

UCAH News

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Highlights

- ◆ On the Anniversary of the Lusaka Protocol, the Government, UNITA and the United Nations reviewed the schedule of tasks to be implemented by both UNITA and GRA as stipulated by the Joint Commission.
- ◆ A WFP led mission to Kuando Kubango took place 27-28 November to review the food supply in Licua quartering area and introduce the new WFP Food Monitor for the region.
- ◆ NPA and CARITAs are both undertaking campaigns to arrest the spread of tripanosomosis.
- ◆ The NGO GOAL reports an outbreak of measles in Luanda.
- ◆ An agreement has been signed between WFP and MINARS to open 15 PIC-PECs (kindergartens) in Uige province
- ◆ IRSEM held their 5-day seminar on reintegration strategies with national NGOs between 25- 30 November.
- ◆ 7,000 kms of road demined and 52 bridges repaired since rehabilitation activities began reports UNAVEM.
- ◆ 28,249 Refugees have returned to Angola since January 1996 reports UNHCR.
- ◆ The 1997 programme for Mine Awareness proposed by INAROE has been presented to the NGOs and the Ministry of Education.
- ◆ Demobilization of Underage Soldiers continues with 629 transported from SDCs to their home community as of 27 November.
- ◆ The first phase of the Civic Training Programme in the quartering areas has come to an end.

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OVERVIEW

The Peace Process

Anniversary of the Lusaka Protocol -- review of progress to date

On the second anniversary of the Lusaka Protocol the Joint Commission held its 43rd session to discuss the implementation of outstanding tasks to be accomplished by both UNITA and the Government of Angola as requested by the UN Security Council in October. Among the tasks reviewed were the completion of the quartering and selection of UNITA troops; the lifting of all check points facilitating the free circulation of peoples and goods and the incorporation of the UNITA police into the National Police. The Joint Commission expressed satisfaction at the progress made to date. Following meetings held with both President dos Santos and UNITA leader, Jonas Savimbi, the UN SRSG, Alione Blondin Beye released a statement on the Anniversary of the Lusaka Protocol stating that Angola was now closer to peace than ever before.

UNITA reported on the progress of quartering of its troops to date, and at the time of the report over 68,000 troops had been registered throughout the 15 quartering areas including UNITA police and command post personnel. UNITA also stated that it had turned in to UNAVEM in the quartering areas a total of 29,583 personal weapons, 4,454 crew-served weapons and 8,500 kilograms of ammunition.

At the same time some progress was reported by both sides in regards to the dismantling of check-points maintained by the Government and UNITA throughout Angola, contributing to the much needed free circulation of peoples and goods. UNAVEM reports that some 74 checkpoints remain with FAA, UNITA and the ANP.

The UN Secretary-General Submits Report

The UN Secretary-General, Boutros Boutros-Ghali submitted his report to the Security Council for review on regarding the progress of the Angolan Peace Process. The UN Secretary General, while recognizing the progress to date states that the expectations of the international community have not yet been met and that the implementation of the timetable of tasks is behind schedule. The UN Secretary-General also urges both sides to cooperate fully and avoid engaging in any activity which may jeopardize the peace process.

While pleased with the quartering efforts to date there remained some question over the quartering of UNITA police from the diamond producing provinces of Lunda Norte and Lunda Sul. In addition, the selection process of UNITA troops for incorporation with the Angolan Armed forces has proceeded but has been delayed by the Government due to their imposed restrictive selection criteria.

Other concerns were noted specifically regarding the increased on the ground violations of the Lusaka accord, registered by both UNITA and FAA.

On the other hand, the Secretary-General states that he will submit recommendations on the role of the United Nations in Angola to the Security Council in his forthcoming report including the plan for a down-sizing UNAVEM III. The report indicates that 4 United Nations Infantry Units will be withdrawn by end December.

The Security Council is scheduled to discuss the UN Secretary Generals report in full on the progress in all areas of activities on 11 December.

Overview by Sector

Health

Update on Tripanosomiasis (Sleeping Sickness)

In 1974 only 3 cases of Tripanosomiasis were reported in Angola. Today, due to the effects of the war on the health system, the numbers have increased significantly and "sleeping sickness" is now one of the most serious threats to the population in several provinces in Angola.

During the month of November, the NGO NPA and the National Institute for tripanosomiasis is running a mobile campaign in the municipality of Cambambe, Kwanza Norte. This is the first campaign in the municipality since 1986. The population will be tested for Tripanosomiasis in order to treat people at an early stage should new cases be detected.

Prior and during the campaign a study of the most common vectors, tse tse flies and mosquitoes was carried out by the National Entomological Institute and NPA. The study shows that in some areas 25% of the flies carry the disease. High risk areas have been specifically targeted to find and treat positive cases and decrease the further spread of the disease.

The NGO CARITAS is currently undertaking a similar study of the extend of Tripanosomiasis in Municipalities in Uige province and the results should be available in early December. ■

UNAVEM launched its humanitarian Relief Programme for IDPs in Luanda with the opening of its medical, dental and veterinary camp at Benfica I on 19 November. This campaign is similar to earlier camps held at Negage, Camabatela and Puri in Uige Province.

The **International Medical Corps (IMC) in Maquela do Zombo** completed the practical training for 10 students in primary Health Care programmes. The clinic at the Maquela refugee reception centre during October screened 310 spontaneous returnees as well as providing medical care to 512 residents. Within the same programme of IMC, EPI activities are being carried out and 17 trained vaccinators completed their course in Damba. IMC is also training students in Mother and Child Care and Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs). ■

In short

The NGO GOAL reports an **outbreak of measles** in the Rocha Pinto area (municipality of Maianga) in Luanda. Since the last week of October, GOAL informed the Ministry of Health of 22 reported cases. GOAL supports the MOH post in the Rocha Pinto area. ■

The Ministry of Health report that other cases of measles have been reported within Luanda and a **measles vaccination campaign started 26 November** in the area of Rocha Pinto and Cazenga. ■

A health centre constructed by the NGO NPA in **Combomboloca, Bengo** province has been handed over to MINSA and the Catholic Church who plan to run it for the next 5 years. ■

The **Association of Medical Doctors of Asia (AMDA)** is training 18 Community Health Workers in **Sanza Pombo, Uige** province. The training runs for 8 weeks and the 18 workers will return to an equal amount of villages in Uige province to educate people on nutrition, family health care and hygiene. ■

MSF (B) in Luau, Moxico province is rehabilitating the local hospital. MSF(B) has also taken over the Tchiena health post which was rehabilitated by LWF. Additional health posts in Mucussueji and Cassi Sul, Moxico are also near completion of being rehabilitated by LWF. ■

The NGO GOAL have completed an assessment of the **Saurimo** hospital and have agreed to support the Pediatric section of the hospital throughout 1997. ■

Agriculture / Food Security

**Seeds and Tools delivered to Provinces,
Monitoring is next task...**

FAO/MINIDAR, SCF(UK), Donors and UCAH representatives met on 25 November to discuss the **next phase of the agricultural campaign** which will include monitoring and evaluation process to permit the assessment of the inputs and their impact and help define next years requirements in terms of food security and emergency input distributions. The meeting resulted in the formation of a working group to design the monitoring mechanism and a second meeting with all NGOs involved in agriculture will be held 6 December to discuss the monitoring methodology.

The first phase of the 1996/97 seeds and tools campaign is complete with all of the seeds and tools distributed to the provinces. The 1996/97 agricultural inputs included over 500 mts of seed and 1 million tools. This includes the EU/ODA contribution as well as similar inputs from OFDA/USAID, ICRISAT, CICV, WFP and FAO.

Two thousand seven hundred mts of maize seed was imported and a large amount of legume seed including 1,055 mts of beans, 797 mts of cowpeas and 555 mts of groundnuts. Significant amounts of sorghum (451 mts) and millet (227 mts) were also imported for the for the arid and semi-arid agroecological zones. Fertilizer was also imported this year to assist with the inputs and accelerate growth. Two hundred mts were distributed in the central plateau and the Government of Angola used its own resources and a credit line from Brazil to import an additional 25,000 mts of fertilizer. The Government is also importing some 1,300 mts of commercial maize seed.

A **WFP led mission** with representatives from AICF, UCAH and UTCA traveled to **Likua and Jamba, Kuando Kubango Province** on 26-27 November to investigate reports of malnutrition in the Likua Selection and Demobilization Centre (SDC), verify the quantities of food required and introduce the newly arrived WFP Technical Advisor, Mr. Francois Djissou, to be stationed in Kuando Kubango. The mission's preliminary report indicates satisfactory nutritional status of the population and that WFP supplies are regular. A nutritional survey may be planned for the near future. In Jamba the quantities of seeds and tools were reviewed as well as the food security situation. There were no cases of any nutritional emergency in this area.

In short

The NGO Africare distributed 224 mts of seeds (corn beans and peanut) and tools in Bie and Kuanza Sul provinces. With the assistance of the Brazilian battalion some 24,450 people benefited from the distribution in the Andulo and Nharea areas. In Kuanza Sul province the UNITA-controlled areas of Mussende and Cassongue and the Government areas of Wako Kungo received seeds and tools. ■

Africare also distributed seeds in a joint effort with SCF(UK) to additional 31,700 beneficiaries in both Government and UNITA controlled areas in Bie. ■

The **WFP/NGO** joint assessment to review collaboration between organizations in the field of food security completed its mission. The Delegation which had representatives from WFP Rome and various International NGOs held a final round table discussion with the NGOs in Angola to discuss recommendations for planning, monitoring and evaluations. ■

WFP has transported 6,529.59 mts of humanitarian aid by road convoys between 11 November and 25 November. ■

The Angolan Government through the Ministry of Agriculture has recently released their "Horizon 2010" a National strategy for Agricultural Development in Angola. ■

WFP/MINARS inaugurated a new PIC-PEC in Mbanza Quinguanga, Uige province. In November an agreement was signed **between MINARs and WFP to open and support 15 PIC-PECs** to host 4,000 children in Uige province. WFP will provide 35 mts of food per month including transport for the 15 PIC-PECs. MINARS use the PIC-PECs to relay information about nutrition, health and sanitation education in an effort to help the prevention of tuberculosis, one of the major health problems in Uige. The Danish Red Cross is also assisting in the project by helping MINARS with the distribution of the food for the PIC-PECs. ■

Human Rights

Seminar planned for future

A seminar on human rights is scheduled to take place December in Huambo. The seminar organized by UNAVEM human rights division will be the 5th seminar held on human rights in Angola since the signing of the Lusaka Protocol.

Rehabilitation

Oxfam reports on New Rehabilitation Programme

Oxfam UKI have recently put forth their rehabilitation and development programme for Benguela province to run for a 2 year period. The focus of the programme will be on water, sanitation and hygiene with an additional food security and agricultural component. In Kuito, Bie province another proposal for a 12 month programme has been developed to include hand dug wells, boreholes, sanitation and hygiene and educational components.

The agricultural centre constructed by the NGO NPA in Colomboloca, Bengo province was recently opened by the Minister of Public Works, NPA and the NGO AAD. The centre has been handed over to Accao Angolana para Desenvolvimento (AAD) and will serve as a centre for education and also as the centre for projects in Cassoneca in Bengo. NPA have also constructed 2 primary schools, one in Casefo and the other in Zambeca both in Bengo province. ■

In short

Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) in Maquela do Zombo, Uige province, is constructing/rehabilitating 12 schools. Work is almost completed and school furniture has been ordered. ■

Lutheran World Federation is completing the rehabilitation of Schools in Cazombo, Moxico Province and other schools in the municipality of Luau are also ongoing. A carpentry workshop is being set up in Luau and Cazombo to speed up the production of furniture. ■

Coordination/Collaboration

IRSEM/SeCor Workshop with National NGOS started 25 November

National NGOs gathered in Luanda at INAP on 25 November to begin the workshop sponsored by IRSEM-formulated to introduce National NGOs to the reintegration strategy of IRSEM-SeCor and to encourage their participation into the process including the formulation of projects nationwide to target reintegration of demobilized personnel and benefit host communities where large populations may be returning. This is the second workshop focused on reintegration strategies and project formulation following the UCAH sponsored workshop with International NGOs. ■

In short

UNHCR and implementing partners in Moxico are holding regular meetings with UNITA in Lumege to discuss security and working conditions. ■

19 November UCAH began its regular **Coordination Meetings with Local NGOs**. 2 meetings have been held to date to discuss programme issues and practical problems. ■

UCAH met with Government, UNITA, national and international NGOs at the Provincial Humanitarian Coordination Group (PHCG) on 15 November in Uige to evaluate mechanisms for assistance to the population. Some of the issues discussed were the recent initiatives of the seed and tools campaign, the problem of tripanosomiasis affecting the population of Dange-Kitexe municipality and proposals for a start up of MINARS (PIC-PEC) programme in UNITA areas. ■

Representatives from the Government and UNICEF officials met on 27 November in Luanda to discuss means for the implementation of the 1997-1998 Programme for Action (NPA). ■

Refugees

Contingency Planned for Zairian Refugees

UNHCR Angola reports that they are supporting MINARS in developing a contingency plan for a possible number of returnees into Zaire, Uige and Moxico Provinces in light of the civil conflicts in the Great Lakes region which may cause a spill over of refugees to other regions.

UNHCR reports that between 1 January and 1 November 1996 28,249 returnees have arrived to various provinces in Angola. Zaire province has the highest number of returnees registered with 5,331 returnees. A large number of returnees have also arrived to Moxico Province and Cabinda.

In the past months the eastern province of Moxico, particularly in the Cazombo and Lumbala N'guibo Field Offices recorded a significant influx of returnees. The influx may be due to the fact that the assistance within Zambia refugee camps is reportedly lacking, uncertainty over the recent presidential elections in that country and the beginning of the rainy season. UNHCR are putting in place the appropriate measures to assist large numbers of returnees in that region.

UNHCR's Programme and Associate Social Services Officer reviewed the Repatriation Operation in response to health problems and

nutritional shortcomings identified among Zairian Refugees in Luanda (Viana and Boa Esperanca) and refugees in transit from provinces repatriating to Zaire. An agreement between UNHCR and IOM has been drawn up for the repatriation of Zairian refugees from provinces and to provide medical screening and care prior to departures from Luanda and the provinces.

Three Zairian refugees were arrested in Saurimo, Lunda Sul province, in the framework of the Cancer II operation. They were released as a result of a joint UNHCR/COREDA intervention. Cancer II is a national programme implemented by Angolan police to deport illegal immigrants from Angola.

During the month of October, 157 Zairian refugees repatriated voluntarily to Zaire, accompanied by a protection staff member. UNHCR reports that the present situation in Goma and Kivu, Zaire may affect the willingness of refugees to return to that country.

Zairian refugees who fled from UNITA controlled areas to Conde were registered by UNHCR for Repatriation.

The Mbanza Congo Field Office is undertaking a mission to transfer 31 returnees from their reception centre to N'zeto. ■

IDPs

Plan for IDPs in Jamba

On 27 November the WFP led mission to Kuando Kubango also looked at the IDP situation in Jamba. According to the Governor in Jamba, there are some 10,000 people living in the vicinity. IOM plans to undertake a **joint evaluation** mission of the area with WFP in mid-December. The purpose of the evaluation will be to verify population data, assess materials required for a resettlement operation and evaluate the conditions of the roads and bridges. ■

In short

IOM reports that they will undertake a joint mission to assess the situation in Moxico in December to look at preparations for the return of some 1,680 IDPs displaced in and around the Luanda area. ■

Meetings are ongoing in Bengo province between IOM, SCF(UK) and other agencies regarding the return of families from Viana transit centre to Bengo. ■

Street Children

Centre now hosting 70 children each day

The "Casa de Lando" centre for Street Kids rehabilitated by GOAL and supported by the Dutch government is hosting some 60-70 street children each day since it opened some weeks ago. The children who visit the centre are receiving informal education and peer education, a chance to participate in recreational activities, enjoy bathing facilities and 2 meals a day. The centre is also in the process of hopefully securing funds for a 24 hour sick bay to assist sick children. At the moment the centre is running a day clinic.

The NGO GOAL asks for your **participation** in their Christmas Fund-raiser to be held 6 December at the French Club on Ilha. Tickets for the festivities cost a mere \$20 will all funds going towards hosting a Christmas event for Street Children in the coming weeks. It's a great cause ...why not help out and have some fun while you're at it? Tickets from Ronan at GOAL #344912.

The NGO GOAL is also continuing with their daily meal programme at 8 locations around the city. They now feed some 150 street children from the back of their "Lando" between 6-9 pm and have recently added 2 new locations to their schedule. This is also in addition to

the 4 health clinics for street children run out of containers in 4 corners of the city.

Free Circulation of People and Goods

7,000 Kms Demined says UNAVEM

UNAVEM announced that as of 18 November 52 bridges have been constructed and 7,000 kms of road were demined through cooperation with NGOs and donor countries since rehabilitation activities began.

UNAVEM reports that a number of checkpoints have been dismantled since the last

report. As of 28 November only 74 checkpoints remained, 11 from FAA, 47 with ANP and 16 UNITA.

On November 28, the Brazilian Engineering Company launched their new bridge over the Dange River. This bridge will replace the temporary floating bridge put in by the Ukrainians and will facilitate traffic from Luanda-Caxito-Uige.

ROAD UPDATE:

Luanda-Dondo-N'dalatando-Malange-Saurimo-Luena

- Some stretches not very good. UNAVEM continues repairs on stretch between rivers Lu and Lui, road is opened from Saurimo to Luena. Bridge over river Luxia on this route is weak and needs repairs.

Luanda-Caxito-Uige-Maquela do Zombo

- Luanda-Caxito-Uige opened but road between Uige and Maquela Do Zombo in bad condition.

Lobito-Balombo-Altohama-(Bie) Cuito-Luena

- The road is opened from Lobito to Kuito, however, the road from Kuito- Camacupa is a mine risk and is closed up to Luena with 2 broken bridges up to Cuemba.

Namibe-Lubango-Matala-Cuchi-Menongue

- Road to Menongue demined by Mechem possible to drive with 4x4 using bypasses. Road from Cuchi to Menongue in bad condition.

Luanda-Sumbe-Lobito-Cubal-Humabo

- Road opened with bypass around destroyed bridge at Cubal. Road Cubal to Ganda demined by Mechem. Some stretches of dirt track with number of UXOs scattered along route.

Camacupa-Andulo-Calucingar-Mussende-Malange

- Not opened from Kuito to Andulo due to mine threat and 3 broken bridges. Between Mussende to Malange the bridge over River Cuije is impassable.

UCAH News inputs

UACH's information Unit would appreciate any updates from NGOs and other UN agencies for inclusion into the UCAH News bulletin. Should you have information please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Johnson at UCAH ext 4514 or send it in to the info unit.

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Donor support

In November, the **Italian Cooperation**, contributed medicines and laboratory equipment for all the quartering areas worth \$120,000 USD.

This contribution is in addition to a \$685,000 donation made recently through the Italian Embassy in Angola. The contribution is for the demobilization and reintegration programme with 1,000 billion Lire for demining, 4.9 billion lire for demobilization.(equaling \$685,000). ■

The Swedish Government has recently signed an agreement with UCAH for a contribution of \$140,000 (N-16 in the consolidated appeal) to support UCAH's coordination programme in Malange province. ■

The Spanish Government has recently signed an agreement with UCAH for \$800,000 for the funding of NGOs working in humanitarian programmes in demobilization, re-integration and demining. ■

The United Nations and IOM released a document outlining Urgent Funding Requirements for the quartering phase for the period November 1996-January 1997. The UN is requesting that donors support humanitarian assistance in the quartering areas due to delays in the demobilization process extending the quartering. The UN and IOM estimate that they will require some \$19 million to support the 69,000 ex-UNITA soldiers in the quartering areas and their 120,000 dependents for the next 3 months. ■

HMD International will soon broadcast

Humanitarian Aid Medical Development is a London-based NGO, newly arrived in Angola. Besides other humanitarian programs they will carry out demining activities (incl. training and mine awareness), starting in Saurimo region next year. HMD will broadcast practical information regarding the different programs they and other NGOs implement. Simultaneously, they will distribute 50'000 manually-powered radio sets in conjunction with War Child an UK-based humanitarian organization.

INAROE's Mine awareness program for 1997

A proposal for **INAROE's 1997 Mine accidents prevention education program** has been presented on 19 November to the NGOs involved and to the Ministry of Education. Its main concern is about promoting training at the provincial level.

Progress chart

	<i>MINE AWARENESS</i>	<i>TRAINING</i>	<i>DEMINEING</i>
<i>Bengo</i>	SCF(US) and UNICEF carry out mine awareness activities.		SCF(US) continues demining in the Caxito area. Survey is suspended. NPA continues clearance activities as part of a repatriation plan of IDPs from Caxito. They are also demining in Ucuá, with the mine dog team. MGM finished demining the Luanda side of the the new bridge set up by the UNAVEM Brazilian Engineering Company over the Rio Dange, on the Dange-Caxito road.
<i>Benguela</i>	CRS carries out mine awareness activities.	NPA dog training center being completed.	NPA is carrying out a level 1 survey. NPA are expecting 2 flail systems.
<i>Bié</i>	UNICEF carries out mine awareness activities.		The DB continue operations around the Kuito water tank and remove UXOs on Kuito airport and around the city. The DB is also continuing demining operations around Cunje water tank. Halo Trust is continuing demining in Kuito . One team is working in Andulo

<i>Cuando-Cubango</i>	UNICEF and CARE carry out mine awareness activities.		CARE (Greenfields) continues demining in Menongue . They have almost finished clearing a former FAPLA base. The DB are currently clearing a former FAPLA ammunition store outside the town of Menongue .
<i>Huambo</i>	UNICEF carries out mine awareness activities.		The newly trained DB mark the UXOs in the city of Huambo , which are then destroyed by Halo Trust .
<i>Huíla</i>	UNICEF carries out mine awareness activities.		
<i>Kwanza Sul</i>			SCF-US continues demining and survey activities.
<i>Kwanza Norte</i>	The Angolan Red Cross and WVI carry out mine awareness activities.	NPA is preparing the training of 100 personnel to be based in Ndalatando . The training is likely to be delayed until January 1997.	One NPA section from Malanje has been detached to Kwanza Norte to carry out emergency clearance tasks at the Ndalatando hospital.
<i>Lunda Norte</i>	The Angolan Red Cross carries out mine awareness activities.		
<i>Lunda Sul</i>	CMAO/INAROE/Handicap International , with funds from SwedRelief , carry out mine awareness activities in quartering and family areas. 15 sensitization agents from Licua quartering area have just been trained. Muxinda quartering area will be the last one to benefit from this sensitization campaign, when training starts on 14 November. The Angolan Red Cross carries out mine awareness activities.		

<i>Malange</i>			The DB continues operations in Quessua area, as part of the rehabilitation of agricultural land. NPA is carrying out a level 1 survey and continues demining.
<i>Moxico</i>	MAG and UNICEF carry out mine awareness activities.	SCF-US active	MAG teams are operational in Luena area. SCF(US)/INAROE's DB conduct mine survey and demining operations in Cazumbo area in support of operations to resettle refugees from Zambia .
<i>Uije</i>			The DB remains inactive due to lack of radios and international supervisors. MGM has finished demining the Uije side of the the new bridge set up by the UNAVEM Brazilian Engineering Company over the Rio Dange, on the Dange-Caxito road.

Note: This chart is NOT extensive: it doesn't show the state of all on-going activities but highlights some of the progress made in the country.

DB: Demining Brigade trained at the CMAO/UNAVEM Central Mine Action Training School in Viana.
UXO: Unexploded Ordnance.

General information

- MECHEM's activities are suspended.
- Two NPA personnel will continue to carry out monitoring and refresher training for mine awareness activities.
- All NPA teams will close down for Christmas and continue the work in January.

Accidents chart

LOCATION	ACCIDENT	ORGANIZATION INVOLVED
<i>Bengo province</i>	A serious accident occurred on 28 November. Three deminers were severely injured.	SCF(US)

New Staff in Angola :

UCAH would like to feature every few weeks a page announcing newly arrived staff to Angola both for United Nations Agencies and Non-Governmental Organizations.

To start UCAH would like to update our partners on some new additions to UCAH and their positions and call signs. In addition we would like to take this opportunity to announce some departures of UCAH staff members who are leaving Angola after years of hard work.

Newly Arrived	Position	Date of Arrival	Call Sign
Judith Lewis	Assistant Director	September 1996	AP2
Jennifer Johnson	Information Officer	October 1996	AI 1
Fred Spielburg	Consultant/Demob	November 1996	AZ
Dr. Elio Giombini	WHO/UCAH Health Programme	December 1996	AR3

Departures:

Mr. Carlos Veloso	Operations Manager
Mr. Gustavo Gonzales	DRO Planning Coordinator
Dr. Nevio Zagaria	WHO/UCAH medical Coordinator

** *If your organization would like to announce a new arrival please let us know at UCAH's information Office # 344321 or 348205 ext: 4514*

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United Nations Humanitarian Assistance Coordination Unit
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Demobilization and Reintegration Office
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While the transportation of demobilized underage soldiers from the Selection and Demobilization Center at Negage began on 13 November 1996, members of the Technical Working Group on Demobilization and Reintegration are scheduled to travel during the next reporting period to Huambo. During this mission, field representatives of the organizations involved in the demobilization process will be acquainted with the latest policy developments concerning the transportation of underage soldiers who are on stand-by at the SDCs in Vila Nova, Londumbali and N'Gove. The return of these underage ex-combatants was put on hold last month pending the verification of the presence of family members at the new resettlement areas indicated at the last moment.

QUARTERING



Registration: As of 17 November, the situation at the 15 Selection and Demobilization Centers (SDCs) was as follows:

- ◆ 65,362 FMU troops registered;
- ◆ 1,954 UNITA Policemen registered;
- ◆ 107,046 dependents of FMU troops registered;
- ◆ 270 dependents of UNITA Policemen registered;
- ◆ 290 UNITA officers from dismantled command post registered;
- ◆ 52,168 FMU troops present;
- ◆ 1,949 UNITA Policemen present;
- ◆ 16,152 FMU troops selected for incorporation into FAA.



Military War Disabled: As of 17 November, the status of activities for the registration, medical evaluation and demobilization of MWD was as follows:

- Biongue special center: 926 MWDs registered;
- Mavinga: 497 MWDs registered;

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- Jamba and Kavaleka: preparations underway to begin registration;
- Cangola: 218 MWDs registered;
- Bonga: preparations are being finalized to commence registration;
- Boa Vista: 67 MWDs registered and awaiting medical evaluation;
- Over 4,000 FMU military war disabled have been registered at the SDCs;
- FAA estimates indicate the presence of between 5,000-6,000 military war disabled registered at FAA barracks.

SELECTION: As of 17 November, a total of 16,152 FMU troops had been selected from the 15 SDCs as follows:

- 1,104 officers;
- 1,125 sergeants;
- 13,923 privates.

CIVIC TRAINING PROGRAMME: The first phase of the Civic Training Programme (CTP) has come to an end at all SDCs. During the reporting period, UCAH and the Technical NGO Committee staff concluded the phase by evaluating the level of implementation of the programme with the implementing NGOs at the pending SDCs namely, Caiundo, Lumege and Chicuma. These occasions also served to formally introduce to the implementing NGO and its corresponding local staff the second phase of the CTP as well as the visual material developed for this phase. While the first phase of the CTP centered on acquainting quartered FMU personnel with basic human rights, the Lusaka Protocol and providing basic literacy and numeracy skills, the second phase focuses on the demobilization benefits and reintegration options provided by the Government of the Republic of Angola and the international community to demobilized personnel.

Civic Training is also being carried out at the special centers for FMU military war disabled at Boa vista, Cangola, Jamba and Mavinga. This is part of efforts of ensuring that the MWDs, as members of the vulnerable group, have access to the same benefits as those former combatants who were not scarred physically by the war.

DEMOBILIZATION

◆ **Technical Working Group on Demobilization and Reintegration-Joint Commission:** During the reporting period, the TWGDR held its twenty-third, twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sessions at the premises of the Joint Commission in Luanda. Members endorsed the principles in the plan of action for the rapid demobilization of military war disabled and the extension of humanitarian support by the international community to families of FMU troops integrating FAA. The TWGDR also finalized a set of recommendations in terms of basic principles and policies for the Joint Commission in order to improve the implementation of the demobilization process. Once endorsed by the JC, these recommendations will be the basis for the coordination and monitoring of the demobilization phase at all levels and by all intervening entities.

◆ **Demobilization update:** On Wednesday, 13 November 1996 the International Organization for Migration (IOM) began, with the support of the United Nations and NGOs, the transportation of underage soldiers from the Selection and Demobilization Center at Negage to their resettlement locations.

DEMOBILIZATION AND REINTEGRATION IN ANGOLA

As of 17 November, a total of 77 UnS accompanied by 30 dependents returned to 12 communities from the SDC at Negage bringing the total number of demobilized underage soldiers to 571. During the coming days, over 500 UnS still present at Negage will be carried home. This effort counts with the valuable support of church workers who under the supervision of the Christian Children's Fund (CCF) and in close collaboration with UCAH, UNICEF and MINARS continue family tracing activities as part of efforts to reunify these underage with their families. Efforts to ensure a transparent, efficient and timely demilitarization of these premature adults include reinforced monitoring by United Nations personnel of the location and condition under which demobilized are deposited at designated drop-off points as well as the verification of the identity of social monitors or reference individuals receiving UnS.

REINTEGRATION

SeCoR: The Counselling and Referral Service for demobilized personnel (SeCoR) is finalizing preparations for a seminar on reintegration initiatives for ~~national non-governmental organizations. This five-day seminar is scheduled to~~ take place from 25 to 30 November 1996 in Luanda and will count with the support of the National Institute for the Socio-Professional Reintegration of Ex-combatants (IRSEM), the Ministry for Social Assistance and Reinsertion (MINARS) and the United Nations Development Programme in Angola (UNDP).

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION

Joint Commission: On 21 November the Joint Commission (JC) is scheduled to hold its 44th ordinary session during which the level of implementation of the calendar of tasks to be completed by the signatories of the Lusaka Protocol by 20 November will be examined. Among the key issues scheduled for review are:

- ◆ Lifting of all check points by GRA and UNITA;
- ◆ Dismantling of all command posts of UNITA military forces;
- ◆ Conclusion of withdrawal of FAA to the nearest barracks;
- ◆ Completion of formation of new FAA;
- ◆ Selection and incorporation of FMU personnel into Angolan National Police and Rapid Reaction Police;
- ◆ Disarmament of the Civilian Defense Corps;
- ◆ Normalization of state administration.

On 11 December 1996, the United Nations Security Council is scheduled to analyze, once again, the Angolan peace portfolio. The level of implementation of the tasks listed in the consolidated timetable agreed by the Joint Commission will serve as a basis for the analysis of the possible extension of the mandate of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (III).

UCAH Calendar

Month of December 1996

Meetings and events

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat/Sun
					30/1
2	3	4	5	6	7/8
A B	C D E		H I	J	
9	10	11	12	13	14/15
K	L M N	O	P Q	R	
16	17	18	19	20	21/22
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23	24	25	26	27	28/29
Y	Z A B		C D	E	
30	31				
F	G H				

Unscheduled events

- ① Agricultural Interventions Coordination
FAO, MINADER, SCF-UK, EU
9am, MINADER.
- ② Formal certification by UNAVEM that all requisite conditions have been fulfilled to enable the normalization of state administration
- ③ Security Council meets to discuss new extension of UNAVEM mandate

Notes:

- With the holidays, this program is very likely to be greatly modified.

Sub-working groups of the TWGDR meet on an ad hoc basis.

Scheduled Meetings

MONDAY

A Ad hoc Demobilization
Coordination Group
10am, UCAH. Weekly.

B Security
15pm, UCAH. Monthly

TUESDAY

C Demobilization
(TWGDR sub-working group)
11am, IRSEM. Weekly.

D National NGOs
15pm, UCAH. Weekly

E CONGA Meeting
15pm, UTCA. Every 2d Tuesday.

F TWGDR
16pm, Joint Commission. Weekly.

THURSDAY

G NGOs' Coordination Meeting
on Demobilization
9am, UCAH. Every 2d Thursday.

H Food Aid Coordination Group
(Sub-committee of the HCG)
9am, WFP. (For confirmation,
call 394439 or 396733)

I TWGDR
Demobilization Coordination Group
(UN)
17pm, UNAVEM. Weekly.

J IDPs & Refugees sub-working
group
(Sub-committee of the HCG)
15pm, MINARS. Every 2d Thursday
(Confirm with Dra Maria da Luz, 342949
or 343606)