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INDEPENDENT COUNTRY PROGRAMME EVALUATION

Central African Republic

EVALUATION PERIOD: 2018-2021

COUNTRY PROFILE

Population

4.9 million
people
(2021)



HDI value

0.397
(2019)



Humanitarian needs

2.8 million people
(2021)



492.8
(2020)

GNI per capita



692,000
(2021)

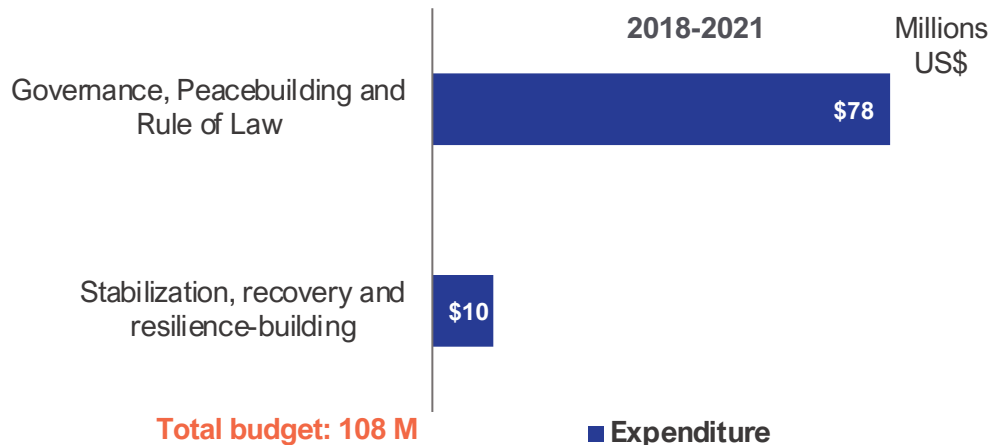
Internally Displaced People



6,336 incidents
(January-July 2021)

Gender-based violence

PROGRAMME OUTCOME AREAS



CONCLUSIONS

1. The country office achieved mixed results, with strong variation between programmatic areas. This reflects the challenges of operating in a volatile environment.
2. UNDP's support to the electoral process was successful, despite the challenging environment. UNDP's work supported a credible nationwide voter registration process and national elections with a relatively high voter turnout.
3. UNDP's work is an essential part of the international community's recovery, peacebuilding and development efforts in support of the CAR Government.
4. UNDP's efforts to mainstream gender equality and women's empowerment into its programme are commendable, especially given the context of high gender inequality. At the programmatic level, most of UNDP's activities make limited contributions to gender equality.



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNDP

1. UNDP should capitalize on its integrator role by seeking to become a thought leader for the United Nations to play a more transformative role in CAR.
3. UNDP should move forward with the formalization of its portfolio approach by consolidating its projects into coherent, interconnected programmes.
5. To bolster progress toward gender equality and women's empowerment, UNDP should continue its upstream support to create a more favourable policy environment.



2. UNDP should seek to improve the linkages between its upstream and downstream interventions. Simultaneously, it should focus on coherent community-level interventions over longer periods of time and in fewer locations.
4. To facilitate sustainable solutions for people affected by conflict and crisis, a coordinated and localized approach is needed. UNDP should advocate through the Durable Solutions Working Group for the common adoption of an area-based approach by the United Nations country team and Humanitarian Country Team.

ABOUT THE INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OFFICE

By generating evaluative evidence, the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) supports UNDP to achieve greater accountability and facilitates improved learning from experience. The IEO enhances UNDP's development effectiveness through its programmatic and thematic evaluations and contributes to organizational transparency.

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The IEO of UNDP conducts Independent Country Programme Evaluations (ICPEs) to assess UNDP's performance at the country level. These evaluations support the formulation of a new UNDP country programme strategy in facilitating and leveraging national efforts to advance inclusive and sustainable development.

