



*Yana's child diagnosed by mobile clinic staff, Koulkime, photo by Concern Worldwide, Apr 2021*

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## **MOBILE CLINICS: AN ALTERNATIVE MODEL OF CARE IN CONFLICT- AFFECTED SETTINGS WITHIN COVID- 19 CONTEXT, CHAD**

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# CONTEXT

## CHAD :

- Located in the **West-Central Africa region**
- Health system **chronically under-funded & suffering from shortages of drugs, essential equipment and lack of qualified staff**
- **COVID-19:** 7,581 confirmed cases and 193 confirmed deaths (7<sup>th</sup> of October 2022, WHO)
- **Lake region:** deterioration of humanitarian situation



# ISSUES

- **Lake region:** Priority intervention area for Concern Worldwide since June 2017
- Combination of **expanding conflict, food insecurity, natural disasters, epidemics and climate change**
- **Estimated Internally displaced persons (IDPs):** 450,000 (60% of the region population)
- Challenges to **access essential health services and referrals**



*Aerial view of the Lake region,  
Photo by Concern Worldwide, Sep 2020*

## DESCRIPTION

- **May 2021 - 30 April 2022:** project implemented by Concern Chad, under European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) funding
- Deployment of **2 two mobile clinics** and support to **7 static health facilities**
- **Partnership** with district/provincial health authorities
- **Criteria** for site selection: remoteness & lack of access to healthcare
- **Essential package of services:** prevention of childhood communicable diseases, reproductive health services, treatment of common ailments and management of acute malnutrition in children under 5

## DESCRIPTION: Mobile clinics

### Support to:

- Human resources: 2 teams of qualified health workers
- Drug and RUTF procurement; stock monitoring; rational drug use
- WASH (e.g. hand station, waste management)



General set-up, Mobile clinic in Ngourtoutkou Mboua, Photo by Concern Worldwide, Dec 2021



Dispensing pharmacy, Mobile clinic in Ngourtoutkou Mboua, Photo by Concern Worldwide, Dec 2021

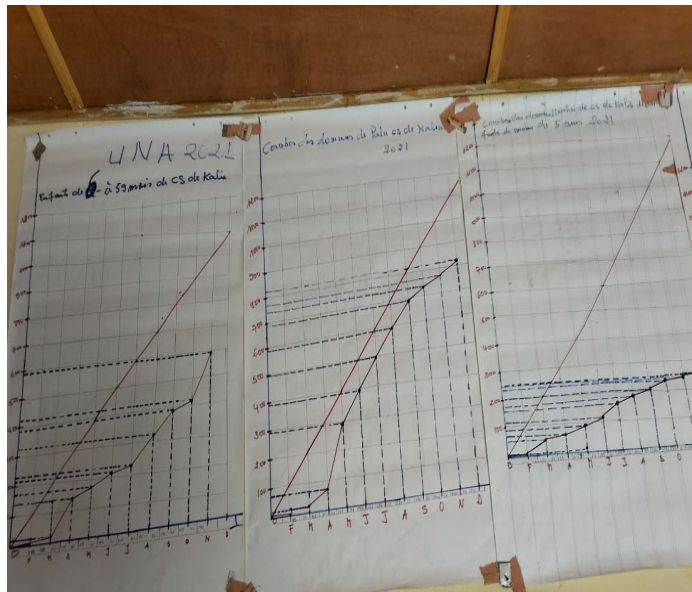
# DESCRIPTION: Static Health Facilities

## Support to:

- Same package of services + deliveries
- Health Management Information System (HMIS)



*Kalia Health Centre, Photo by Concern Worldwide, Dec 2021*



*Monitoring malnutrition trends, Kalia Health Centre, Photo by Concern Worldwide, Dec 2021*



*Dispensing pharmacy, Fourkoulom Health Post, Photo by Concern Worldwide, Dec 2021*

## DESCRIPTION

Category of consultations	Mobile	Static	Total	Mobile clinics in % of the total
Curative	14,144	26,845	40,989	34.5%
Antenatal care	2,874	7,966	10,840	27%
Postnatal care	282	1,272	1,554	18%
Deliveries by skilled health personnel	N/A	1,131	1,131	N/A
Management of severe acute malnutrition (SAM)	1,510	3,673	5,183	29%

## LESSONS LEARNED

- **Referral system:** key component to support mobile clinics, facilitate safe referral of complicated cases and ensure continuum of care
- **COVID-19 infection prevention and control measures** during service delivery essential for maintaining safe services at mobile and static facility levels
- In fragile and conflict-affected settings, mobile clinics have the potential **to improve access for vulnerable and isolated populations**



## NEXT STEPS

- Support basic delivery of an **essential quality package**
- Continue **supporting and advocating** for mobile clinics in hard-to-reach areas
- Adapt the strategy **to timely respond to new needs** in underserved communities
- Strengthen **protection** and **gender** strategies