

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC



HEALTH SECTOR NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Described by the United Nations as “the world’s most silent crisis”, the Central African Republic is among the world’s poorest countries, with 84% of its population living on less than USD 2 a day. The general mortality rate is 1.5 per 10,000 per day. Between 1995 and 2000, life expectancy decreased from 49 to 43 years, maternal mortality increased from 680 to 948 per 100,000 live births, and infant mortality from 97 to 130 per 1,000.



HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE: Lack of access to health care and loss of capacity to prevent, detect and respond to epidemic outbreaks are the main determinants of risk to life and health in the country. The most affected people are found in the prefectures of Ouham, Ouham Pende, la Nana Gribizi and Ombella-Mpoko, totalling approximately 1 million and representing 35% of the country’s population. Three-quarters of the country’s health infrastructure, including the cold chain system, is destroyed. Only about one-third of the infrastructure in the most affected zones has been rehabilitated. In addition, 68% of the rural population lack access to potable water. The HIV/AIDS prevalence estimated at 13.5%, is one of the highest rates in the sub-region. The present health system is largely co-financed by external aid (85%).

HEALTH SECTOR PRIORITIES FOR 2006

- Expand access to healthcare services with focus on prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis
- Strengthen early detection, prevention and containment mechanisms of epidemics in high-risk areas

WHO Proposed Projects in the CAP 2006	Funds Requested *	Implementing Partners
Coordination of health programmes in emergency situations CAF-06/H01	444,552	MoHP, UNFPA, UNICEF, OCHA, ICRC, MSF
Ensuring water quality in health facilities CAF-06/WS02	99,110	MoHP, UNICEF, COOPI, Ministry of Water and Energy
Prevention and control of sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis CAF-06/H02	151,580	MoHP UNFPA, UNICEF, UNAIDS, ASSOMESCA, ICRC, COOPI, ACABEF, People living with HIV
Medical and psychosocial support of victims of sexual violence CAF-06/H03	246,026	AFJS, CIFAD, MoHP, MFAS, OCODEFAD
Reduce the transmission of the HIV/AIDS among victims of Sexual and Gender-based Violence CAF-06/H04	116,000	MoHP, MFAS, OCODEFAD, CONASAN
Strengthen emergency obstetric care CAF-06/H05A	95,612	MoHP, UNICEF, UN-AIDS, ASSOMESCA
Preparedness and response to emergencies and disasters CAF-06/H06	338,140	MoHP, UNFPA, UNICEF, OCHA, ICRC, MSF
Reinforce surveillance systems of epidemic prone diseases in high-risk areas (Bangui and conflict affected regions) CAF-06/H08	320,650	MoHP, UNFPA, UNICEF, ASSOMESCA, ICRC, COOPI, MSF
Reinforce prevention of infectious diseases in childhood at primary health level CAF-06/H07	1,059,360	
Launch of the expanded immunization programme CAF-06/H09B	1,254,400	

* Amounts given in US dollars.

Total Funds Requested: USD 4,125,430

2005 Donors: No voluntary contributions were received for Central African Republic in 2005