

## A multi-donor partnership approach for Central Africans

Since its creation in July 2014 by the European Union, France, Germany (joined by Italy and Switzerland), the Bêkou Trust Fund has been supporting recovery and resilience in the Central African Republic. During its first year of intervention, the Trust Fund's activities have benefitted nearly 1 million people in the sectors of basic services, food security, and reconciliation and economic recovery. The relevance of its mandate and the results on the ground has led to the sharp increase of its financial envelope (€136 million).

### Key Results (mid-2016)

- **1.000.000 curative medical consultations (Health - phase I)**
- **1.858 women and girls trained in entrepreneurship**
- **17.500 agricultural and pastoral households supported in building resilience**
- **850.000 animals vaccinated (Food security - phase I)**
- **27.000 persons sensitized on forest governance**
- **1.000 agricultural and subsistence farming groups equipped and trained**

### Innovation for greater impact

The Bêkou Trust Fund's governance mechanism, as well as its innovative functioning, enables it to respond swiftly to the urgent needs expressed by the Central Africans.



Additional contributions, to finance already identified projects, will make the Bêkou Trust Fund the main partner for the Central African Republic's recovery and development.

## Ongoing programmes funded by Bêkou

### **Basic services (60M€)**

- Health: more than 500.000 people have already benefitted from access to basic health services, and the local government structures responsible for health delivery (in Bangui, Bria, Birao, Ndele and Bossangoa), are being reinforced – these activities have to be pursued and expanded geographically.
- Food security: harvests have been restarted and local small holding rural/farming organisations have been restored in order to pursue these actions. On top of that, herding ("pastoralisme"), one of the major sources of food and revenues in CAR – but source of tension between communities as well, is being slowly reorganised. Efforts have to be enhanced in that direction as Bêkou has helped ensure the best ever vaccination campaign for the cattle in CAR.

### **Reconciliation (28M€)**

- Labour intensive rehabilitations are ongoing in Bangui's most divided districts (more than 40.000 persons enrolled) with a view to bring a conducive environment for IDPs/Refugees to come back – this project has to be replicated and expanded as well.
- Support to the local civil society organizations engaged in reconciliation is under way as well as support to independent media.

### **Economic recovery (12M€)**

- Small business holders or new young entrepreneurs receive training, tools, and access to finance to (re)start their revenue generating activities.
- Microfinance will be reinforced in order to give better access to financing to small and medium size businesses.

## Identified programmes still to be funded

**Reconciliation:** social mediation and dialogue / revenue generating activities as a means of social inclusion of youngsters and former IDPs and refugees

**Health:** geographic expansion of the current project, notably in the Western part of the country (around Berberati, Bouar, Nola)

**Rural development:** small agrobusiness and value-chain around Bangui and in the North West of the country (poultry, fish farming, etc.)

**Water and sanitation:** access to clean water in major cities and remote areas

**Job creation and vocational training:** agriculture, public works, craftsmanship, etc.

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