

Central African Republic

ETC Situation Report #7

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Highlights

- Joint assessment missions with UNDSS were conducted in Kaga-Bandoro, Bossangoa and Bambari.
- It is likely that the ETC will deploy to Bossangoa next week depending on the security situation.

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

- Joint assessment missions with UNDSS were conducted in Kaga-Bandoro, Bossangoa and Bambari.
- The ETC team continues supporting radio programming for the humanitarian organizations operating in Bangui. To date the ETC has programmed radios for 10 humanitarian organisations.
- Equipment, including solar panels, has been prepositioned in Bossangoa, Paoua and Bouar.
- Connectivity was extended in the WFP CO in Bangui to cover additional office space.

Challenges and Gaps

- The volatile security situation prevents deployment to certain locations.
- Accommodation in Bangui is limited which restricts staff deployment.

Planned Activities

- Depending on the security situation the ETC will deploy to Bossangoa, Paoua, Bouar and Bambari.
 - It is likely that the ETC will deploy to Bossangoa next week.



- Recruitment of additional radio operators to ensure radio rooms in operational areas are active 24/7.

Meetings

Global ETC teleconference

The next Global ETC teleconference will be held on 20 February 2014 at 14:00 Bangui time.

Local ETC meeting

The next Local ETC meeting will be held on 26 February 2014 at 10:00 Bangui time in the 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>

For more information, or to be added or deleted from the mailing list, please contact: CAR.ETC@wfp.org



Services Available

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

CAR	Central African Republic
CO	Country Office
ETC	Emergency Telecommunications Cluster
FITTEST	Fast IT and Telecommunications Emergency and Support Team



ICT	Information and Communications Technology
OCHA	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
UNDSS	United Nations Department of Safety and Security
UNHCR	United Nations Refugee Agency
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
WFP	World Food Programme