

# 2022



## CENTRAL AFRICA REPUBLIC IFRC COUNTRY SUPPORT PLAN

2022 funding requirement in Swiss francs

**7 million**



National  
Society  
branches

**77**



National  
Society  
staff

**68**



National  
Society  
volunteers

**12,000**

This document details the IFRC's support in areas agreed upon with the relevant National Society. The IFRC seeks resources to carry out this plan, listed here as funding requirements. For information on the IFRC's emergency operations, please visit [ifrc.org/appeals](https://www.ifrc.org/appeals).

# SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

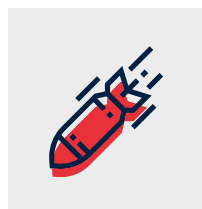
## Population

**5 million**

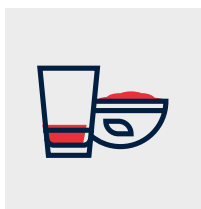
## Human Development Index Ranking

**188**

## Vulnerability to disasters



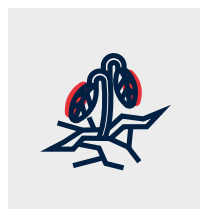
**Conflict**



**Food scarcity**



**Violence**



**Drought**



**Floods**



**Climate change**

Following the recent parliamentary and presidential elections in the Central Africa Republic, clashes have occurred between the armed forces and rebel groups. The situation remains tense, there is a significant level of socio-economic instability, and it is impossible to reach vulnerable people in certain regions. By the end of 2021, 2.8 million people had humanitarian needs. The number of people with severe needs had increased by 12 per cent to 1.9 million, and almost 650,000 people were internally displaced.

The COVID-19 pandemic has contributed to growing food insecurity, which now affects 45 per cent of people living in Bangui. There are severe nutritional needs throughout the country, and new pockets of malnutrition have emerged in sites with large numbers of internally displaced persons. Half the population has insufficient access to water, sanitation and hygiene services.

The entire country is exposed to the extreme hazards of drought and torrential rain followed by floods, and the poorest rural populations are the most exposed. Dilapidated drainage systems and poor urban planning in flood-affected and swampy areas have increased the risk of waterborne diseases, especially during the rainy season.

The position of women in society has been further weakened during the pandemic as a result of lockdown measures and the loss of economic empowerment. Gender-based violence occurs frequently and rape, including that of minors, occurs with impunity in the absence of an effective justice system.

The education sector in the Central Africa Republic is already fragile, with dilapidated schools and overcrowded classrooms. COVID-19 restrictions and recent armed conflicts have led to school closures, depriving children of their right to education. School closures also exposed children to sexual and psychological violence, and the risk of recruitment into the armed forces or child labour.

People living with disabilities are often excluded from society. They are subjected to social stigma and rejection, and struggle to access basic services and health care. Sometimes their families abandon them when their homes are evacuated during flooding or attacked by armed forces.



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## ROLE OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY

The National Society of the Central Africa Republic started during the colonial period as the French Colony of the Overseas Red Cross. In 1960, when the country became independent, it changed its name by presidential decree to the Central African Red Cross. It joined the IFRC in 1975.

The IFRC's main objective is to prevent and alleviate suffering, to protect life and uphold respect for human dignity. It prepares in times of peace and responds in times of conflict, assisting both civilians and military personnel. There are 12,000 volunteers providing humanitarian assistance and protection across the Central Africa Republic. They work on epidemic prevention and control, contributing to the prevention of disease and health improvements.

The IFRC operates alongside the authorities in provinces, districts and communities across the Central Africa Republic. It creates volunteer networks to provide essential services that are appropriate, affordable and in line with the cultures and traditions of communities. It acts as an auxiliary to the public authorities in carrying out humanitarian activities and collaborates closely with the government at national level, in particular the Ministries of Health and Humanitarian Action.



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## MEMBERSHIP COORDINATION AND MOVEMENT FOOTPRINT

Name of Partner National Society	Climate	Crises	Health	Migration	Inclusion	Engaged	Accountable	Trusted
French Red Cross	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓
Netherlands Red Cross	✓	✓	✓					✓

The French Red Cross supports the Central Africa Republic National Society in emergencies and in tackling disease such as malaria, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and COVID-19. The Netherlands Red Cross supports it with organizational development, the fight against COVID-19 and the preparation and response to disasters.



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## GLOBAL FLAGSHIPS

### Local action – stronger National Societies

Strengthening local branches and organizational capacities and supporting branches and leaders; Coordinating programmes through monitoring and evaluation systems.

### Going to scale on humanitarian action and risk reduction

Improving resilience and living conditions in communities affected by disasters; establishing an emergency response proposition at national headquarters; revitalizing first aid brigades and implementing disaster risk reduction programmes.

### Global cash leadership

Recruiting administrative staff; purchasing accounting software and developing accounts charts; Strengthening systemic risk management and internal control mechanisms.

### Reduce cholera related deaths by 50 per cent

Supporting the reconstruction of the health care system which has been damaged by recent crises; Strengthening routine immunisation activities.

### Global health security – epidemic and pandemic preparation and response

Continuing with activities relating to COVID-19 intervention, including community-based surveillance and communication about disease risk and prevention; Supporting the vaccination programme.



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## CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRISES

Funding requirement in Swiss francs  
**690,000**

People to be reached  
**10,000**



Deforestation is a major concern in the Central Africa Republic because it has a profound impact on the livelihoods and food security of people living near forests. Harmful practices include the felling of trees for firewood and construction materials, oil palm cultivation, slash-and-burn agriculture and bushfires.

Furthermore, the frequency and intensity of natural disasters linked to climate change, such as torrential rain and heatwaves, are increasing. Trees strengthen the resilience of communities because they help to stabilize the soil and protect against water and wind erosion in extreme weather conditions.

The IFRC will implement community-based programmes in the Central Africa Republic to support the restoration of forests and ecosystems. This work will form part of the country's commitments, under the Landscape and Forest Restoration Initiative (AFR100), to restore 100 million hectares of degraded land by 2025. It will contribute to the reduction of climate-related disaster risks, and strengthen the resilience of communities affected by land degradation.



**Malaria is the leading cause of death in children under 5 years old.**



**57%**  
of people will need humanitarian assistance and protection in CAR

### **SUPPORT**

- The IFRC will undertake risk and capacity assessments to help with disaster planning and preparedness.
- The IFRC plans to engage communities in establishing individual, village, territorial and industrial forest plantations.
- The IFRC will raise awareness of the harm caused by bushfires and irregular logging.
- The IFRC will encourage communities to use environmentally-friendly cooking and lighting solutions.



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## EVOLVING CRISES AND DISASTERS

Funding requirement in Swiss francs  
**1.2 million**

People to be reached  
**10,000**



The Central African Republic has been affected by civil unrest for many years. Violent clashes between armed groups have increased since 2017, peaking during the December 2020 elections and resulting in deaths, suffering and the destruction of property.

The humanitarian situation is extremely concerning. 48 per cent of the population suffers from hunger and two thirds do not have access to primary health care. It is estimated that almost half the population depend on international aid for survival.

The escalating violence in the country is driving up the need for assistance, while making it more difficult for people to access basic and emergency response services. The Central African Republic is ranked among the most dangerous countries in the world for humanitarian workers, and repeated attacks on the National Society prevents it from delivering assistance to the country's most vulnerable people.

The rainy season in the Central African Republic is intense. Flooding after torrential rain causes heavy losses, such as the destruction of shelters and the obstruction of transport routes. Flooding is expected to increase in frequency and magnitude as a result of climate change, and the IFRC will focus on mitigating the effects of this and other natural disasters.



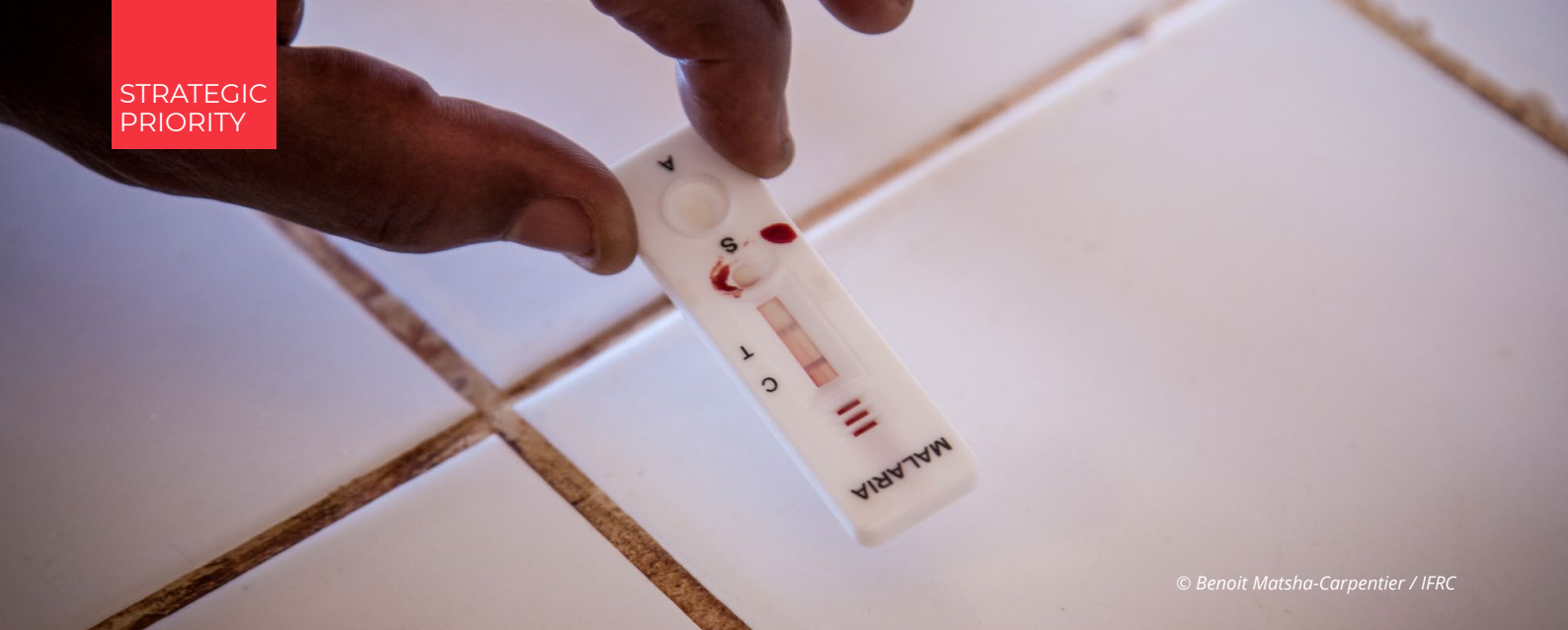
**50%**  
of the population  
depends on  
international aid



**684,000**  
internally displaced  
persons live in the  
country

### ➔ SUPPORT

- The IFRC will establish an early warning system for disseminating information about natural disasters to communities at risk.
- The IFRC will assist 10,000 people affected by crises, disasters and violence.
- The IFRC intends to build an emergency supply stockpile in Bangui and build shelters in several locations.
- The IFRC will develop local contingency plans in flood-prone areas before the rainy season.



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## GROWING GAPS IN HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Funding requirement in Swiss francs  
**4 million**

People to be reached  
**1,250,000**



There are many serious health issues in the Central African Republic and a large proportion of the population has no access to health care or public services. In 2022, the IFRC in the Central Africa Republic will continue its work on disease prevention and control. However, persistent conflict and insecurity make it extremely difficult to reach the most vulnerable people and communities in need.

According to the Ministry of Health, malaria is the leading cause of morbidity, with 198 confirmed cases per 1,000 people between 2017 and 2018. The prevalence of tuberculosis is increasing, due to inadequate hygiene and unsanitary living conditions. Other communicable diseases that have affected communities in recent years include measles, neonatal tetanus, monkey pox, meningitis and cholera. There is a risk of transmission from the ebola epidemic in the Equator province of the Congo and COVID-19 cases are increasing.

Slightly more than half of births in the Central African Republic are attended by qualified health workers, either at home or in a supervised environment. The maternal mortality rate is the second highest in the world, with 880 deaths per 100,000 live births between 2016 and 2018. The mortality rate of children under five is decreasing but still the third highest in the world.

There were 9,200 new HIV infections in 2018, and the number of newly infected children under the age of 15 rose to 1,100 for boys and 1,500 for girls. The number of people given anti-retroviral treatment also rose by 48 per cent in the same year, and there were 5,200 HIV-related deaths.



**34%**  
of health facilities  
destroyed in recent  
conflicts



**880**  
deaths per 100,000  
live births

### ➔ SUPPORT

- Participate in mass vaccination campaigns in coordination with the United Nations and other partners.
- Distribute 2,500 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene kits to populations affected by disasters.
- Provide materials and equipment to teams trained in health emergency response.
- Install 2,500 handwashing kits in public places and schools to help stop the spread of COVID-19.





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## VALUES, POWER AND INCLUSION

Funding requirement in Swiss francs

**110,000**

People to be reached

**2,500**



Access to protection services in the Central Africa Republic has been interrupted because of flooding and the COVID-19 pandemic. This is leading to increased violence against women and girls, children, the elderly, migrants and people living with disabilities. There is also added pressure on medical care and other public services.

In 2022, the IFRC will focus its efforts on the protection of people, their dignity, their livelihoods and contributions to peaceful resilient communities. It will support the National Society to reach more local branches and increase awareness through youth empowerment and education. It will strive to uphold the minimum standards for Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) in emergencies and other situations.

The IFRC recognizes that women, men, girls, boys, people with disabilities and those with chronic conditions have different needs and coping strategies. Its plan will pay particular attention to gender and diversity factors and take them into account when setting times and dates for PGI activities.

### SUPPORT

- Produce audio-visual materials to promote humanitarian values and principles, raising awareness through the media, talks and theatrical productions.
- Systematically apply the minimum standards for PGI in emergencies and its programmes.
- Develop standard operating systems for gender-based violence protection and map referral pathways.



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## ENABLER 1 – ENGAGED

Funding requirement in Swiss francs

**320,000**

In 2022, the IFRC will work with the National Society in the Central Africa Republic to keep pace with the fast-changing world, and to be respected as a neutral, impartial humanitarian organization supporting the needs of vulnerable people and communities. It will support the National Society to modernize, innovate and embrace digital technologies to achieve its strategic objectives and to operate more efficiently and effectively as a responsive and coordinated network. The IFRC will support the National Society to increase its visibility and public trust through communications and public advocacy, and to strengthen its auxiliary role with other organizations and work better as a coordinated network.

### 🎯 TARGETS

- Support 15 local branches with internet connection and office technology.

### ➡ SUPPORT

- Support the National Society to recruit staff members.
- Support the National Society to develop its 2023 operational plan.
- Support the National Society with adequate technical, logistical support for the proper functioning of its operations.
- Provide quality internet access at the headquarters and in the branches of 15 targeted health districts of the National Society.



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## ENABLER 2 – ACCOUNTABLE

Funding requirement in Swiss francs  
**100,000**

This enabler focuses on a management and organizational approach that will see the IFRC functioning as one global organisation. The IFRC will support the National Society in the Central Africa Republic to eliminate unnecessary bureaucracy and duplication within systems so that it functions more efficiently and with greater accountability.

The IFRC will support the National Society to ensure that it has integrated processes and accessible web-based systems, and to create the right conditions for increasing financial resources through a newly developed financial architecture to reach more people in need. It will also support the National Society to develop the talents of its staff and volunteers and manage its financial resources more effectively.

### 🎯 TARGETS

- The Central African Red Cross has financial management software and staff are trained in its use.
- An external financial audit will be conducted in 2022.

### ➡ SUPPORT

- Support the National Society's gender, diversity and inclusion focal point.
- Support the National Society to update the financial procedures and purchase accounting software.
- Support the National Society to carry out a technical and financial audit.



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## ENABLER 3 – TRUSTED

Funding requirement in Swiss francs

**420,000**

The IFRC will support the National Society in the Central Africa Republic to position itself as a principled and trusted network, owned and supported by its membership. It recognizes that effective management and leadership on developmental and humanitarian issues are important for building trust, both nationally and within local communities.

The IFRC strives for mutual respect and cooperation within the Movement and with external partners, so it will support the National Society to make a substantial effort to listen and respond to the needs of its members. It will also support the National Society to increase the involvement of young people and volunteers, while fostering gender equality and inclusion, and empower the people and communities affected by crises to influence the decisions being made about their lives and livelihoods.

To guard against reputational risk, The IFRC will support the National Society to adopt guidelines, tools and mechanisms on issues such as fraud, corruption and child safeguarding.

### TARGETS

- The National Society will organize 10 Branch Organizational Capacity Assessments (BOCA).
- The National Society will set up Red Cross Clubs in five pilot schools in Bangui.
- The National Society to establish a training programme for a diverse new generation of leaders.

### SUPPORT

- Branch Organizational Capacity Assessments (BOCA) in pilot branches.
- Support the National Society to recruit a Youth Manager.
- Support the National Society to set up Red Cross Clubs.
- Support the National Society to establish a training programme for a diverse new generation of leaders.



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