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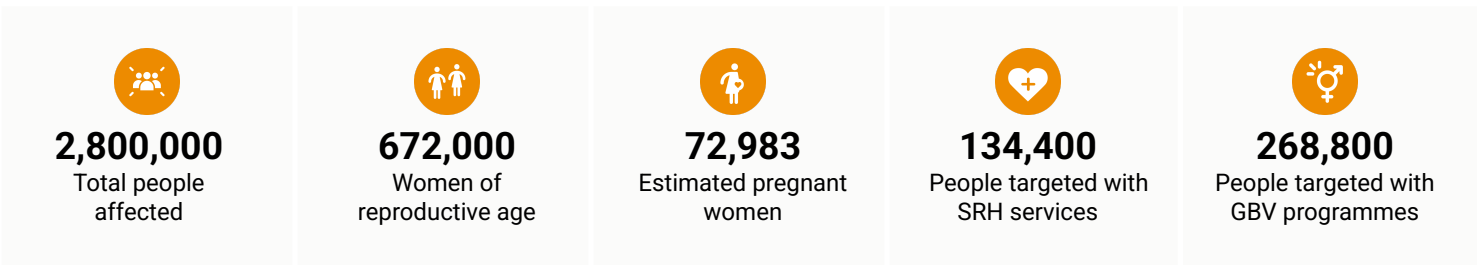


Situation Report #12

Humanitarian Crisis in CAR

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Key Figures



Highlights

- According to the Gender-Based Violence Information Management System (GBVIMS) data, over 22 per cent of gender-based violence (GBV) survivors in CAR are children and adolescents. This alarming finding highlights the crucial importance of providing appropriate care and adequate psychosocial support for these young survivors.

- A debate conference was held at the Marie Jeanne Caron High School in Bangui on December 6, 2024, as part of the 16 Days of Activism Campaign against Violence towards Women and Girls. Organized with the support of UNFPA and the Ministry of Gender Promotion, Family, Women, and Children, and funded by USAID, this event aimed to raise awareness among young girls about GBV and promote teachers' engagement in fighting GBV in the school environment.
- The Minister of Gender Promotion, Dr. Marthe Augustine Kirimat, inaugurated a new UNFPA-supported safe space dedicated to women and girls in the municipality of Bimbo. This welcoming space will provide valuable support to women and girls in the community, particularly survivors of GBV.

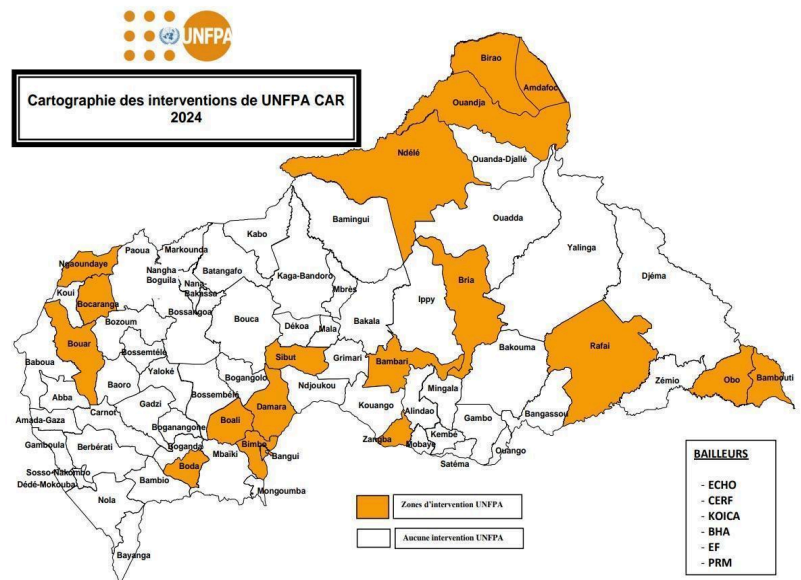
Situation Overview

As of December 2024, over 600,000 people are displaced within the Central African Republic, making it one of the countries with the highest number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Africa. Women and girls are disproportionately affected, facing extreme conditions in displacement camps or host communities, with limited access to food, water, healthcare, and essential sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services. The ongoing conflict has intensified risks of GBV, including sexual violence, forced marriages, and trafficking, particularly in camps and areas controlled by armed groups. To address these challenges, UNFPA and its partners are providing critical support through awareness campaigns and safe spaces for survivors, offering protection and essential services to women and girls most in need.

UNFPA Response

A safe space dedicated to supporting GBV survivors was inaugurated at the Castors Urban Health Center (CSU), in partnership with Collège Universitaire des Médecins Aspirants Missionnaires (CUAMM) and the health district.

With financial support from the US Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA), a debate was organized at the Marie Jeanne Caron Girls' High School to raise awareness among students about GBV and promote teachers' engagement in creating a safer school environment. In Zangba, a locality severely affected by recurrent humanitarian crises in late 2024, the Agence Italienne pour la Coopération au Développement (AID) conducted a security audit and risk assessment to evaluate GBV exposure risks for women and girls.



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UNFPA, with support from the European Commission’s Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations department (DG ECHO), organized four workshops on GBV referral systems in partnership with Organisation Humanitaire Internationale (INTERSOS). Held in Bocaranga, Boda, Liton, and Mboko-Landja, these workshops trained 80 participants, including 50 women and 30 men, from government facilities and community-based organizations. During the 16 Days of Activism campaign and in partnership with the Association des Sage-Femmes Africaines (ASA), 25 humanitarian actors (13 women and 12 men) in Ngaoundaye received training on safe space management, peacebuilding, socio-cohesion, and GBV prevention and response, coinciding with International Volunteer Day on December 5, 2024.

In December 2024, 17,033 individuals were reached through SRH services and GBV prevention, mitigation, and response activities. Among them, 71 per cent were women and girls, while 29 per cent were men and boys. Activities conducted during the 16 Days of Activism campaign in Ndele, Rafai, Bambouti, Zangba, Ngaoundaye, Boali, and Sibut included the distribution of 686 dignity kits to vulnerable women and girls. Additionally, 8,964 women and girls who visited safe spaces in 13 localities benefited from empowerment and life skills training such as baking, soap-making, and knitting. Financial support was also provided for income-generating activities, alongside literacy programs and basic computer training. Furthermore, 1,402 women and girls at risk received psychosocial support services, underscoring the continued efforts to address GBV and foster resilience.

Results Snapshots



2,499

People reached with **SRH services**
93% Female, 7% Male



14

Health facilities supported



14,534

People reached with **GBV prevention, mitigation and response activities**
83% Female, 17% Male



14

Safe Spaces for women and girls supported



85

Reproductive health kits provided to service delivery points to meet the needs of 10,380 people.

Coordination Mechanisms

Gender-Based Violence

In December 2024, the Gender-Based Violence Area of Responsibility (GBV AoR) intensified efforts to enhance coordination and capacity-building among its members. Fifty-five members reviewed progress on GBV reserve fund projects, conducted training sessions to improve survivor care, and organized a donor conference to advance the second-generation national action plan against conflict-related sexual violence. These initiatives reflect a collective commitment to tackling the complex challenges of GBV in CAR.

Despite these efforts, GBV remains a critical issue, with over 22 per cent of survivors being children and adolescents, per GBVIMS data. Socio-economic reintegration for survivors is particularly underfunded, with only 6 per cent of cases receiving support. The report highlights several December 2024 initiatives aimed at addressing these gaps and strengthening GBV coordination and response mechanisms

Training of trainers on care for child and adolescent survivors of sexual violence: A specialized training session was conducted in Bangui from December 2–6, 2024, targeting supervisors and case managers from the Child Protection (CP) and GBV sectors. Twenty-five participants from 22 national and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) participated, sharing experiences and harmonizing intervention practices to enhance care for child and adolescent survivors. Funded by USAID with technical support from the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and UNFPA, the training resulted in the establishment of a pool of qualified trainers.

Training on women's and girls' empowerment approaches: Fifty participants were trained on IRC's empowerment approaches, including AVEC (Village Savings and Loan Associations), EASE (Economic and Social Empowerment), and CEFE (Competency-based Economies, Formation of Enterprise). This initiative aims to address the low socio-economic reintegration rates of GBV survivors and strengthen collaboration between the GBV AoR and the Food Security Cluster, with the goal of increasing socio-economic reintegration coverage in 2025.

GBV Pocket Guide Training: Twenty-one participants from Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM), Shelter, and Non-Food Items (NFI) clusters were trained on the GBV Pocket Guide and psychological first aid principles (prepare, observe, listen, and guide). This training aimed to equip participants with the skills to provide compassionate support to survivors of GBV.

Support for the Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Mechanisms (MARA) Coordination: Under MARA, co-facilitated by UNFPA and the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA), a donor conference was held to present the 2024–2028 National Action Plan against conflict-related sexual violence. The conference focused on (a) presenting the plan's four expected results, key objectives, and priority activities; (b) securing financial and technical support for priority actions; and (c) establishing an implementation timeline based on available resources. Commitments from various donors marked a significant step toward launching the action plan.

Funding Status

In 2025, UNFPA requires US\$16.56 million to deliver critical SRH and GBV services to women and girls in need. In 2024, UNFPA required US\$19.25 million, of which US\$10.22 million were secured from donors, leaving a gap of US\$9.03 million. The following donors contributed to humanitarian response programme for UNFPA in CAR; the European Commission’s Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), the Government of Canada, the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), the Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA), the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM), the UNFPA Emergency Fund/ Humanitarian Thematic Fund, and the United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF).

