



MAACF002 Appeal number

9,200,000 Swiss francs
funding requirement

490,000 People to be reached

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

IFRC Country Office

2020

BACKGROUND

The CAR plan is informed by the needs and priorities of the CAR Red Cross. It is also in line with the Africa Region Road Map IFRC strategy 2020.

Country Profile

With a total area of 622,980 km², the Central African Republic is a country whose population was estimated to be about 4.75 million in 2018. The IFRC established a country office in CAR at the end of 2013 in order to support the Civil Strife Operation and Global Fund programs on malaria, tuberculosis and HIV. Since then, civil unrest has ended, as have Global Fund programs, but a joint assessment by the IFRC and the Central African Red Cross has revealed there are still enormous humanitarian challenges and the National Host Society (NHS) still needs IFRC support to meet these challenges. Actions by the IFRC with the support of its financial partners and in support of the Central African Government are in place to help reduce the gaps in access to care. The security situation in many parts of the country means that access to certain communities

and localities is extremely precarious, and there is a critical need for humanitarian and development services. Poorly developed socio-economic infrastructure, weak health systems and the lack of adequate local human resources further complicate the service delivery environment in CAR.

National Society Profile

The Central African Red Cross Society is officially recognized by the Government of the Central African Republic as a voluntary relief society, auxiliary to the public authorities in the humanitarian area. It is the only National Society of the Red Cross capable of operating throughout the territory of the Central African Republic.

The National Society has key priorities in three areas of intervention:

- Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)
- Livelihoods and basic needs
- Health

Movement partners who support the CARC include the IFRC (all programs), the French Red Cross (Health), the ICRC (Health and Livelihoods) and the Netherlands Red Cross (Disaster Risk Reduction).



Role of the Country office

The IFRC supports the National Society by:

- Strengthening the capacity of the National Society and ensuring its sustainable and relevant presence in communities
- Ensuring effective management of emergencies in the country
- Influencing others as a key strategic partner in humanitarian action and community resilience
- Guaranteeing a strong, effective, credible and accountable National Society
- Promoting the concepts of gender, diversity, inclusion and accountability in interventions.

Movement Footprint

Monthly Movement Coordination meetings are a forum for partners to find solutions and share information about their achievements and challenges. A draft Movement Coordination Agreement (MCA) is being prepared and the initiative is supported by all CAR Movement partners. Efforts will be made in 2020 to consolidate Movement coordination in the country.

Some key activities by Movement partners:

- The French Red Cross is the principal recipient of the Global Funds Programme on HIV/TB in CAR until 2020
- The French Red Cross is also implementing a project to strengthen the Health sector in CAR with Bekou funding
- Both programmes will continue to be implemented in close collaboration with the National Society
- The Netherlands Red Cross will continue to strengthen the capacities of the CARC in the area of Disaster Risk Reduction. Efforts will include training of NDRTs, strengthening of the HNS's theatre group for subsequent sensitization sessions, youth disaster preparedness, and rehabilitation of targeted local branches.
- ICRC is supporting Livelihoods and Basic Needs through their ECOSEC programme in CAR. This includes distribution of non-food items, repairing water wells and water points
- ICRC is also supporting health activities such as the strengthening of targeted health centres. Other support covers the construction of targeted local branches of the National Society, and the establishment of a MCA to ensure a greater impact of Movement interventions

AREAS OF FOCUS

AREA OF FOCUS
DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
DRR

10,000

HOUSEHOLDS TO RECEIVE FARMING ASSISTANCE

AREA OF FOCUS
LIVELIHOODS AND
BASIC NEEDS

1,200

HOUSEHOLDS TO RECEIVE FARMING ASSISTANCE

AREA OF FOCUS
HEALTH

156,000

CHILDREN TO BE REACHED IN UNICEF-FUNDED
IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMME

» STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION «

- STRENGTHEN NATIONAL SOCIETY CAPACITIES •
- ENSURE EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT •
- INFLUENCE OTHERS AS LEADING STRATEGIC PARTNERS •
- ENSURE A STRONG IFRC •

AREA OF FOCUS

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

A large part of the Central African Republic population lives in poor conditions, following the displacement of 4.7 million people. There are 2.5 million people in need of assistance, and 1.9 million considered to be vulnerable. Most of these people live among dense tropical rainforest, and their communities are at risk of flooding during heavy rain, further worsening their living conditions.

The IFRC will continue to support the National Society, in collaboration with Movement partners, in the revision of the National Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction, which has been under review since 2018.

Some key activities in 2020 include:

- KFW, SN will be helped to develop community-level contingency plans in the health areas with 20 training courses, using the IFRC's Community Based Health and Community Based Health /ECA approaches as entry points.
- Mini vulnerability and capacity studies will be conducted in these health areas with the participation of the community to identify the main risks. Each targeted area will have a clear and developed risk map with the participation of community members.
- Each health area will have a contingency plan with a good warning system for monitoring identified risks.
- Community action plans will be developed, and activities will be implemented using the CBHSP approach. This will ensure community acceptance and use of services provided by health facilities.
- Community response teams will be put in place to respond promptly in the event that these risks materialize.

The interventions identified will be in line with SDGs 1, 2, 3 and 5, and will aim to build community resilience in line with the milestones identified in the IFRC's African Regional Road Map.

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**PEOPLE TO BE REACHED BY THE RED CROSS WITH CAMPAIGNS
TO REDUCE, MITIGATE AND RESPOND TO IDENTIFIED RISKS**

10,000

AREA OF FOCUS

LIVELIHOODS AND BASIC NEEDS

The majority of the Central African population live in rural areas where agriculture is the main source of livelihood. But due to enormous levels of displacement, there are many who cannot access their farms and have lost their work and income. As a result, food insecurity is acute, and 1.9 million people are considered vulnerable.

The National Society's Livelihoods and Food Security Strategy provides for the purchase, transportation and distribution of seeds and agricultural tools to 1,200 families in the worst-affected areas (Mbaiki, Boali, Bossambembele, Yaloke, Damara, and Boda). The type of seeds to be delivered in each zone will reflect the region's eating habits, including rice, maize, sorghum, peanuts and cassava. Agricultural tools including hoes, shovels, pixels and racks will also be provided.

The National Society plans to target women's involvement in agriculture through at least 120 associations. The Society aims to increase household incomes by distributing chickens to 1,200 female-led households - each family will receive a rooster and three hens. These activities will involve 760 volunteers, including at least 126 in each of the targeted areas.

The National Society will partner with the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Food Programme to distribute food, seeds and agricultural tools. These activities will be linked to initiatives in the Lake Chad Basin.

In addition to recognizing that people affected by a disaster or crisis must maintain their human dignity at all costs, the activities planned under this Operational Plan will ensure the participation of those affected using Community Based Health and Community Based Health (CBHFA) approaches, First Aid, and Community involvement

in the selection of beneficiaries, the identification of their own needs and the effective implementation of activities. Guided by the IFRC gender policy and commitment to non-discrimination and respect for diversity, the beneficiary selection process will take into account socially or economically disadvantaged and excluded groups and address disability issues, gender, age and minority. The choice of activities will be made by the beneficiaries and will take into account their previous experiences. The IFRC is also committed to ensuring that the SPHERE minimum standards of the Humanitarian Charter are respected.

The Central African Red Cross will implement SDG-related Objective 2 interventions to promote agricultural practices that ensure the availability of food for households. Skills training is a priority intervention of the Regional Roadmap for Africa. The plan for 2020 will therefore focus on building human capital through this methodology.

130,000
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SEEDS AND AGRICULTURAL TOOLS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO 1,200 FAMILIES IN THE MOST VULNERABLE AREAS

1,200

AREA OF FOCUS

HEALTH

The Central African Republic is at high risk of disease outbreaks. Over the years, parts of the country have experienced repeated outbreaks of Monkeypox, cholera and meningitis. In 2018, two Ebola outbreaks were reported in the neighboring Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), and the risk of transmission in CAR is very high. The World Health Organization has declared the outbreak as a public health emergency of international concern. Cases of wild polio virus were also identified in CAR in 2018 and the response campaign continues.

In 2020, the National Society's plan is to reduce the morbidity and mortality rates by improving access to good health care, thus contributing to SDG 3.

The CARC plans to educate communities to prevent the spread of diseases and other epidemics. Community sensitization and epidemiological surveillance targeting six provinces will be carried out using the CBHFA approach. About 300 volunteers will be trained on CBHFA and control of epidemics, with 50 volunteers trained in each targeted region. The volunteers will then lead community awareness campaigns on epidemics and universal prevention measures. This will involve 12 sensitization campaign sessions over a three-month period. The trained volunteers will also act as epidemiological surveillance officers in the target regions.

In addition, The National Society will continue to implement the German government-funded project to strengthen the health system after the 2013–2015 crisis, as well as the UNICEF-funded immunization project. Children aged 0 to 11 months are to be reached through the UNICEF-funded project (156,685), as well as 10 percent of the total population through the KFW-funded program (about 474,987 people).

The National Society will continue Ebola Virus Disease preparedness activities throughout the border area with the DRC. Volunteers will be involved in raising awareness, promoting good hygiene practices, as well as surveillance and dignified and secure burials. EDS teams will be set up at all points of entry. In certain regions, health facilities will be supported in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC). This will involve training health workers, providing the minimum IPC package and strengthening the death management system. At the community level, safe and dignified burial community teams will be established and equipped with protective equipment as part of the CBHFA program.

8,000,000
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**MORE THAN 150,000 TO BE REACHED UNDER UNICEF-FUNDED
IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMME**

150,000

VOLUNTEERS TO BE TRAINED IN EPIDEMIC CONTROL

300

STRATEGY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

STRENGTHEN NATIONAL SOCIETY CAPACITIES

A top priority for the Central Africa Republic is National Society capacity building, including strengthening the following areas:

-  The institutional and structural capacities of the National Society
-  The policy of decentralization and empowerment of local branches
-  Volunteer management and retention policies, and community resilience
-  The promotion of gender and youth

The National Society will also develop a database of volunteers involved in the PEV and KFW projects, ensuring volunteers are covered by insurance. The CARC will carry out organizational assessments using the OCAC instrument.

IFRC will strengthen the capacities of the National Society to enable better understanding of the project cycle, including problem identification, planning, resource mobilization, communications, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and reporting. The overall objective is to make the National Society become self-reliant in these areas.

IFRC will also support the National Society to develop and implement separate IT, communications, human resources, and various administration systems. Extra technical staff will be hired where necessary to enable the Country Office to better support CARC through the implementation of those projects. Where possible, emergency operations and the KFW project will be used as opportunities to strengthen the capacities of CARC in some of the above areas, namely administration, human resources and logistics.

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OUTCOME

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY HAS THE NECESSARY LEGAL, ETHICAL AND FINANCIAL SYSTEMS TO PLAN AND PERFORM

STRATEGY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

ENSURE EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT

The Department of Disaster Management evaluation of the CARC shows that all structural and institutional areas have been adversely impacted by the 2012 crisis. Some challenges include dysfunction, insufficient Human Resources, and inability to carry out programmes.

The strategies developed here will be implemented through emergency operations. Wherever joint coordination is necessary, IFRC will make sure that all relevant Movement partners are involved in the planning and implementation of emergency operations with the National Society.

The approach of the CARC will follow the recommendations of the 2011 UN General Assembly that direct a focus on

promotion of good governance at all levels, and strengthening Human Resources and logistics. All this is in line with the focus of the Africa Regional Road Map.

Key activities include:

-  Supporting CARC in responding to emergencies (DREFs & EA) by deploying RDRTs with relevant training
-  Ensuring appropriate HR procedures are respected in recruiting RDRT in emergency situations
-  Maintaining contacts with trained RDRT members and encourage them to apply to RDRT alerts
-  Support CARC in responding to emergencies (DREFs & EAs) by ensuring the timely procurement and delivery of quality goods and equipment to the field
-  Participate in monthly Movement coordination meetings organised in CAR

220,000
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OUTCOME

EFFECTIVE RESPONSE PREPAREDNESS AND SURGE CAPACITY MECHANISM IN MAINTAINED

STRATEGY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

INFLUENCE OTHERS AS LEADING STRATEGIC PARTNERS

The Central African Red Cross is a trusted partner of the Ministry of Health, so its visibility is key. It is imperative that its reputation and activities are promoted through stakeholder engagement and communication strategies.

IFRC will support the National Society to actively participate in relevant local, national and international gatherings to influence decision-making. The activities identified are in line with the IFRC Africa Road Map which seeks to enhance communication and Resource development to promote the work of the society.

Key activities include:

- Providing support for the design of communication plans for emergency operations, policy and strategy
- Supporting the production of communication material for ICE actions
- Targeting the public and volunteers via radio and TV programmes, flyers, and social media networks
- Supporting the creation and management of a Central African Red Cross website, and social media pages
- Promoting the use of digital communications within Red Cross networks

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**OUTCOME**

THE IFRC AND THE NATIONAL SOCIETY ARE VISIBLE, TRUSTED, AND EFFECTIVE ADVOCATES ON HUMANANITARIAN ISSUES

STRATEGY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

ENSURE A STRONG IFRC

The Central African Red Cross staff will be based at the IFRC country office to support the implementation and strengthening of the Health and EPI projects. They will be managed by IFRC technical leads to ensure transfer of competence and skills throughout the implementation of the projects.

The IFRC staff performance will be aligned with the needs of the National Society's programmes and capacity development needs.

IFRC staff will also be encouraged to take security training.

Key activities include:

- Ensuring that IFRC staff undertake their performance reviews and are duly evaluated
- Supporting staff well-being and motivation to create a friendly working environment
- Supporting the National Society in daily financial management of projects and timely provision of financial information
- Conduct security assessments prior to the start of operations in high risk areas

470,000
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OUTCOME

THE IFRC ENHANCES ITS EFFECTIVENESS, CREDIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY



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