

Supporting resilience and socioeconomic recovery for communities affected by COVID-19



FACTSHEET

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BUDGET: US\$1,000,000

KEY PARTNERS: JICA, Japanese Private Sector, UNHCR

OBJECTIVES

The project will target youth, women, refugees, IDPs and ex-combatants in PK5 area of Bangui where numerous people were affected by COVID-19. Many of them lost their jobs and suffer from poor living conditions since they were forced to downgrade their living standards. The project will provide capacity development opportunities on COVID-19 prevention and skills such as literacy, accounting, marketing, and 5S-KAIZEN. These skills will be helpful for the beneficiaries to minimize the impact of COVID-19, recover from the impact, grow their businesses, and become more self-sufficient.

PROJECT OUTPUTS

Output 1: Livelihoods of people most vulnerable (especially youth and women) to the pandemic are strengthened through vocational training and support for employment opportunities.

Output 2: Risks of violence, discrimination, marginalization and xenophobia exacerbated by COVID-19 towards refugees, migrants, IDPs are decreased.

Output 3: Risks and discriminations will be minimized, and beneficiaries will acknowledge knowledge to protect themselves, their families and neighbors in their communities.

CONTRIBUTION TO SDGS

The project will contribute to SDG 1, 5, 10 and 16.



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DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES

Central African Republic is going through a sensitive moment in its history, with the second democratically held general elections taking place in December 2020, followed by local elections in 2021. Voter registration has been launched in throughout the country, yet in some areas, armed groups activities have resumed delaying electoral operations and impacting citizens lives.

It is urgent to ensure that through strengthened livelihood recovery and support, particularly in the areas identified for sustainable solutions, populations maintain and improve their levels of resilience and social stabilization both in terms of COVID prevention and livelihood, with the aim to limit the influence of armed groups.

COVID-19 has gradually impacted people's lives in the country, especially the vulnerable, including youth, women, and refugees. Due to the pandemic, their business activities were suspended, which forces them to fall into a poverty circle. Poverty could be a trigger to young people to join the armed and terrorist groups.