

A group of women and children are sitting on the ground. In the center, a young girl wearing a blue headscarf looks directly at the camera. To her right, a woman is wearing a colorful patterned headscarf. The background shows other people, including a woman in a white headscarf and another in a green top. The entire image has a blue tint.

# World Vision Central African Republic

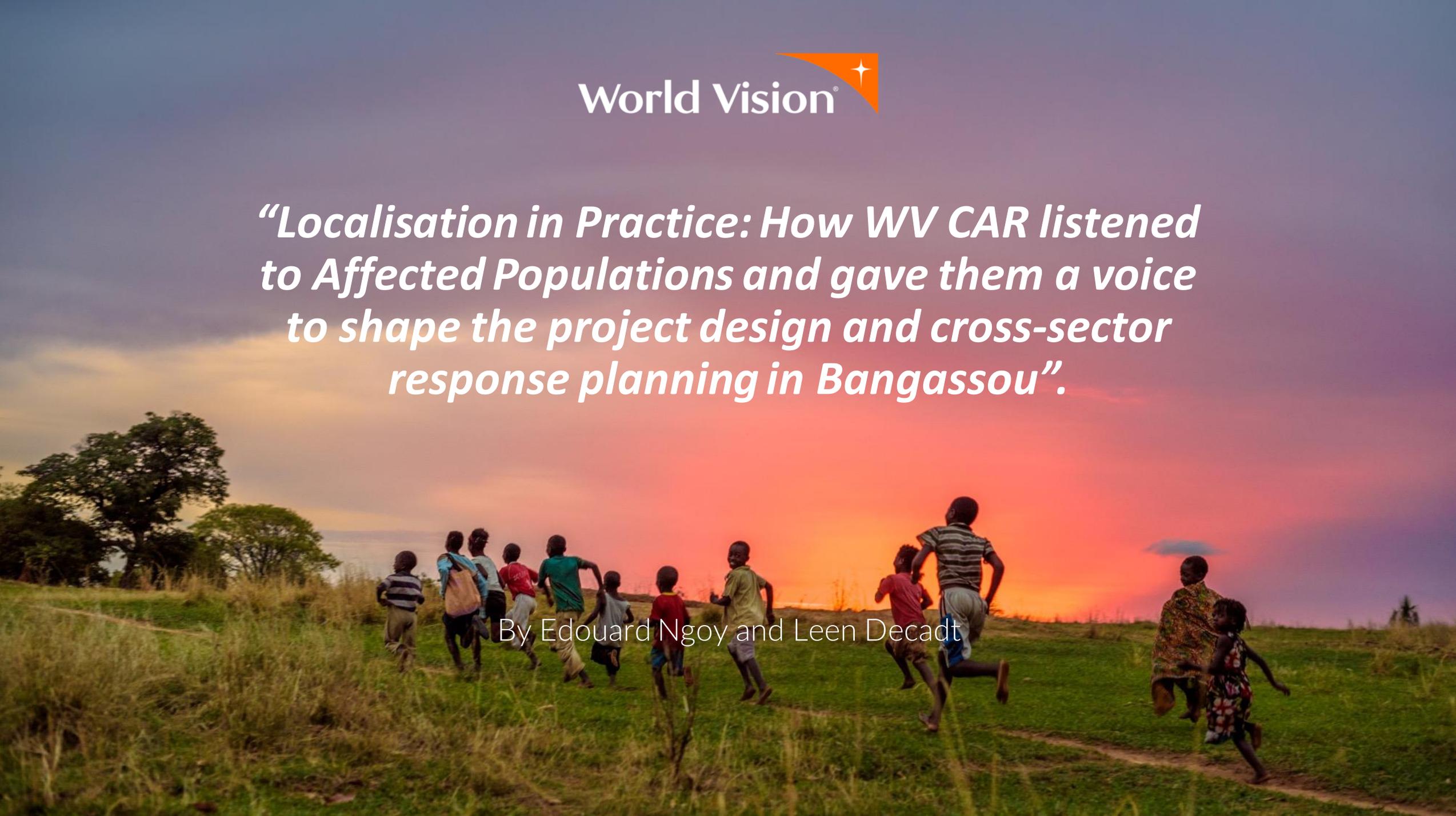
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*“Localisation in Practice: How WV CAR listened to Affected Populations and gave them a voice to shape the project design and cross-sector response planning in Bangassou”.*

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# Background

- Resilience of communities continues to erode under the weight of successive crises and economic recession.
- Almost the entire population has to adopt negative coping mechanisms.
- MVC and their families are often not heard about their issues of concern, root causes and priorities.

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# Background

- Lack of reliable data available on child protection, education and livelihoods issues in CAR.
- By engaging with the community and taking into account what their priorities are, there is an intentional shift of power to children and young people, their families and community actors.

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# RESEARCH

- WV CAR showed active commitment to take account of what the affected population identifies as priority for interventions and what is needed in terms of child protection, education and livelihoods services.
- Through an integrated, multi-sector qualitative assessment, young girls and boys (in and out-of-school), parents/caregivers and key informants from the community identified the most pressing matters during the crisis, the root causes, and the most urgent needs.



# Methodology

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- Giving a voice to Affected Populations, shaping the project design and cross-sector response planning.
- Integrated data collection tools were adapted from INEE Assessment Standards, CPMS, CHS (Core Hum. Standards) and other guidance to the context of Bangassou District.
- By developing and testing those tools, WV CAR created practical entry points for improving accountability to affected populations during the design and planning phases.
- The compilation of existing information on risk and access to child protection, education and livelihoods services provided a better understanding of the local context, and was triangulated with key findings from other assessments in CAR.

- The consolidated data analysis formed the foundation for a logical framework around CP, education and livelihoods objectives, targeting children and young people, parents and caregivers, and communities.
- Proposed interventions are derived from WVI's core project models in fragile contexts, aiming to match the needs of the populations in Bangassou.
- Currently, the log frame design is under review by the communities through a participatory review process.



- The focus of the qualitative data collection toolkit is to measure the level of well-being of most vulnerable girls and boys in Bangassou.
- Evidence from FGD and KII with boys and girls from different age groups and schooling, male and female parents and caregivers, teachers, and formal and informal community stakeholders has offered a comprehensive picture of the challenges faced by CAY.
- The purpose of this grassroots information is to feed into an impactful response, changing the lives of young boys and girls.

*"Life is not easy for us; most of the time our voices do not count"*

*"We don't sleep well, we have a problem with health, food and education"*  
(FGD adolescents)



*"Children don't know how to ask for help"*

*"All our materials have been looted and destroyed by the CPC armed groups. We have nothing at the moment"*

*"We have problems with resources; we did not cultivate last year"*

*(FGD parents and caregivers)*



# CHALLENGES

- The situation in CAR remains volatile. Situation reports continuously show that humanitarian needs are exceeding available human and financial resources.
- WV CAR's project in Bangassou can only contribute a fraction of what is required to offer a decent life to the affected populations.



## NEXT STEPS

- WV aims for a stronger focus on MVC in the hardest places.
- This requires a new, more coherent approach for fragile contexts, meeting immediate survival needs, while at the same time addressing the systemic root causes and drivers of conflict and vulnerability.
- The approach used by WV CAR emphasized child rights and integrated 3 sectors for improved child well-being of the population in Bangassou.
- At global level, WVI will further gather evidence of this inter-sectoral, participatory approach and develop an aligned assessment tool for other fragile countries to apply in future design processes.



Merci de nous écouter!

Thanks for listening!



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