

For over a decade, the **Central African Republic (CAR)** has grappled with conflict, characterized by the persistent presence of armed groups. Violence against civilians persists alongside the adverse impacts of climate change, leading to ongoing displacement within CAR. Alarming, one in five Central Africans are either internally displaced or refugees. The influx of refugees from Sudan further adds to existing humanitarian needs. Gender-Based Violence (GBV) has reached alarming levels, while food insecurity is a growing concern, with 33 percent of the population facing acute food insecurity before the lean season.

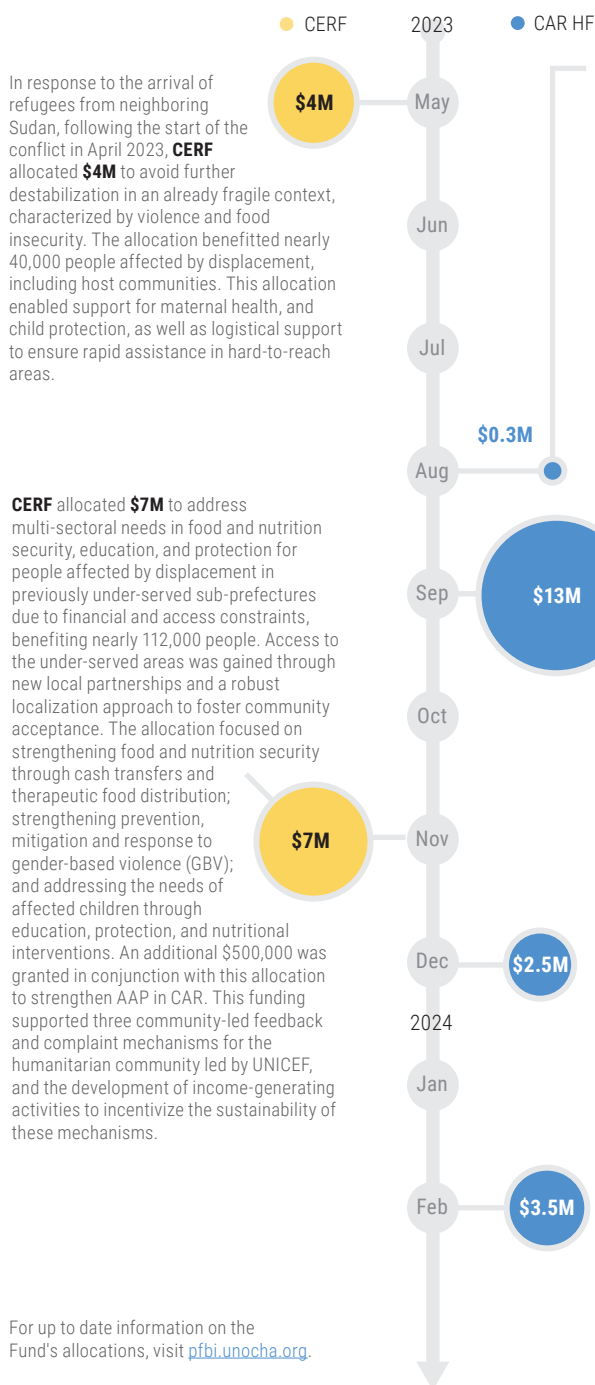
The OCHA-managed Pooled Funds - the Central Emergency Response Fund and the CAR Humanitarian Fund (CAR HF) have allocated \$137.9 million to humanitarian responses in CAR since 2020. During this period, the CAR HF has allocated \$102.9 and CERF has contributed \$35 million.



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POOLED FUNDS ALLOCATIONS IN 2023-2024*



In response to the arrival of refugees from neighboring Sudan, following the start of the conflict in April 2023, **CERF** allocated **\$4M** to avoid further destabilization in an already fragile context, characterized by violence and food insecurity. The allocation benefitted nearly 40,000 people affected by displacement, including host communities. This allocation enabled support for maternal health, and child protection, as well as logistical support to ensure rapid assistance in hard-to-reach areas.

CERF allocated **\$7M** to address multi-sectoral needs in food and nutrition security, education, and protection for people affected by displacement in previously under-served sub-prefectures due to financial and access constraints, benefiting nearly 112,000 people. Access to the under-served areas was gained through new local partnerships and a robust localization approach to foster community acceptance. The allocation focused on strengthening food and nutrition security through cash transfers and therapeutic food distribution; strengthening prevention, mitigation and response to gender-based violence (GBV); and addressing the needs of affected children through education, protection, and nutritional interventions. An additional \$500,000 was granted in conjunction with this allocation to strengthen AAP in CAR. This funding supported three community-led feedback and complaint mechanisms for the humanitarian community led by UNICEF, and the development of income-generating activities to incentivize the sustainability of these mechanisms.

A Reserve Allocation of **\$300,000** from the **CAR HF** enabled dedicated efforts in support of Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) through community participation in humanitarian planning. This included support for REACH to conduct a Multisectoral Needs Assessment (NASM) at the national level and ensure continuity in the availability of up-to-date information for the humanitarian community

\$13M allocation was launched by the **CAR HF** in response to escalating violence in the southeast of the country. The allocation objective was to deploy innovative and integrated approaches to address critical needs, particularly among internally displaced persons (IDPs), with specific emphasis on child protection and addressing GBV. A significant portion of the allocation was earmarked for empowering local and national partners through direct funding and fostering sub-granting partnerships, aiming to enhance local capacity and responsiveness. The allocation supported the sustainment of the collective AAP mechanism by funding joint information-sharing centers and emergency telecommunication solutions, ensuring effective coordination and feedback mechanisms in the humanitarian response landscape of CAR.

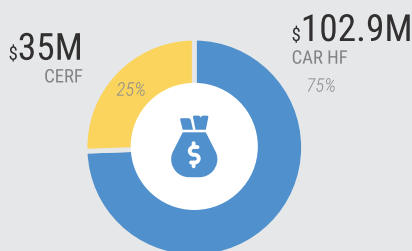
A **\$2.5M** allocation by the **CAR HF** from December 2023 aimed to address critical challenges within the healthcare system in CAR, notably the absence of a functional national drug supply system. With a focus on ensuring access to vital healthcare services and the swift delivery of medical supplies to high-risk regions, the allocation helped mitigate the impact of systemic deficiencies within the health care system. Additionally, a part of the allocation focused on sustaining emergency air cargo operations to prevent interruptions in the delivery of humanitarian supplies to highly underserved areas.

The **CAR HF** launched a **\$3.5M** Reserve Allocation in February 2024 to strategically address urgent humanitarian needs related to GBV and child malnutrition. The allocation enabled protection and essential services to approximately 100,000 GBV survivors. It further targeted 4,000 children at risk of severe acute malnutrition. By prioritizing collaboration with local partners, the allocation leveraged local expertise and capacities, ensuring a more effective and sustainable response.

COMPLEMENTARITY

Through complementary allocations, the Pooled Funds have leveraged their comparative advantages - for instance, the CAR HF has supported frontline local responders while CERF has focused on ensuring swift responses through UN agencies

Allocations by funds* in US\$



\$130.6M
in contributions to the CAR HF**

*Allocations endorsed or launched between January 2020 and May 2024

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For up to date information on the Fund's allocations, visit pfi.unocha.org.

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Photo: The new water infrastructure.
Credit: Oxfam



GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE RESPONSES

Given the severity of GBV and SEA in CAR, the OCHA-managed Pooled Funds have had a particularly strong focus on addressing GBV and the strengthening of women-led organizations in CAR. CERF has since 2022 allocated over \$2 million to address GBV in CAR, while the CAR HF has allocated \$3 million to support efforts against GBV in 2024. The Funds have supported women-led organizations by involving them in decision-making, capacity building, and increasing direct and indirect funding. The overarching objective of the allocations has been to support gender equality in the country by fostering gender-sensitive programmes, as well as to empower women by ensuring their meaningful participation in decision-making processes.

Safe water helps families come home again

Central African Republic, Bria. In CAR, a significant number of affected people have made the decision to return home after being displaced by the ongoing political and humanitarian crisis.

One of them is Arnold. Arnold is a father of six, but only his youngest daughter was able to take her first steps in their home, due to years of displacement. Arnold's family was one of the first to return to the Yafara neighborhood in Bria city, after spending four years in the Bria 'PK3' internal displacement site.

Although the conflict had destroyed a lot of their neighbourhood, Arnold and his family still wanted to come back. They had to rely on water from the nearest river, though, and suffered from water-borne diseases.

"It seemed as though I was spending one day at home and then a week at the hospital," he said of recurring illnesses he, his wife, and the children went through.

In two neighborhoods in Bria, with funding from the CAR HF, OXFAM-Intermón built two solar water pumping systems which helped about 6,000 people – mostly returnees from the conflict – to access safe water.

Thanks to the solar water pump Arnold knows that he and the children now have access to safe water.

The community manages the installation and operations themselves. They are able to sell any excess water, which means they can fund system maintenance and keep it sustainable into the future.



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The OCHA-managed Pooled Funds continue to fund humanitarian operations based on resources. The CAR HF has experienced decreasing levels of donor contributions in recent years which has led to the downscaling of allocation since 2020. However, humanitarian needs in CAR persist at high levels, underscoring the critical importance of additional contributions to effectively address these pressing challenges.

The Pooled Funds are appealing for urgent and immediate contributions

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