On 2 October 2015 we responded to a funding alert in response to conflict escalation in the Central African Republic.

The violence outbreak led to massive population displacement with an estimated 42,575 newly persons displaced in the Bangui region. The sudden and massive population movement is leading to many traumatised and unaccompanied or separated children from their families. The elections scheduled for 18 October 2015 are no longer taking place.

According to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)’s Financial Tracking Service (FTS), donors have committed or contributed US$342.8 million of humanitarian assistance to the Central African Republic so far in 2015. The US is the top donor, having contributed or committed US$84.8 million to the crisis.

So far in 2015, according to our analysis, US$17.9 million has been disbursed to the Bangui region of the Central African Republic. Of the total funding in 2015, an estimated US$21.5 million (6% of total) was committed or contributed to support internally displaced persons.

**GHA AND THE START NETWORK**

The GHA Programme is partnering with the [START network](http://www.start-network.org/how/start-fund/) to help to inform its funding allocation decisions. The START network is a consortium of British-based humanitarian INGOs, which has recently launched its own [fund](http://www.start-network.org/how/start-fund/#.U2JKTvldVXo) to help fill funding gaps and enable rapid response to under-reported crises where need is great.

When the START members issue a funding alert, we produce (within 12 hours) a rapid overview of the humanitarian funding picture – recent funding, an overview of appeals and funds, and analysis of donor trends. The analysis is targeted not only at the START network but also to a wider set of stakeholders engaged in these crises – including donors, humanitarian organisations, analysts, advocates and citizens.