

Central African Republic – Project Brief



PEACEBUILDING
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Durable solutions

Joint PBF-AfDB initiative on Agricultural Transformation and Support to Durable Solutions for Returnees, Displaced Persons, and Host Communities, including Youth, in the Prefectures of Mambéré-Kadéï and Nana-Mambéré

March 2026

Project duration: 2 years

Start Date :	Décembre 2025
End Date :	Décembre 2027

Budget:

AfDB :	\$22.8 Mil
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UNPBF :	\$2 Mil
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Implementing Partners

UN Agencies:

IOM and WFP

Government Partner:

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

■ CONTEXT

The regions of **Nana-Mambéré** and **Mambéré-Kadéï** remain heavily affected by insecurity despite the 2019 Peace Agreement. The activities of armed groups between 2020 and 2023 led to massive displacement, exacerbating land conflicts and social tensions. Weak governance, demographic pressure, and inadequate infrastructure further aggravate these challenges.

Agriculture, which employs nearly **90% of the population**, is severely constrained by low productivity, conflict-related disruptions, limited access to seeds, climate shocks, and poor infrastructure. These vulnerabilities undermine food security and economic recovery.

To address these interconnected crises, the **African Development Bank (AfDB)** is investing in the development of agricultural value chains and rural resilience. Complementary funding from the **Peacebuilding Fund (PBF)** will integrate peacebuilding measures, ensuring that displaced persons, returnees, and host communities particularly women and youth benefit from sustainable solutions and inclusive growth.

OBJECTIVES

This **PBF** project is part of a recently established partnership with the **AfDB**, which will implement the project to support the development of key value chains and the promotion of youth and women entrepreneurship in agribusiness (PADFP-PEJA) in the same regions from 2024 to 2029. The **PADFP-PEJA** aims to promote inclusive economic growth by strengthening the agricultural sector through targeted support.

PBF funding will complement these efforts by integrating a peacebuilding dimension, with a focus on providing sustainable solutions for internally displaced persons, returning refugees, and host communities particularly women and youth in the regions of **Nana-Mambéré** and **Mambéré-Kadéï**. It will prioritize community dialogue, conflict prevention, and improved access to secure housing and agricultural opportunities, while creating favorable conditions for the successful implementation of **PADFP-PEJA**. It seeks to foster a stable and inclusive environment for returnee populations.

KEY RESULTS

- Strengthening intercommunal dialogue and social cohesion through the revitalization of Local Peace and Reconciliation Committees (LPRCs), involving local authorities, traditional leaders, and civil society, including women's and youth organizations.
- Improving land-related conflict management through peaceful dispute resolution mechanisms, ensuring at least 40% female participation in these structures.
- Increasing access to land for returnees, particularly women and youth, through advocacy with local authorities and the issuance of official land titles to prevent conflicts.
- Enhancing agricultural livelihoods for internally displaced persons (IDPs) and host communities by strengthening agricultural productivity, capacity-building efforts, the provision of seeds and tools, and the promotion of collaborative farming practices to foster economic stability and social cohesion.
- Developing a Participatory Local Agricultural Development Plan (PLADP) to support sustainable, community-led agricultural growth.

JOINT COLLABORATION

- **Coordination between project management teams:** The AfDB and PBF teams will work jointly in project implementation and coordinate to avoid duplication and build on each project's achievements.
- **Joint governance:** Joint project governance will be ensured through the Joint Peacebuilding Steering Committee, which will play a central role in strategic decision-making, ensuring that project objectives are aligned with national priorities and beneficiaries' needs. A technical committee will be established to facilitate the technical aspects of project implementation, monitor the work plan, ensure coordination and harmonization of actions, and formulate recommendations for the Steering Committee.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation:** Joint monitoring and evaluation mechanisms will be established to assess implementation, expected results, and the impact of interventions, share lessons learned, and adjust strategies as needed.
- **Communication and Visibility:** A joint communication plan will be developed to ensure that project activities and results are well coordinated and presented in a coherent manner.