VHF channel for the use of NGOs operating in Bangui.
- Additional staff were identified to support the ETC operation in CAR.

#### Challenges and Gaps

- The Country Minimum Operating Security Standards (C-MOSS) requirements state that COMCENs need to be functioning 24/7 in all common operational areas. Outside of Bangui, however, requirements are not met due to lack of radio operators and the current security situation.
- Lack of secure compounds in some common operational locations prevents the installation of ETC equipment and deployment of services.



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- The ETC is only 35% funded which is only enough for deployment to four out of the recommended seven locations.

## Planned Activities

- ETC and UNDSS will look at starting the process of recruiting additional radio operators with UNDP to ensure full 24/7 COMCENS in all common operational areas in the field.
- The team plans to assess a repeater site in Bangui on 07/01/2014. ETC is working on strengthening and extending the radio communications network in Bangui.
- The ETC plans to support the establishment of common ICT services in seven field locations and the capital as follows:
  - Phase 1: Deployment of fully operational COMCENS and data connectivity in Bambari, Kaga Bandoro and Bossangoa.
  - Phase 2: Deployment of fully operational COMCENS and data connectivity in Zemio, Ndele, Paoua, and Bouar.
  - Enhance security telecommunications in Bangui.

## Meetings

### Global ETC teleconference

The next Global ETC teleconference will be held on 10 January 2014 at 13:00 Bangui time.

### Local ETC meeting

The next Local ETC meeting will be held on 8 January 2013 at 10:00 in the WFP Conference Room.

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

<http://icteemergency.wfp.org/web/ictepr/countries-car>

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## Services available

CITY	LEAD AGENCY	ETC SERVICES
Bangui	WFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coordination &amp; Information Management</li><li>• ICT Helpdesk</li><li>• VHF Radio communications, programming and basic training</li><li>• Internet connectivity (individual organizations)</li></ul>
Paoua	OCHA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Internet connectivity</li><li>• <i>Planned: Basic ICT helpdesk, VHF radio communications, programming and training</i></li></ul>
Bouar	WFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Internet connectivity</li><li>• <i>Planned: Basic ICT helpdesk, VHF radio communications, programming and training</i></li></ul>
Zemio	UNHCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Planned: VHF radio communications, programming and training; Internet Connectivity and ICT helpdesk</i></li></ul>
Bossangoa	UNICEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Planned: VHF radio communications, programming and training; Internet Connectivity and ICT helpdesk</i></li></ul>
Bambari	WFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Planned: VHF radio communications, programming and training; Internet Connectivity and ICT helpdesk</i></li></ul>
Kaga Bandoro	UNICEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Planned: VHF radio communications, programming and training; Internet Connectivity and ICT helpdesk</i></li></ul>
Ndele	OCHA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Planned: VHF radio communications, programming and training; Internet Connectivity and ICT helpdesk</i></li></ul>

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## Acronyms

CAR	Central African Republic
COMCEN	Communications Centre
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