



# PROTECTION MONITORING AND RESPONSE

**Project duration** : 12 months

**Intervention area** : The Prefectures of Ouham et Ouham-Pendé

**Project objective** : Strengthen the protective environment of the communities and individuals affected by the armed conflict in the Ouham and Ouham-Pendé

**Budget** : 800 000 EUR

**Donor** : ECHO

**Beneficiaries** : 43 750 direct beneficiaries

## CONTEXTE

The security situation in CAR remains worrying despite the signing of a Political Peace and Reconciliation Agreement (APPR) between the Central African Government and the 14 armed groups in February 2019. According to PRH 2020, one in five people is displaced and 63% of the Central African population need humanitarian aid and protection. DRC recorded in 2019, 919 incidents, of which 895 cases or 97% of the main victims of GBV are women and girls.

Ouham is one of the prefectures most affected by humanitarian needs, particularly in terms of protection due to human rights violations and the absence of state authorities. The 2013 crisis resulted in the displacement of 171,000 people and to date 55,849 people are still displaced in sites and 9,974 in host communities (CMP September 2019). Regular abuses by armed men and the phenomenon of seasonal transhumance continue to create tensions between populations.

With the security situation stabilizing and the gradual restoration of political authorities in Ouham Pendé, attacks by armed groups remain numerous and expose the movement populations to the risks of protection and inter-community tensions. If return movements continue, there is reason to fear an increase in pressure on available resources leading to new protection risks.

According to the Child Protection Sub-Cluster, 797,625 children and those with disabilities are in need of protection, 771 of whom are in family separation and 2,732 are at risk. The needs are enormous in the two prefectures and there are no community responses in this area and no state social service and very few actors intervene in this area.

## GENERAL OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

The objective is to provide a holistic protection response for the victims of the conflict in the Ouham and Ouham Pendé Prefectures. The two-level, community and individual response will contribute to strengthening the protective environment and individual capabilities in the action area. Given the recurrent cycles of violent conflict and high inter / intra-community tensions, the program remains flexible in order to be able to respond appropriately in case of emergency.

**Result 1** : Protection monitoring and information management

- Protection risk mapping
- Child protection systems mapping
- Protection monitoring

**Result 2** : Individuals and households directly affected by rights violations or at risk of protection benefit from a protection response adapted to their case

- Individual and group psychosocial care
- Individual protection assistance (API)
- Community psychosocial activities
- Establishment of mobile and fixed listening centres

**Résultat 3** : Capacities of communities affected by the armed conflict are improved in terms of prevention and response to human rights violations

- Community awareness (mass or targeted)
- Operating support and training for protection focal points or protection committees
- Development and monitoring of community protection plans
- Support for the implementation of micro-projects to support community protection plans

**Résultat 4** : Children have access to spaces adopting a protective approach promoting psychosocial well-being as well as preventing abuse and responding to the needs of children with special needs

- Establishment of protected and recreational spaces for children
- Training of protection committees, protection focal points, community workers and local authorities on child protection
- Support and supervision of young people in their leadership role for younger children
- Life skills for adolescents
- Organization of artistic expression activities for adolescents (14-17 years old)

## CHILD PROTECTION COMPONENT

A Child Protection component was included in this project to provide a more inclusive and comprehensive protection response.

Activities will be offered to children and adolescents to enable them to strengthen their resilience capacities by involving them proactively.

The combination with the other components will allow them to involve in a more protective environment.



Photo 1: Artistic expression activities