

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN ANGOLA

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OVERALL SITUATION

Efforts to increase further overland access for humanitarian relief convoys continue. On 21 June 1995, WFP conducted a road reconnaissance mission from Kuito to Chitembo in Bie province, and further south to Menongue in Cuando Cubango province.

Meanwhile, preparations for the initiation of the quartering phase continue. As part of efforts to initiate detailed surveys of routes leading to proposed quartering areas, two NPA mine survey teams were deployed to Huambo province on 21 June 1995. Priority will be given first to the Huambo-Londumbali and Huambo-Vila Nova routes, and secondly to the corresponding areas of operations for these two quartering areas. On the other hand, the first seminar on Internally Displaced People took place in Luanda on 22-24 June 1995. During this seminar organized by the Ministry of Social Assistance and Reinsertion with support from UNDP, WFP, UCAH and UNICEF, and the participation of UNITA delegates, a standard strategy to assist IDPs returning to their areas of origin was proposed.

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Cabinda: In response to the alarm raised last week on a possible cholera outbreak, MSF-Holland travelled to Cabinda, and reported that the situation is now under control. According to MSF-H, while 250 cases were reported last month with 50 deaths, only 2 cases were reported recently in Bucu-Zau. Although the recent end of the rainy season allows to anticipate a sharp decrease in cases, MSF-Holland will continue to monitor the situation.

Luanda: On 22-24 June 1995, the first seminar on the displaced was held in Luanda with 38 participants from Government, UNITA, UN agencies and local and international NGOs. During the seminar, themes such as information gathering system about the displaced and their respective place of destinations, transport, reception, reinstallation and reintegration, were analyzed, and guidelines for a strategy to be used by Provincial Humanitarian Groups were developed. The national

NGO MNVLA, continues to register adolescents victims of drug intoxication in various municipalities of Luanda as part of its reeducation programme. This week MNVLA reported that 70% of the adolescents registered use psychological drugs, out of which 15% carry out criminal activities. Evidence of increased prostitution was also gathered by MNVLA in the capital, most are female war affected children who live in the streets. Meanwhile, in Sambizanga the national NGO APS, has provided education sessions on water treatment and mine awareness to the displaced in the area. CARE has provided APS with essential medicines and equipment for the later's health post. APS is also training some 40 health workers at their health post. Also in Sambizanga the local NGO FAD, supplied two schools with some 40 benches as part of its efforts to provide basic educational material to schools in the area.

Huila: A joint Ministry of Health

In Brief:

- **Correction:** Last week, ECHO approved the Portuguese NGO CIC's programme to provide assistance in health, food and nutrition to over 300,000 inhabitants in Rangel and not in Viana as reported in last week's bulletin. We express our deepest regrets for the inconvenience.
- As part of efforts to improve information sharing and coordination, national and international NGOs are hereby requested to provide UCAH/CMAO with data on their mine awareness education programmes and mines incidents in their areas of operation.
- Late last month some 22 children returned from Germany where they received medical treatment under PHCO's programme. They were part of a group of over 40 war affected children who are being assisted through this national NGO.
- The **Seeds and Tools sub-committee** is scheduled to meet next Wednesday 28 June, at **3pm**, at **UTCA**.

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