

**Building a safe and protective environment for durable solutions for refugees and returnees across the Cameroun-CAR displacement axis**

**Project duration:** 1 year

**Intervention area:** Prefecture of Ouham-Pendé

**Project objective:** Build a safe and protective environment for durable solutions for refugees and returnees across the Cameroon-CAR axis of movement

**Budget :** 535,000.00 EUR

**Donor:** DANIDA

**Beneficiaries:** 22,904 direct beneficiaries



**CONTEXT**

Young people, who represent 33% of the Central African population, are both victims and perpetrators of violence across the country. Traditional local governance systems are ignored by young people and impunity reigns; indeed, enrolment in armed groups can provide them with social status, power and money. Nevertheless, relative calm reigns in the prefecture of Ouham-Pendé with regular return movements within the prefecture and from neighbouring countries. Following the signature of a tripartite agreement with Cameroon, an increase of spontaneous returns will likely increase in Ouham-Pendé over the next two years. This is a good time to work on durable solutions and the root causes of the conflict.

**PROJECT STRATEGY**

DRC will identify the needs of populations through protection monitoring and the analysis of conflict trends and provide an integrated response. This will also contribute to creating a safer environment for affected populations. By engaging communities and developing community structures, DRC aims to create sustainable local capacities to peacefully manage grievances and thus mitigate conflicts. By liaising with all stakeholders and creating forums for dialogue, DRC will improve understanding of human rights, peaceful conflict resolution and the role of stakeholders. Finally, DRC will provide protection assistance while meeting the immediate needs of affected populations.

Save and protect lives, alleviate suffering and promote the dignity and rights of civilians in crisis situations and initiate recovery by building resilience and preventing future crises by breaking the cycle between crises



Emergency Response

Solutions to Displacement

Address the Root Causes of Conflict

**RES. 1 : REFUGEES ARE ABLE TO CHOOSE THE BEST SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION**

- Preliminary analysis to collect information on cross-border movements
- Investigations into return intentions among Central African refugees in Cameroon
- Production of products on options linked to durable solutions (incl. Advocacy material)

**RES. 2 : RETURNED AND HOST COMMUNITIES HAVE ACCESS TO SHELTER, LIVELIHOOD, FOOD SECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE ASSISTANCE**

- Monitoring of IGAs for young people implemented during previous project phases
- Food production is stimulated through training and the provision of cash / in-kind
- Distribution of materials to meet shelter and NFI needs
- Critical community infrastructure is rehabilitated

**RES. 3 : THE PROTECTIVE ENVIRONMENT OF COMMUNITIES IS STRENGTHENED**

- Border authorities and / or stakeholders have access to relevant information regarding human rights and protection
- Individual Protection Assistance

**RES. 4 : LOCAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION MECHANISMS ARE STRENGTHENED IN ORDER TO ADDRESS INTER- AND INTRA-COMMUNITY TENSIONS**

- Local authorities, community leaders and stakeholders have the capacity to manage conflicts peacefully
- Community-based structures are in place to facilitate dialogue and peaceful conflict resolution
- Communities have improved knowledge about peaceful conflict management

**BENEFICIARIES**

This project will target displaced persons, returnees and host communities, in particular communities facing numerous return movements. Emphasis will be placed on young people with regard to IGA activities, as it is essential to provide young people with economic opportunities to guarantee a safer environment for all.