

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Facts & Figures

Country	Central African Republic (CAR)
Organizations	Cordaid (lead), ICCO and Kerk in Actie, Oxfam Novib, Plan Nederland, Save the Children, Tear, Stichting Vluchteling, War Child and World Vision
Sectors	Food Security and Livelihoods; Nutrition; Protection; Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)
DRA Budget	€12 million
Duration	1 May 2015 - 31 March 2017
Number of people reached	At least 476,786 people by the end of the program (phase II)



Protection



Food Security &
Livelihood



Water, Sanitation
& Hygiene

About the crisis

In September 2016 fighting between rebel factions broke out in the northern and central regions of the Central African Republic (CAR). These conflicts caused new population movements, both internally and into neighbouring countries. A further 100,000 people became internally displaced over the course of 2016, pushing the total number of IDPs inside CAR towards half a million. Almost half the country's population - some 2.2 million people - is in urgent need of humanitarian assistance.



The Dutch Relief Alliance Response

The main objective of the CAR Joint Response is to alleviate human suffering through the effective implementation of activities in response to urgent and critical humanitarian needs, specifically in the areas of food security, livelihoods, protection and WASH.

- We ensured that more than 250,000 people affected by the fighting were able to meet their basic food needs. This was done by providing basic and supplementary food to affected populations. We also distributed staple crops and vegetable seeds to local communities.
- We provided emergency food supplies and organised cash for work activities to cover at least two months of the hunger gap. Livelihoods were supported via the distribution of seeds, tools, small poultry and compost kits.
- We organised awareness-raising sessions and trainings to improve the nutritional status of conflict-affected populations. Topics covered included nutrition, childrearing, hygiene, sanitation and healthy behaviour.
- We reached some 250,000 people through activities designed to boost child protection among local communities. These activities included education and recreational activities as well as the establishment of referral systems and trainings for issues surrounding child protection and gender-based violence (GBV).
- We have constructed 2,460 latrines, 52 block latrines, 369 water points and wells, and a water tower since the JR was launched. Hygiene kits have been distributed to 2,450 vulnerable households to date.



"We work to ensure that we provide safe places where children can go during the day and where the risk is considerably smaller that they are abducted or lured. Education provides a safe place for children."

Achievements

Added value is achieved through regular monthly and technical meetings of partners, both at field level and in the Netherlands. These regular contacts have helped ensure that the individual strengths of member organisations are channelled to create robust, high quality interventions inside CAR. This collaboration also encompasses best practices and lessons learned, ensuring that the CAR Joint Response is more than the sum of its constituent parts.

Challenges

The humanitarian context inside CAR continues to pose challenges to rolling out operations - particularly with regard to access and logistics. Poor road conditions - particularly during the rainy season - and problems with procurement processes resulted in delays in implementing projects. High staff turnover also had an adverse impact on operations and programme activities. These issues will be addressed over the course of 2017.

About the Dutch Relief Alliance

The Dutch Relief Alliance (DRA) responds to major international crises in a timely and effective manner. The Alliance is a cooperation of 14 Dutch NGOs, funded by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA).

The Dutch Relief Alliance consists of the following organisations: CARE Nederland, Cordaid, Dorcas, ICCO and Kerk in Actie, Oxfam Novib, Plan Nederland, Save the Children, Tear, Terre des Hommes, Stichting Vluchtelng, War Child, War Trauma Foundation, World Vision and ZOA.

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