

NRC's operations in the Central African Republic

Humanitarian overview

The Central African Republic (CAR) continues to face chronic insecurity, protracted displacement, and recurring shocks. In 2025, an estimated 2.4 million people needed humanitarian assistance (HNRP 2025), amid severe underfunding and constrained humanitarian access.

Humanitarian needs continue to be driven by internal displacement, return movements, transhumance-related tensions, cross-border instability, and climate-related shocks. The closure of several MINUSCA bases, combined with logistical constraints, has further increased security risks along secondary supply routes and access corridors.

Based on the changed funding landscape in 2025, NRC CAR phased out LFS and PfV programming and strategically refocused programme operations around key core competencies (CCs) where we have real clear added value. Through a multisectoral approach, NRC delivered principled, timely and integrated assistance in education, shelter, WASH, ICLA and multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA), addressing both immediate humanitarian needs and key barriers to protection and recovery.



Our core activities



Education



Information, counselling
and legal assistance (ICLA)



Shelter
and settlements



Water, sanitation
and hygiene (WASH)

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Established	2014
International staff	7
National staff	84

Our areas of operation

- Bangui (country office)
- Nana-Gribizi
- Ombella-Mpoko
- Mambere-Kadei
- Nana Mambere
- Sangha-Mbaéré
- Basse-Kotto
- Ouham Pende
- Ouham Fafa
- Kemo



Our activities in detail

Despite a highly challenging operational environment and persistent insecurity, humanitarian access remained possible through continuous access analysis, adaptive operational planning, strengthened logistics, and close coordination with local authorities. In 2025, humanitarian actors faced 86 security incidents, while the closure of 21 MINUSCA bases further increased vulnerabilities, particularly along secondary roads and access corridors.

We continue in 2026 to maintain a pragmatic and adaptive approach to deliver relevant, effective, and principled humanitarian assistance. We strategically adjusted our operational, while prioritising localisation, integrated support in hard-to-reach areas and advancing protection, resilience, cross border and durable solutions, particularly on housing, land, and property rights.



63,873 people reached in 2025 ▼

Education

We support the public education system at national, local and community levels in four prefectures to provide quality education to children. Through a formal partnership signed in 2024 with the MoE, we also make sure that children who have missed out on their education are able to catch up with their peers. Our education programme includes first-line emergency response, support to both formal and non-formal education, youth education and training. Our teams:

- construct and rebuild schools to provide a safe and secure learning environment for children
- re-enrol children in courses so they can enjoy an education, while creating a routine and sense of normality for youth affected by displacement and trauma through BLP

- train teachers to strengthen their capacity in class management and teaching methodology
- provide alternative education programmes (remedial classes, accelerated classes, tutoring) to children who have missed out on their education, to allow them to reintegrate into the formal school system
- provide youth with training and support to enhance their livelihood skills and guide them towards a profession
- work together with other cluster actors to ensure synergy and enhance the quality and impact of our education programmes
- co-facilitate the education cluster and coordinate advocacy efforts to change policies and practices
- strengthen the resilience of schools by revitalising school management committees

In 2025, NRC together with the MoE prioritised evaluation of the BLP performance in CAR and explored opportunities for its institutionalisation in 2026.



14,147 people reached in 2025 ▼

Information, counselling and legal assistance (ICLA)

We support people affected by displacement to access their rights in housing, land and property (HLP) and legal identity. ICLA teams have played a key role in strengthening the governance of civil registration coordination frameworks and supporting the land reform process in the Central African Republic, in close collaboration with relevant government administrations and institutions.

Our teams:

- contribute to ensuring that tenants are the rightful, legal owners through the capacity building of local authorities, the improvement of archiving systems, and by setting up community systems on the protection of HLP rights
- work to prevent further conflict over HLP by providing local authorities and community mechanisms with much needed capacity building for them to better understand their roles and responsibilities when it comes to assisting in the resolution of HLP conflicts
- conduct activities to promote social cohesion and foster dialogue and conflict resolution between communities
- help people obtain legal documentation, including the civil and identity documentation necessary to access rights and services, by building state agents' capacity and providing information sessions to the public on the importance of such documentation
- provide technical support to the HLP working group and contribute to the development of the HLP strategy within the protection cluster
- work with the education team to ensure that school children have access to birth certificates to facilitate the continuity of their education
- support to strengthening the civil registration coordination platform in the Central African Republic



12,507 people reached in 2025 ▼

Shelter and settlements

We work to improve the living conditions for people affected by displacement. Our teams:

- work with the ICLA teams to ensure that HLP rights are respected and upheld
- build and repair houses damaged or destroyed by providing in-kind material, cash and technical expertise
- provide emergency shelter and non-food items (NFIs) to people in displacement camps and out of camps
- provide transitional shelter and NFIs to returnees and vulnerable host communities
- rehabilitate community infrastructures such as administrative buildings and schools
- provide trainings in shelter solutions



29,321 people reached in 2025 ▼

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

To restore the basic human rights and dignity of displaced people, we run WASH activities. Our teams:

- construct, rehabilitate and treat water sources such as wells and pumps, providing clean drinking water for affected communities
- drill new boreholes to increase access to safe water
- create, train and provide equipment to water points management committees
- construct and repair latrines to help people utilise dignified waste disposal systems
- promote hygiene awareness and materials to bring long-term changes to sanitation practices
- provide materials to vulnerable individuals, in the form of cash, vouchers or in-kind materials, including handwashing stations
- work with the education team to strengthen the safe and protective environment of schools

Our donors

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