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One in 5 Children Displaced in Central African Republic, Says UNICEF

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United Nations, Nov 17 (Prensa Latina) Nearly one in five children in the Central African Republic remain displaced or is a refugee following the violence that has killed thousands of people, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) said today.

Violence and widespread displacement have made children especially vulnerable to health risks, exploitation and abuse, UNICEF warned.

More than a third of boys and girls are not attending school in CAR, according to UNICEF, and more than 40 per cent of children under five suffer from chronic malnutrition, the agency said.

'This is still one of the world's most dangerous countries for children, and renewed violence threatens to undermine signs of progress, so it is a need to highlight education and social services' said UNICEF.