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# Supporting the Vulnerable Population in Bria for Economic Recovery and Community Resilience

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## Development Challenges

The Central African Republic is endowed with agricultural potential, mineral resources and vast forests, yet its population remains the world's poorest, faced with numerous human development challenges. The country ranks next to last (188/189) on the Human Development Index with a value of 0.571 (UNDP2019). The largest number of IDPs in CAR, 36,208 IDPs (6,900 IDPs households), lived in PK3 site in the city of Bria as of June 2022 (UNHCR, 2022). The city of Bria, with a population of 40,860, is the capital of the sub-prefecture of Bria in Haute-Kotto prefecture.

In areas that have limited access to services and few economic opportunities and inequalities, the potential for conflict can be exacerbated. In order to achieve the Humanitarian - Development - Peace nexus in a timely manner, further developmental intervention in Bria is needed to pave the way for stabilization, economic recovery and prevention of radicalization.

The city hall of Bria expressed the need for support in rehabilitating social infrastructures for stabilization and economic recovery in Bria. Not only the IDPs and returnees, but host community residents are also vulnerable. Humanitarian actors only provide emergency interventions and immediate developmental intervention is required for longer term resilience. For economic recovery, investment in human capital as well as supporting productive activities is needed.

## Project Objectives

The overall objective of the project is to support the vulnerable population in Bria, including IDPs, returnees who were forcibly displaced, as well as ex-combatants to re-establish sustainable livelihoods and pave the way for stabilization, economic recovery and to contribute to prevention of radicalization.

Based on the consultation and agreement with the city hall of Bria, the project will construct a bus terminal in Bria which will facilitate the circulation of people and goods to contribute to the economic recovery allowing the gains of humanitarian actors to be more sustainable and contribute to building the foundation for resilience.

Temporary work and technical and managerial training will be provided to vulnerable people including youth, women, IDPs, returnees, hosting community and ex-combatants to support the restoration of their livelihoods. In addition, the provision of equipment will increase or add value to their productive activities to develop income generating activities. This will supplement their household income which is currently not sufficient.

## Project Outputs

Local community infrastructures constructed/rehabilitated to rebuild lives of vulnerable populations including IDPs, returnees, and hosting communities

Vulnerable population including IDPs, returnees and ex-combatants are supported with IGAs that will contribute to sustainable livelihoods.

## Partnership

Government of Japan

## Contribution to SDGs

