



Strengthening the Role of Women's Organizations in Conflict Prevention and Management for Sustainable and Inclusive Peace in the Central African Republic

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Duration:

Length: 2 years

Budget:

TOTAL: \$3,000,000

UN Women \$2,520,198

OHCHR \$479,802

Implementing Agencies and Partners:

Agencies:

UN Women and OHCHR

CONTEXT

Women in the Central African Republic (CAR) remain underrepresented in peace processes, accounting for only 21% of negotiators, 11% of mediators, and 6% of signatories of the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation (APPR). During the 2022 Republican Dialogue, women comprised just 17% of participants. Their limited participation is driven by weak decentralization, deep political polarization, and a lack of recognition for their contributions. Women-led civil society organizations (CSOs) face additional barriers, including limited access to data, fragmented networks, insufficient qualified staff, and difficulties in meeting donor requirements. These challenges significantly hinder their ability to contribute effectively to peace and recovery efforts. Furthermore, the Ministry of Gender has identified persistent challenges in integrating the National Action Plan for UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (NAP R1325) into national peacebuilding frameworks, limiting its impact on women's inclusion in peace processes.

OBJECTIVES

The project aims to strengthen women-led organizations in the Central African Republic (CAR) to enhance their participation in peace processes. Using a bottom-up approach, it connects community-level peace efforts with national processes and supports the implementation of the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Agenda through micro-grants, advocacy, and capacity-building.

EXPECTED KEY IMPACT AND RESULTS

- Increased participation of women and women-led CSOs in both formal and informal peace processes, fostering more inclusive and sustainable peace efforts.
- Enhanced capacity of the Ministry overseeing women's affairs to implement the third-generation National Action Plan (NAP) 1325, ensuring localization and integration of gender perspectives into national peace frameworks.
- Strengthened organizational capacity of women's groups through training, financial support, and access to micro-grants, enabling them to manage resources effectively and implement peacebuilding initiatives.
- Greater visibility and recognition of women's contributions to peace at the community level, encouraging replication of successful initiatives and advocacy for their roles in peacebuilding.