

# Progress in Central African Republic country in 2023

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OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-CAF\_D\_1.1

By 2027, the populations of CAR live in an environment where peacebuilding, national reconciliation, and governance mechanisms are inclusive, accountable and effective

UN Women has continued its support to the peace process in CAR, including through the support to the implementation of the National Action Plan on Resolution 1325. The third NAP R1325 is under elaboration and will be finalized in 2024.

### OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-CAF\_D\_1.2

By 2027, the population in CAR, particularly women, children, youth and other vulnerable groups, have access to and use quality education, health, nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene, food security and social protection services in an inclusive and sustainable manner (UNSDCF, Population Pillar, Outcome 1)

Following the IASC membership of UN Women, request from HCT for UN Women to Chair the Gender in Humanitarian Working group in 2023, and technical support in strengthening the integration of gender in the Humanitarian Needs Overview, the Humanitarian Response Plan and the Refugee Response Plans, 2023 has seen significant progress on this indicator.

#### OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-CAF\_D\_2.1

By 2027, populations in CAR will be living under the rule of law and will have access to justice, security, and their human rights will be promoted and protected

During 2023, the UN Women Country Office in CAR worked hard to implement its normative mandate. Thanks to the technical and financial support provided to women's organizations, to the National Election Authority through the Gender and Election Technical Group, and to the Ministry in charge of women's affairs, the draft revision of the Electoral Code (gender-sensitive) was validated by consensus at the end of a national validation workshop and forwarded to the National Assembly for adoption. The same is true of the texts implementing the Parity Law, notably the texts on the organization and operation of the National Observatory for Gender Parity in CAR. The Country Office's technical and financial support enabled women's organizations belonging to the Gender and Election Technical Group to mobilize all other women's organizations and girls' associations around a workshop to formulate women's recommendations for the revision of the electoral code. The memorandum containing the women's recommendations was read during the national workshop to validate the electoral code, and was taken into account, in particular the women's main recommendation to delete paragraph 2 of article 281 of the electoral code, which gives political parties the option of not respecting the minimum quota of 35% prescribed by the law on parity, the UN Women Central African Country Office supported the Government in the preparation of the CAR Country Report for the Universal Periodic Review, as well as the review of CAR's 6th periodic report under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. Technical assistance was provided in the preparation of these reports, and the retreat of the drafting committee for both reports was

handled by ONU Femmes Centrafrique in partnership with the Human Rights Division. The UN Women Central African Country Office has provided technical assistance to the Government in the preparation of the voluntary national report on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Entitled "Accelerating Recovery from Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Fully Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all Levels," the report will be presented in July 2023 at the High Level Political Forum in New York. The contribution of the Country Office has been substantial in the area of SDG 5 on gender equality.

#### OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-CAF\_D\_2.2

By 2027, the UN system in CAR significantly contributes to progress on gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls

In 2023, CAR's UNCT-SWAP Gender ScoreCard was completed for the first time, with over 60% of indicators meeting or exceeding requirements. In fact, 5 indicators exceeded requirements, 5 meet requirements and 3 are close to them.

#### OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-CAF\_D\_3.1

By 2027, populations in CAR, in particular women, children, youth, and other vulnerable groups, will be protected from all forms of violence, exploitation, and discrimination, including those based on gender, in an environment conducive to gender equality.

The Truth, Justice, Reparation and Reconciliation Commission has benefited from the support of the UN Women office in the development and dissemination of the CVJRR gender manual, to ensure that gender and the fight against discrimination are taken into account in all of the commission's areas of intervention.

## OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-CAF\_D\_4.1

: By 2027, populations in CAR, including women, youth, refugees, returnees, IDPs and all other vulnerable groups, will have equitable and sustainable access to economic opportunities that promote the creation of decent jobs, entrepreneurship, innovation and digitization

Significant progress was made in this area during the year. For this reporting period, this activity was not carried out and remains ongoing. However, the country office has supported the implementation of a national strategy to end violence against women and girls and harmful practices. This strategy is currently being revised to take account of new trends in preventing and responding to violence against women. It is a program run by the Bureau d'appui au gouvernement centrafricain through the Ministry of Gender to promote gender equality in the country. Technical expertise is made available to the Ministry for this purpose.