



STRENGTHENING THE INTEGRATION OF RETURNEES FROM CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC AND SUPPORT TO HOST COMMUNITIES IN CHAD



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■ THE CONTEXT

The conflict in Central African Republic (CAR) has affected Chad more than any other neighboring country as it has not only led to a large influx of CAR refugees, but also and above all, to an arrival of around 100,000 returnees (data: IOM) who fled repression, extortion and violence.

As many of them have lived in CAR for several generations, they

arrived in Chad with nowhere to go and subsequently, a total of 60,000 Chadian returnees stay on so-called "returnee sites" in southern Chad. Others have settled in the villages around the returnee sites and others have returned to their village of origin. This population creates significant new and additional pressure on basic social infrastructure, strained resources,

including water, medical centers, hospitals, land, food, schools and subsequently, on the highly vulnerable local communities. In addition, the sectarian violence in CAR and related displacements may fuel pre-existing tensions in Chad if nothing is done to support peaceful coexistence with the local communities.

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WHO ?

- The European Union
- UNICEF
- WFP
- IOM
- FAO
- The Government of Chad
- International and National NGOs

WHEN ?

The European Union's Instrument Contributing to Stability and Peace (ICSP) funds this programme implemented by its partners for a 18-month period. The Programme has started in February 2015 and will end in July 2016.

WHERE ?

The Programme is going to be implemented in local communities and returnees sites in Southern Chad, more precisely in the regions of Salamat, Mandoul, Moyen Chari, Logone Oriental, and in Logone Occidental.

THE AREAS OF INTERVENTION:

- Quality basic social services (health, education, nutrition)
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Peaceful Cohabitation (between farmer and herders)
- Income Generating Activities and social transfers
- Protection (Civil Registration, psychosocial support, prevention of Gender-Based Violence)

The Government of Chad has developed a Global Response Plan to support the reintegration of returnees. The €7 million donation from the European Union, will enable the United Nations agencies (FAO, IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF, and WFP) to respond in a concerted way and address the different needs of the returnees and host communities during an 18-month period (January 2015 – July 2016) and beyond.

The joint programme will be implemented by FAO, UNHCR, IOM, WFP and UNICEF in close collaboration with the decentralized services of the State and through non-governmental organizations working in the field. UNICEF is the convening agency in the coordination of the implementation process.



The European Union's Instrument Contributing to Stability and Peace (ICSP) aiming at responding to crises, prevent conflicts, and to consolidate peace, contributes to a total of 7 Million Euro for this programme.

