

# CANADIAN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FUND POPULATION DISPLACEMENT IN CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR)



**HUMANITARIAN  
COALITION** 



**PEOPLE ASSISTED:** 12,800  **FUNDS PROVIDED:** \$350,000 

**ASSISTANCE PROVIDED:** Drinking water, sanitation and hygiene, enhancing community prevention mechanisms, protection and risk reduction



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## BACKGROUND

Increased fighting between armed groups in the Central African Republic forced thousands to flee their homes at the end of November. More than 10,000 people found shelter at an improvised site inside the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA). An estimated 1,200 other families have found shelter with host families in various Bria neighbourhoods.



## OUTLINE OF NEEDS

The state of hygiene and sanitation services at the improvised site is critical, while a lack of latrines, showers and water sources only exacerbates the situation. The influx of displaced people in host communities has increased pressure on existing infrastructure, and has required the construction of a new refugee site near the MINUSCA base.

Displaced people and host families are vulnerable to waterborne diseases as they draw water from unprotected traditional wells. The use of these unprotected and often isolated water sources pose a security risk for women and girls.

Recurring conflicts and intercommunity tensions have resulted in mistrust among the population, affecting the social fabric and people's daily lives.

## ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

Oxfam has been working in CAR since 2014 and is the only organization in the affected area providing water, sanitation and general protection services. Oxfam is part of the coordinating system put in place following the events in Bria, and the international community specifically ask for its assistance on this project.

## PROPOSED RESPONSE

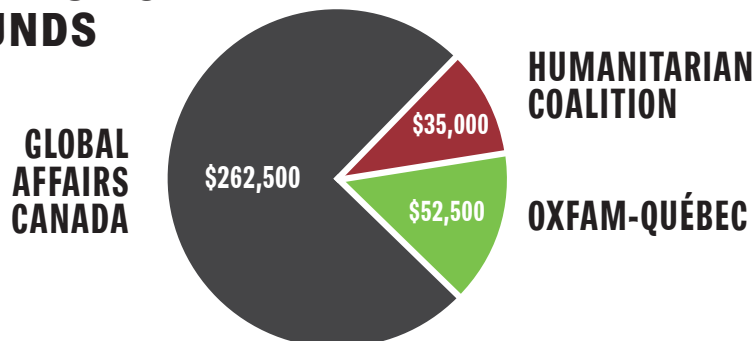
### Objective

Provide safe access to water, hygiene and sanitation for women, girls, boys and men affected by the conflict, in centres for displaced people and in Bria neighbourhoods.

### Activities

- Deliver and disinfect water for displaced persons at the MINUSCA site.
- Improve and restore water sources in host neighbourhoods
- Construct sanitation facilities (latrines, showers, waste management) in the displacement site
- Evaluate the possibility of constructing emergency public latrines in host neighbourhoods
- Distribute hygiene kits to displaced people at the site and in host neighbourhoods
- Set up activities to strengthen prevention mechanisms and reduce risk for civilians, primarily through awareness campaigns and separate meetings with residents and displaced people.

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