

# **SUMMARY**

As part of its implementation of the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM), the International Organization for Migration (IOM) conducted the fourth Internally Displaced Person (IDP) Return Intention Survey in Bangui, Central African Republic (CAR) from **21-24 April 2014**. IOM site facilitators interviewed **588 displaced persons at 22 sites in Bangui**. This survey follows the third Return Intention Survey conducted in March 2014.

This report presents the following main results:

#### DISPLACEMENT

84% of displaced persons left their place of origin in December 2013.

13% of displaced persons have stayed at more than one spontaneous displacement site.

#### **RETURN INTENTIONS**

57% of displaced persons indicated their intention to return to their place of origin within the next four weeks. In comparison to the previous survey findings (58%), there is only a small decrease in intentions to return. However in comparison to the first (74%) and second survey (66%) a significant decrease can be noted in return intentions.

32% of displaced persons indicate their intention to remain at their displacement site. In comparison to previous survey findings, there is a slight decrease (34% in March 2014) in the percentage of displaced persons intending to remain at their displacement site. This highlights an increase in intention to relocate to another region within CAR from 4.6% in March 2014 to 9% in April 2014.

Reasons preventing displaced people from returning to their place of origin are:

- Belongings are stolen (80%)
- No financial means (68%)
- Not feeling secure in their neighbourhood (64%)
- Lack of security forces in their neighbourhood (61%)

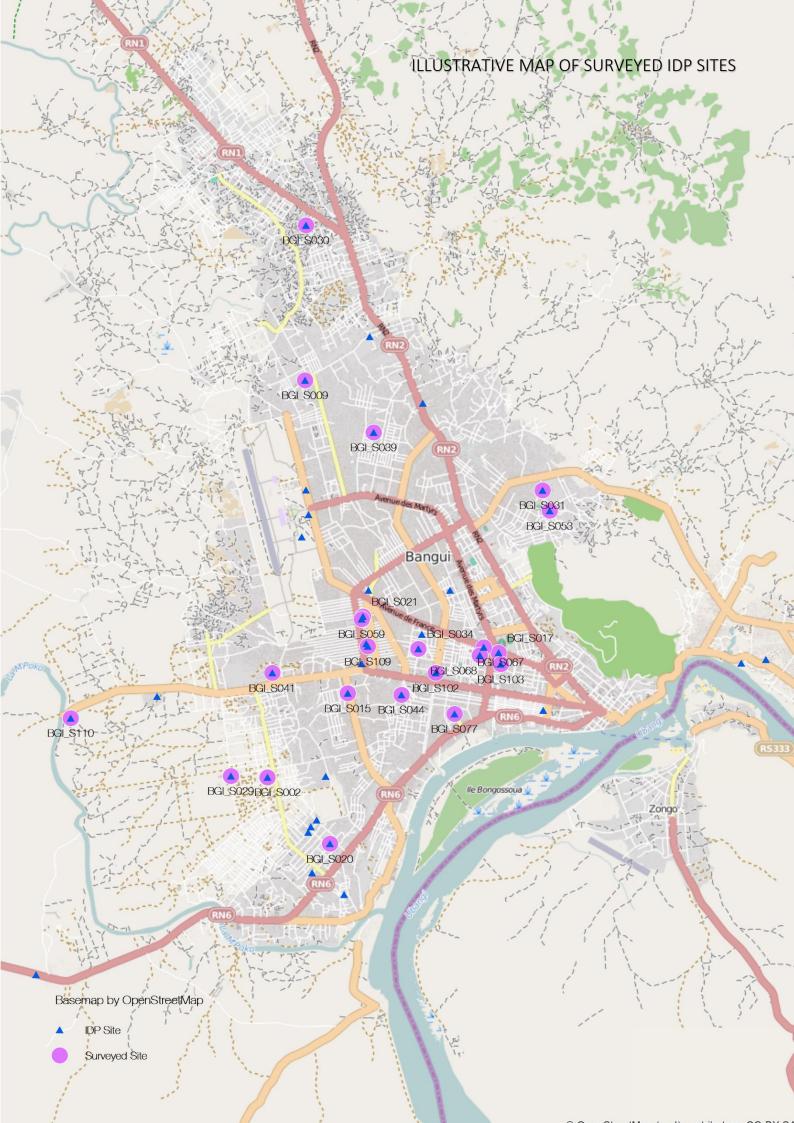
#### **NEEDS**

IDPs are beginning to shift their consideration of primary needs to facilitate their return. Housing is currently at the highest priority (31.5%) followed by security (26.5%) and non-food items (11.1%).

94% of displaced persons experienced interruption of professional activities due to displacement (a slight increase from 90% indicated in the previous survey).

64% anticipate resumption of professional activities upon their return (a slight decrease from 67% indicated in the previous survey).

Responses suggest that the economic situation presented in the previous survey is still critical. Almost all respondents are still reducing daily food consumptions as main survival mechanism. 97% reduced their own meals, 97% reduced their family members' meals, and 91% reduced the adults' food consumption to provide food for their children.



# 1. INTRODUCTION

In general, the displacement situation over the past month in Bangui has continued to improve. The displaced population has gradually started their return or relocation. Most of the remaining 177,891 displaced persons in 45 spontaneous displacement sites in Bangui have been displaced since December 2013. The intentions to return remain high (57%) and mainly influenced by housing needs, the increase in security in the communities of origin, and availability of non-food items.

Insecurity is still the main concern of the population living in the sites and despite the overall decrease in the number of persons displaced, the situation remains volatile and spontaneous movements from/to the camps and the areas of return are frequent.

The survey is complemented with the "Focus on PK12", based on the quantitative (registration) and qualitative (human interest stories) information collected by IOM in PK12.

# 2. METHODOLOGY

IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) contributes to the tracking and monitoring of the displaced populations to assist in the prioritization of humanitarian aid. In CAR, IOM is implementing the DTM in partnership with local NGOs (AFPE, AIDE, IDEAL and JUPEDEC). Through this partnership, a site facilitators program (Annex A) was established. Site facilitators regularly collect information on the displacement situation. This activity has been focused on the displacement sites around Bangui and recently extended to Boda in Lobaye prefecture. IOM compiles and disseminates this information with humanitarian organizations in order to focus the planning and the delivery of humanitarian assistance to displaced populations.

During daily visits to the sites, facilitators conducted the intention survey using the intention survey questionnaire (annex B). This latest round of the survey maintains the same questions as the original to allow comparison between surveys. The exercise was conducted at 22 randomly selected IDP sites in Bangui between 22-24 April 2014, one month after the third survey.

A total of 588 persons responded to the questionnaire in Bangui; each respondent represented a household, thereby reflecting a total of 4,549 displaced individuals. Interviewees were chosen randomly from of the IDP population living in the displacement sites in Bangui. Displaced persons consented to participate after being informed of survey intentions and the principals of voluntary participation. Interviews took place between 9am-4pm Tuesday to Thursday, which may have impacted the sample of the survey. For example, people commuting during the day to their farms, or pursuing daily labor would not have been present at the time of the interview.

Using an interval of confidence of 95% of a total population of 177,891 individuals, the margin of error of the data is estimated to be 4%.



**588**Number of IDPs interviewed

Number of sites where the interviews were conducted

# TABLE 1: OVERVIEW OF ASSESSED SITES AND NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS

SITE CODE	SITE NAME	NO. OF SAMPLES
BGI_S009	Don Bosco / Damala	76
BGI_S020	Grand séminaire St Marc de Bimbo	66
BGI_S041	St Joseph de Mukassa	50
BGI_S029	Mission Carmel	43
BGI_S030	Paroisse St Charles Luanga	39
BGI_S059	Mosquée Centrale	29
BGI_S102	Complexe Scolaire Adentiste	26
BGI_S034	Paroisse St Trinité des Castors	25
BGI_S017	Faculte de Theologie (FATEB)	22
BGI_S067	St Sauveur	22
BGI_S021	Ecole Islamique	21

SITE CODE	SITE NAME	NO. OF SAMPLES
BGI_S031	Monastère de Boy-Rabe	20
BGI_S053	Quartier Votongbo2	20
BGI_S068	Centre Jean 23	18
BGI_S109	Famille d'accueille Yaloa	17
BGI_S039	St Jean de Galabadja	16
BGI_S044	St Jacques de Kpetene	16
BGI_S015	Eglise Notre de Dame de Fatima	16
BGI_S077	St Francois D'Assise	14
BGI_S110	Ndjongo	13
BGI_S002	Centre de Sante Padre Pio	11
BGI_S103	Complexe Pédagogique Bethanie	8

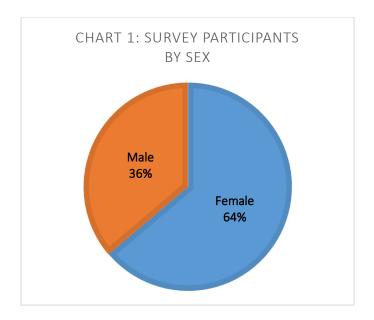


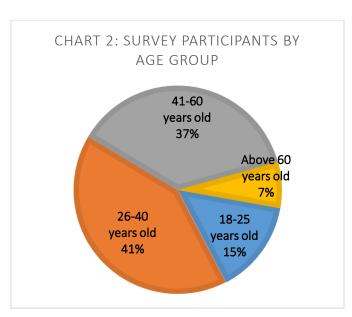
# 3. RESULTS

This section presents the main findings of the survey:

#### 3A. SURVEY DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

A total of **588** displaced persons responded to the questionnaire in Bangui; each respondent representing a household, thereby reflecting a total of 4,549 displaced individuals represented in the survey. As shown in Chart 1, 36% survey participants were men and 64% were women. The majority of survey participants were between 26 and 60 years old (78%).



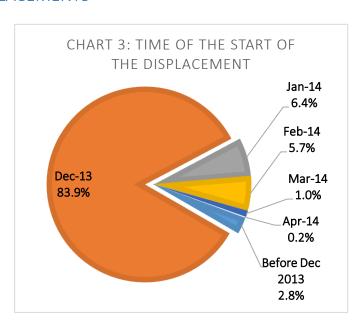


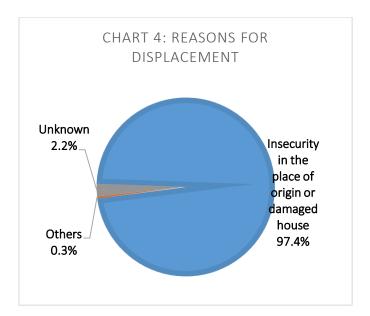
#### 3B. DISPLACEMENT AND CONDITIONS OF DISPLACEMENTS

This section briefly looks at the profile of the displacement and the current survival mechanism of the displaced population.

As shown in Chart 3, the majority of the displaced population (83.9%) left their place of origin in December 2013; 6.4% left in January; 5.7% left in February; a small portion of the population left in March 2014 (1%) and April 2014 (less than 1%). Similar to the findings on the previous survey, the fourth intention survey also shows 2.8% of the existing displaced population left their place of origin before December 2013.

As shown in Chart 4 on the next page, most of the displaced people (97.4%) listed the insecurity in their place of origin and damaged houses as the main reasons for their displacement. The percentage of the displaced populations that had moved from one displacement site to the other have decreased from 15% in the previous survey to 13% in this round, as shown in Chart 5.





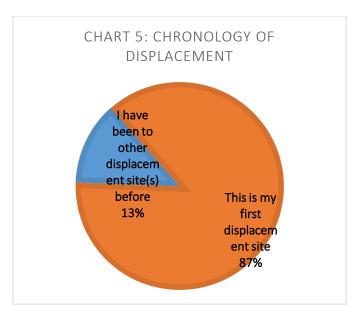
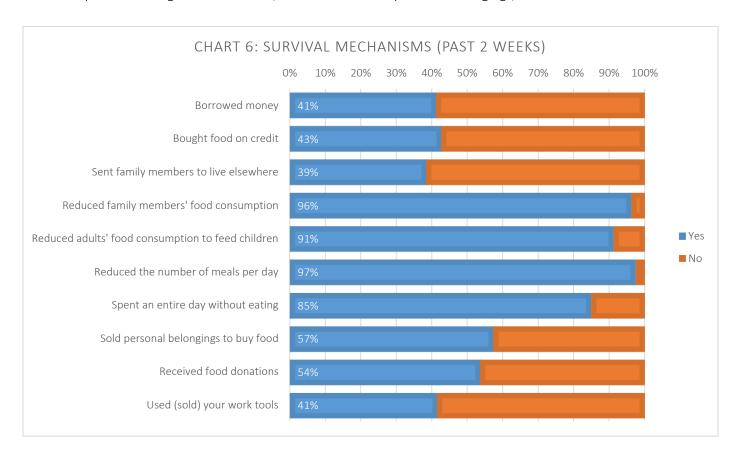


Chart 6 below shows various survival mechanisms used by the displaced population to cope in the displacement sites over the past 2 weeks. Food is still reported as the main priority and reducing food consumption is still the main survival mechanism. 97% of respondents reported they have reduced their number of daily meals. This also includes 96% of respondents who have reduced their family member's food consumption, and 91% of respondents who have reduced adults' food consumption to prioritize food for their children. 85% of respondents reported that they sometimes spend an entire day without eating.

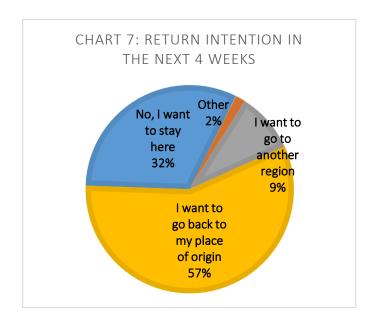
There is a significant decrease in the percentage of respondents sending their family members to live elsewhere (from 99% in the last survey to 39% in this survey) and borrowing money (from 98% in the last survey to 41% in this survey). 41% of respondents bought food on credit, 57% sold tools and personal belongings, and 54% received food donations.

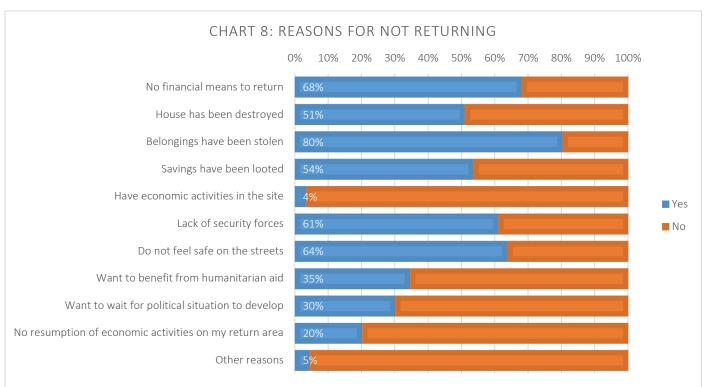


#### **3C. RETURN INTENTIONS**

This section explores the intentions of the displaced population to return to their communities of origin. The questions intend to set a realistic timeframe and allow the population not only to reflect on their own immediate return intentions, but to also reflect objectively on the indicators necessary to allow a return.

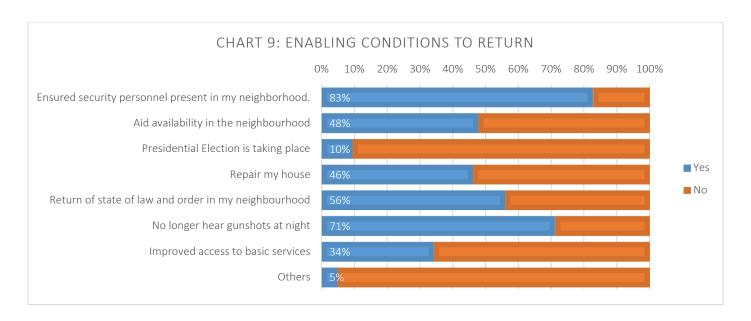
57% of the IDPs indicate intentions to return to their place of origin while 32% of displaced persons intend to stay at the site (Chart 7). Comparing the four return intention survey rounds, the trend is presently steady after an average decrease of 10% in the previous three surveys. It can also be noted that there is an increase in the intention of IDPs to relocate to another region in the CAR, from 4.6% in the previous survey to 9% in this survey.



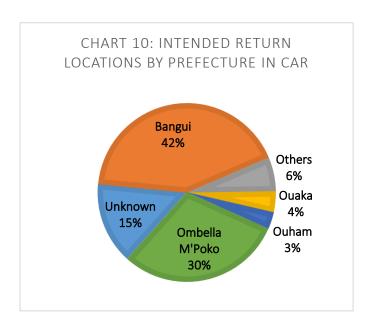


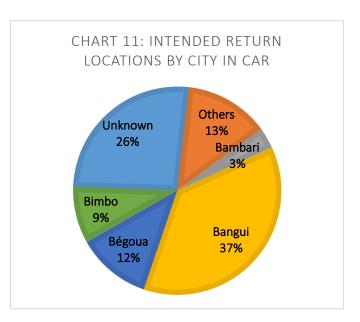
As indicated in Chart 8 above, among those who expressed their intention to return, the main obstacle is their stolen belongings (80%); this is similar to responses in the last survey. The lack of financial means (68%) is presently a greater consideration for the displaced population tjan feeling unsafe on the streets of their neighborhood (64%) and the insufficient presence of security forces (61%).

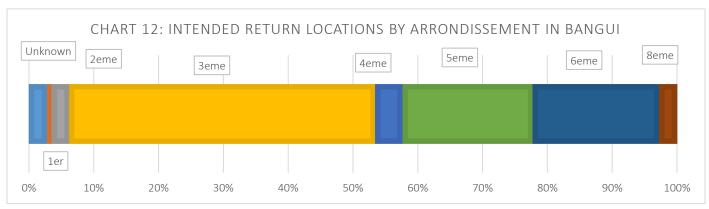
Chart 9 on the next page shows the responses of IDPs when asked about the required enabling conditions to facilitate their return. The presence of security forces in the neighbourhood (83%) is still the top priority followed by the absence of gunshots at night (71%) and the return of state of law and order in their neighbourhood of return (56%). Significant responses on enabling conditions to return also quote aid availability in the neighbourhood (48%), house repair (46%), and improved access to basic services (34%).



As shown in Chart 10 below, the high return prefectures are Bangui (42%) and Ombella M'Poko (30%). 15% of respondents anticipating to return or relocate did not response to the question of where their final destination will be. The main cities or towns of final destination for return or relocation include Bangui (37%), followed by Bégoua (12%), Bimbo (9%), and Bambari (3%). For Bangui itself, as shown in Chart 12, the main destination is still 3<sup>rd</sup> Arrondissement (47%) followed by 5<sup>th</sup> Arrondissement (20%) and 6<sup>th</sup> Arrondissement (19%).







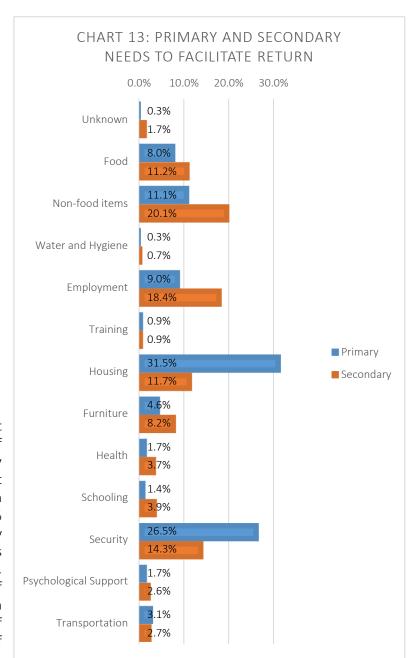
#### 3D. NEEDS

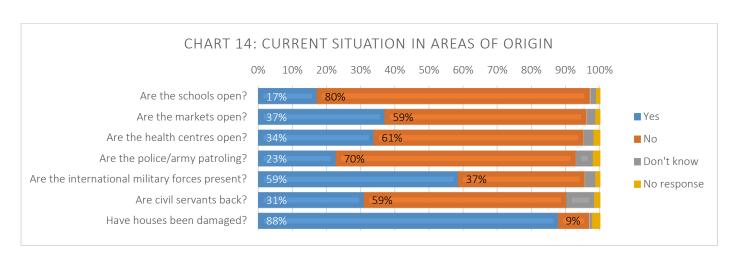
This section looks at the needs considered by IDPs to facilitate their return, the current situation in the place of return, and their economic situation. It should be noted that the timing of the survey could also indicate an absence of the breadwinners of the family during the work day; their answers would therefore not be adequately reflected.

In comparison to the previous surveys, IDPs are beginning to shift their consideration. As shown in Chart 13 need for housing (31.5%) is now the top priority of primary needs to consider return. This is followed by a continued consideration to have security (26.5%) in place. Non-food items (11.1%), employment (9.0%), and food (8.0%) come after at similar importance.

Non-food items (20.1%) are considered the most important secondary need followed by employment (18.4%), security (14.3%), housing (11.7%), and food (11.2%).

Chart 14 indicates IDPs' perception of the current situation in their areas of origin. Comparison of this data with previous data shows IDP's slightly improved perceptions. More IDPs learned that markets (from 30% to 37% now), schools (from 11% to 17% now), and health centres (from 21% to 34% now) are open; and that police/army patrols (from 13% to 23% now) and civil servants are back in the area (from 24% to 31% now). Similar to the previous survey, 88% of respondents indicate that their houses have been damaged and 59% indicate the presence of international military forces in their place of origin.





As shown in Chart 15 below, respondents indicated an interruption of their regular income generating activities (from 89% in the last round to 94% in this round). 32% of respondents believe they will not be able to return to their regular income generating activity upon return. 64% of respondents believe they can return to their regular income generating activities to support their families upon their return home.

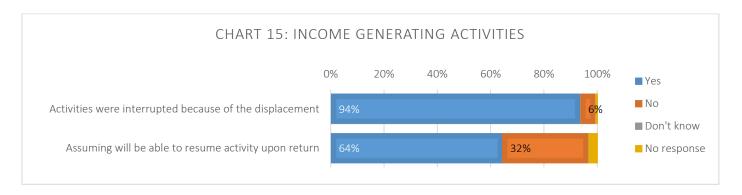
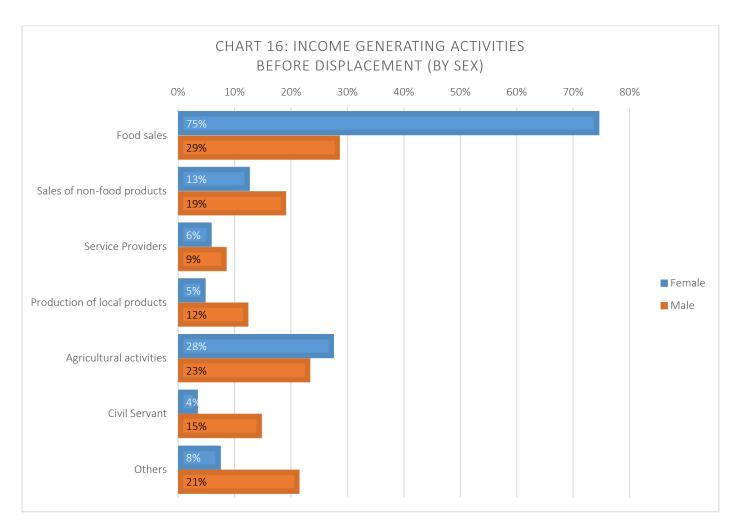


Chart 16 shows that the main income generating activities of the existing displaced population was food sales both for males (29%) and females (75%). This is followed by agricultural activities 23% for males and 28% for females.



# 4. CONCLUSION

This fourth IDP return intention survey, conducted in April 2014, indicates that current IDPs' levels of intentions to return are similar to levels reported previously in the third survey. And, it indicates that the same painful dilemma continues to loom over the displaced populations: to either return home with no financial means and lack of security, or to stay in the displacement sites and wait until security improves.



The survey highlights a change in the perception of IDPs' primary needs to facilitate their return. More IDPs now rank housing concerns over security. Stolen belongings, absence of financial means, and insecurity are still the main reasons for IDPs' decision to stay in the displacement sites. The survey indicates food as the main need in the sites. More than 90% of IDP households are forced to reduce their food consumption.

Other reasons have been expressed and should be monitored, including waiting for political developments (30%) and benefitting from humanitarian aid (35%). Presidential elections have been cited by 10% of IDPs as a condition to enable their return.

After the relocation of the group stranded in PK12, the return of the population who used to live in PK12 neighborhood before December 2013 may take place in the coming weeks. These IDPs, who are currently sheltered in spontaneous sites including Don Bosco and St Jacques de Kpetene, have expressed their desire to return to PK12. These movements will continue to be monitored by IOM and other partners.

As shown in the survey, 42% of IDPs intend to return to their place of origin around Bangui. Of this group 86% are going to the 3e, 5e, and 6e Arrondissement. Extrapolating this percentage to the current total IDP population in Bangui suggests that more than 60,000 IDPs could potentially return if the necessary enabling conditions are achieved in these three arrondissements; these enabling conditions are mainly related to security.

The interruption of economic activities is highlighted again as in the previous survey and IDPs still demonstrate a readiness to restart these activities upon return. Food sales, agricultural activities, and sales of non-food items were the main income generating activities before displacement and should be prioritized for support.

In comparison to the previous survey, IDPs' perception towards the current situation in their areas of origin has slightly improved. More IDP's were aware that schools, markets, and health centres are open and that civil servants are returning to work.

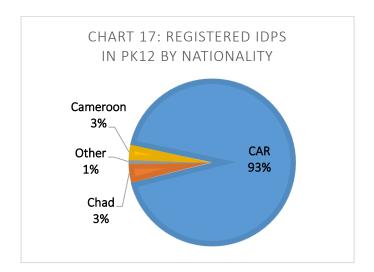
Overall, as in the last three intention return surveys, this fourth survey shows a continued high intention to return to communities of origin. The steady decrease in the total number of displaced people supports this perception.

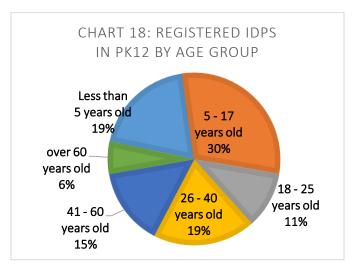
# **FOCUS ON PK12:**

When violence broke out in CAR in December 2013 and January 2014 more than one thousand Muslims and ethnic minorities sought shelter in PK12, a neighborhood of less than 1 square km in northern Bangui. Many fled from Boali, Damara, Yaloké, Bossembélé, and Bogorua. The majority of the new population is of Peuhl and nomad origin and for many their first language is Arabic.

Additional security seekers arrived from PK13 when attacks in that neighborhood magnified in January, but soon the PK12 neighborhood was also targeted by Anti-Balaka militia. The swollen population was trapped in PK12, unable to leave the area without being attacked and killed. Over 20 people died in attacks on the PK12 community since January, including women and children.

IOM conducted registration for the displaced population in PK12 on  $3^{rd} - 7^{th}$  April 2014. The exercise identified 1,312 individuals with demographic profiles as shown in Chart 17 and Chart 18 below.







Idris, 16. "I grew up in Boali, my father was a manioc farmer. My mother and my sisters and I helped him in the fields. One morning at 4am we heard shooting. I saw in front of me what I never wished to see in my life: the Anti-Balaka were cutting up a woman with a machete. The moment of the attack I ran 20 km into the bush. I left with my pants and shirt. We lost all of our belongings, everything we owned. A WFP car brought us to Begoa school next to PK12. I didn't know anyone here, but after a few weeks I started to make friends who gave me three shirts. In PK12 we experience pain. Every week there are deaths, injuries and grave attacks. I am alone, but a child should not live alone. We always need our family. My father, mother and sisters are in Sido. It's better in Sido because there are no Anti-Balaka. If God watches over my life I will join my family and return to school in Sido. In school I can gain knowledge and have a chance at life."

Katija and her daughter Aishta. "I'm from Bangui, my husband and I raised our family here. When the problems started in December we arranged transportation for seven of our children to leave. They are already in Sido, the youngest is here with me. On December 5 our home in PK13 was totally destroyed and we fled here to PK12. The Anti-Balaka killed my husband in Bossangoa when he went there to buy meat. They went door to door and shot people. For security reasons my daughter and I are now obligated to leave PK12 with the few things we have left. We will go to Sido to join my other children."



### ANNEX A: SITE FACILITATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION

# **FACILITATION DES SITES**



Le Project « Facilitation du Site » été monte par la communauté humanitaire sous la coordination de l'Organisation Internationale pour les Migrations (OIM) en Décembre 2013 en partenariat entre OIM, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Mercy Corps, REMOD, Idéal, JUPEDEC, AFPE et AIDE avec l'objective de :

- 1. Faciliter la de livraison d'assistance humanitaire conforme a les standards internationaux et les besoins réels entre la communauté humanitaire et les sites des déplaces en Bangui,
- 2. Assurer l'identification rapide des défis et développement sur les sites des déplaces qui nécessitent une intervention humanitaire immédiate ;
- 3. Assurer la transparence des interventions humanitaires et une communication régulière entre les bénéficiaires et la communauté humanitaire.

Avec ces objectives, les facilitateurs des sites ont les responsabilités suivantes :

Le Facilitateur de sites collecte d'une manière **régulière** des informations pertinent pour informer les activités humanitaire, organise par les clusters dans tous les sites des déplaces à Bangui. Les informations sont transmises à la coordination de l'OIM, qui assure la diffusion journalière de cette information d'une manière consolidé à tous les clusters. En particulier, les responsabilités des facilitateurs des sites inclus :

- Identifier et maintenir le contact régulier avec des points de contact dans les sites;
- Identifier les personnes ayant des responsabilités dans les sites et les représentants des déplacés;
- Faire le suivi des mouvements de population dans les sites, le nombre de résidents et le profil de la population déplacée vivant dans les sites ;
- Coordonner avec les moniteurs de protection pour identifier les principales lacunes en protection ;
- Enregistrer les interventions humanitaires dans les sites ;
- Enregistrer les principales lacunes dans l'assistance et les besoins critiques non satisfaits ;
- Faire des rapports quotidiens au Coordinateur des facilitateurs de sites ;
- Mettre en place des mécanismes de communication à double sens avec les déplacés pour noter les lacunes enregistrées par les déplacés eux-mêmes;
- Encourage la participation actif des femmes dans les comités de représentation des déplaces ;
- Assister le référencement des cas de VBG, et ENAES ;
- Assurer la partition régulière et systématique des défis et développement crucial dans les sites pour faciliter une réponse humanitaire.

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#### ANNEX B: SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

#### ENQUETE SUR LES INTENTIONS / CONDITIONS DE RETOUR DES DEPLACES INTERNES A BANGUI **AVRIL 2014** Nom du site Date mm/2014SSID Arrondissement Quartier Personne enquêtée O Homme O Femme Nombre de membres dans la famille Age 1. Quand est-ce que vous avez quitté votre lieu O Janvier 2014 O Mars 2014 Février 2014 d'origine? O Décembre 2013 Avant Décembre 2013 Insécurité sur le lieu d'origine / maisons endommagées Raisons économiques 2. Pour quelles raisons avez-vous quitté ☐ Je viens vendre biens et produit alimentaires sur le marché du Autre, précisez : ce lieu d'origine ? (plusieurs choix) site 3. Ce site est-il votre 1er site de déplacement ou êtes-OUI, c'est mon premier site de déplacement O NON, je suis d'abord passé par d'autres sites avant vous restés dans d'autres sites avant d'arriver ici? 4. Au cours des deux dernières semaines, avez-vous. 4a.Emprunter de l'argent ? O 1. Oui O 2. Non O 3.Ne Sais Pas 4b.Acheter de la nourriture à crédit? O 1. Oui O 2. Non O 3. Ne sais pas O 2. Non 4c. Envoyer des membres de la famille vivre ailleurs que dans le site ? 0 1. Oui O 3. Ne Sais Pas 4d. Réduit les portions alimentaires des membres de la famille ? 1. Oui 2. Non 3. Ne Sais Pas 4e. Réduit l'alimentation des adultes pour nourrir les enfants? 1. Oui 2. Non O 3. Ne Sais Pas 4f. Réduit le nombre de repas par jour ? 1. Oui O 2. Non 3. Ne Sais Pas 0 1. Oui 2. Non O 3. Ne Sais Pas 4g. Passer des journées entières sans manger 4h. Vente des biens pour pouvoir acheter de la nourriture 0 1. Oui O 2. Non 3. Ne Sais Pas 4i. Reçu des dons de nourritures (entraide) ? 0 1. Oui O 2. Non 3. Ne Sais Pas 4j. Utilisé (vendu, mangé) vos ressources de travail (outils, stocks, semences agricoles)? O 1. Oui 0 2. Non O 3. Ne Sais Pas Pays 1. Oui, je veux retourner sur mon lieu d'origine 5b. Lieu de retour? 5a. Pensez-vous quitter le lieu Préfecture 2. Qui, je veux aller dans une nouvelle région. de déplacement actuel dans les 3. Oui, je veux aller dans mon pays d'origine. Sous-préfecture 4 prochaines semaines? 4. Non, je veux rester sur place. Ville / village Quartier Arr. 1. Je n'ai pas les moyens financiers de rentrer. ☐ 2. Mon logement est détruit 3. Mes biens volés. 4. Mes économies ont été pillées 6. Si vous avez l'intention de retourner sur votre lieu 5. J'ai des activités économiques sur le site. d'origine et de quitter le site, qu'est-ce qui vous 6. Absence des forces de l'ordre. empêche de le faire des aujourd'hui? (plusieurs □ 7. Je ne me sens pas en sécurité dans les rues de mon quartier d'origine choix) 8. Car je veux bénéficier de l'aide des organisations internationale. 9. Je veux attendre de voir comment la situation politique et sécuritaire évolue. 10. Pas de reprise des activités économiques sur ma zone de retour 11. Autre, précisez : 1. Assurer la présence des forces de l'ordre dans mon quartier. 2. Bénéficier de l'aide internationale dans les quartiers. 7. Supposons que vous avez un membre de votre 3. La tenue des élections présidentielles. famille qui vit dans le site actuellement. Quelles sont 4. Réparation de mon logement les conditions qui feraient que ce proche quitte le 5. Retour d'un Etat de Droit dans mon quartier. site dans les prochains jours et retourne dans son ☐ 6. Ne plus entendre des coups de feu la nuit. lieu d'origine ? (plusieurs choix) 7. Amélioration de l'accès aux services de base (eau, nourriture, éducation, sante, etc.) 8. Autre, précisez : 8. Quel est votre besoin le plus 1. Logement 4. Meubles 7. Scolarisation 10. Eau/Hygiène 5. Soutien Psychologique urgent dans votre lieu 2. Alimentaire 8. Sécurité O 11. Emploi 3. Biens non-alimentaire d'origine, (1 choix) O 6. Santé 9. Transport 12. Formation 9. Quel est votre besoin 1. Logement 4. Meubles 7. Scolarisation 10. Eau/Hygiène secondaire dans votre lieu 2. Alimentaire 5. Soutien Psychologique 8. Sécurité O 11. Emploi d'origine ? (1 choix) 3. Biens non-alimentaire O 6. Santé 9. Transport 12. Formation Dans votre quartier d'origine, 2. Non 10a.Les écoles fonctionnent-elles ? 1. Oui 3. Ne Sais Pas 10b. Les marchés sont-ils ouverts? 0 1. Oui O 2. Non O 3. Ne Sais Pas 0 1. Oui O 2. Non O 3. Ne Sais Pas 10c. Les centres de sante t-ils ouverts? O 2. Non 10d. La police/armée effectue-t-elle des patrouilles ? O 1. Oui O 3. Ne Sais Pas 10e. Les forces armées internationales sont-elles présentes ? 0 1. Oui O 2. Non O 3. Ne Sais Pas 0 1. Oui 2. Non O 3. Ne Sais Pas 10f. Les fonctionnaires de l'Etat (enseignant, personnel de sante, mairie) sont-ils de retour ? 10g. Des maisons ont été endommagées ? 1. Oui 2. Non O 3. Ne Sais Pas 1. Ventes de produits alimentaires 5. Activités agricoles (maraichage, élevage, pêche) 11. Quelles étaient vos 2. Ventes de produits non-alimentaires (pièces auto. 6. Activités minières occupations professionnelles vêtements, outils, etc.) 7. Mendicité □ 3. Vente de services (cartes téléphoniques, réparations ■ 8. Fonctionnaire d'état le déplacement (plusieurs choix) voitures, femme de ménages) 9. Autre, précisez : 4. Activités artisanales/fabricants

O 1. Oui

1. Oui

2. Non

O 2. Non

O 3. Ne Sais Pas

3. Ne Sais Pas

13b. Si NON à la question 12, pourquoi?

12. Vos activités professionnelles ont-elles été interrompues par le déplacement ?

13a. Pensez-vous pouvoir reprendre cette activité, une fois de retour dans votre quartier?

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