World Vision in Central African Republic

Who we are

Because children are the people most affected by poverty, hunger, conflict, violence, and climate change, we are mobilizing to protect them today so that they can build the world of tomorrow. World Vision is a Christian organization that provides relief, advocacy, and development to empower children, families, and communities to overcome poverty and injustice.

Our promise is to be present wherever children suffer, even in the most dangerous regions. Our vision is of a more just world where every child can grow up in peace, have enough to eat, be loved, and protected, and fully live their lives. That is why we simultaneously work in all the essential areas for their proper development: health, education, access to clean water, child protection, and economic development.

Our goal is to help the most vulnerable children overcome poverty and live their lives to the fullest. We assist children from all backgrounds, even in the most dangerous places, inspired by our Christian faith. Our Vision for every child is a life in all its fullness. Our prayer for every heart is the will to make it so.

World Vision has been present in the Central African Republic (CAR) since 2014 and has launched humanitarian response operations in the country, following international and humanitarian standards. As part of the World Vision partnership, the organization relies on a roster of national and international humanitarian technical experts, digital systems, and flexible funding solutions such as the Last Mile mobile solution and the National Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund.

World Vision operates in various locations in CAR, including Bangui, Bambari, Bangassou, Batangafo, Bouar, Birao, and Paoua. They have more than 150 staff members actively engaged with local communities.

Strategic objectives

World Vision CAR aims to improve the well-being of 2.1 million of the most vulnerable children (aged 0-18) in the Central African Republic (CAR) by 2025, through four key objectives:

1. Enhancing positive and peaceful relationships among children, families, and communities.
2. Protecting boys and girls from violence.
3. Improving the nutrition of children aged 0 to 5 years.
4. Addressing the root causes of vulnerability by adopting a community-based approach in fragile contexts.
To address the critical issue of maternal and child mortality, World Vision CAR collaborates with local healthcare professionals, volunteers, and community leaders. We implement different project models including community management of acute malnutrition, the 7-11 strategy for maternal and child health, total community sanitation, and the reinforcement of the community healthcare system. Additionally, World Vision CAR focuses on enhancing primary healthcare provision by providing training and necessary resources to healthcare workers. Our efforts aim to improve the well-being of mothers and children in the Central African Republic and prevent unnecessary deaths.

World Vision plays a vital role in addressing food insecurity in the Central African Republic. We provide essential emergency food aid and cash assistance to support vulnerable populations. Our programs go beyond immediate relief by focusing on long-term solutions. We help communities create productive assets, strengthen their livelihoods, and enhance their capacity, ultimately improving ecosystems and agricultural practices. World Vision also prioritizes the empowerment of marginalized groups, particularly women, through initiatives such as savings groups, skills training, vocational programs, and support for youth affected by displacement or living in rural areas. These efforts aim to enhance food security and lift communities out of poverty in CAR.

World Vision CAR’s Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) program aims to achieve equality in access to sustainable and sufficient sources of clean water, while also improving sanitation and hygiene practices throughout the country. World Vision promotes the use of rainwater harvesting technologies and micro-irrigation systems to support agricultural and livestock production during periods of limited rainfall and drought, thereby enhancing food availability. Through this program, World Vision also works to improve community-level health by ensuring vulnerable individuals have access to water, sanitation, and hygiene services.

World Vision CAR is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of children by addressing and preventing abuse, neglect, exploitation, and violence. We take a comprehensive approach by partnering with religious leaders, community leaders, law enforcement agencies, parents, caregivers, and families to create a protective environment for children. World Vision CAR establishes safe spaces designed specifically for children and implements programs that provide essential psychosocial support and case management for survivors of gender-based violence (GBV), children in conflict with the law, and children associated with armed forces and groups (CAAFG). Through these efforts, World Vision CAR aims to empower children, support their recovery, and prevent future instances of violence and exploitation.

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