



Support programme to combat gender-based violence: women and girls create the future

Background and objectives

Gender-based violence (GBV) is still one of the major protection issues in the Central African Republic. Despite the efforts made in recent years by the government and its technical and financial partners as well as by humanitarian organizations, the challenges remain enormous. In 2021, 11,592 cases of GBV were reported, an increase of 26% compared to those reported in 2020 (9,216 cases).

Under the 3^{ème} phase of the [Bêkou Fund](#)'s gender programme (Gender III), the European Union is providing EUR 6,100,000 for the project "**Women and girls create the future: prevention of and response to gender-based violence in the Central African Republic**", which will be implemented over a period of 36 months.

This project is implemented by the International Rescue Committee (IRC) in consortium with the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Handicap International (HI), International Medical Corps (IMC) and a dozen national non-governmental organisations.

The overall objective of the project is to improve the protection and reintegration into their respective communities of women, girls and people with special needs vulnerable to GBV in CAR. As a logical continuation of the Gender I and Gender II projects financed by the Bêkou/EU Fund and implemented by IRC and COOPI from 2016 to 2020, the Bekou Gender III project consolidates their achievements and strengthens local ownership in order to ensure the effective sustainability of the action.

The overall objective will be achieved through two specific objectives: (1) improving access to integrated and multi-sectoral quality care and socio-economic reintegration in an environment where GBV is not tolerated and survivors are not stigmatized and (2) strengthening governance in the fight against GBV.

Project Implementation Strategy

The project implementation strategy is based on 4 axes, namely:

- + **Empowerment of local actors** (national NGOs and governmental actors) through organizational and technical capacity building. The preferred methodology is the transfer of skills through "doing-with" and "doing-with" so that they can become, beyond the action, a privileged entry point for integrated and multisectoral quality care for survivors.
- + Prioritize **the socio-economic empowerment of women and girls** who are vulnerable to GBV (including survivors), with a focus on the AVEC approach (village savings and credit associations), which creates credit and self-financing opportunities for vulnerable groups, especially at the community level. This will be done in accordance with the national strategy to fight GBV.
- + **Structured community involvement** to prevent GBV through the SASA methodology. This activist approach to community mobilization seeks to positively influence the power dynamics in communities and mobilize members around violence prevention.
- + Cross-cutting consideration of **inclusion of disability, age and diversity**. Inclusion is a cross-cutting priority of the consortium and inclusion activities will be mainstreamed in all activities with the support of HI and its national partners: the National Organization of Associations of People with Disabilities (ONAPHA) and La Main des Sourds Muets.



Life skills activity with the group of adolescent girls of KIDIGRA, Bambari

Beneficiaries and key figures

A total of **130,494 beneficiaries** (women and girls who are survivors of GBV or who are vulnerable to GBV) will benefit from an integrated and multi-sectoral quality of care. In addition, 63 support groups will be set up; 50,694 people will be sensitized in order to contribute to the creation of a protective environment; 1,035 providers will be trained in the framework of skills transfer; 8,600 people will benefit from rapid economic support, 4,042 from functional literacy and 3,710 from income-generating activities (IGA).

Implementing partners and funding

Organizations	Grant	Implementation area
International Rescue Committee, its partners and consortium activities: 2,443,800 Euros		
International Rescue Committee	2 209 500 €	- Bangui and its surroundings
Association of Women Lawyers of the Central African Republic (AFJC)	58 575 €	- Bossangoa - Ouham pende (Koui, Ngaoundaye, Bohong)
Association of Women for Entrepreneurship (AFPE)	58 575 €	Ouham pende (Koui, Bohong, Ngaoundaye)
Gender, Peace and Development (GEPAD)	58 575 €	Bossangoa
NGO in Paoua	58 575 €	Ouham pende (Paoua)
Danish Refugee Council and its partners: 1 950 600 Euros		
Danish Refugee Council	1 174 951 €	Bangui (1 ^{er} , 3 ^{ème} and 5 ^{ème} Arrondissements)
SOS Humanité Détresse (SOS)	235 396 €	
Network of Psychologists in Central Africa (REPCA)	322 550 €	
The Flamboyants	217 703 €	
International Medical Corps and its partner: 1 255 600 Euros		
International Medical Corps	1 195 600 €	Bambari
The Flamboyants	60 000 €	
Handicap International: 450 000 Euros		
Handicap International	450 000 €	- Bangui and its surroundings - Bossangoa - Bambari - Ouham pende (Koui, Ngaoundaye, Bohong)