



## Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF)

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# CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

### Core details

**Population:**

4,486,837

**WTO accession:**

31 May 1995

**Poverty head count (%):**

N/A

**Share of international non-oil trade (%):**

0.777

**Per capita growth rate (%):**

4.6

**Value of non-oil goods traded (in US\$ million):**

118

**WB Trading Across Borders rank:**

N/A

**Employment in non-traditional export sectors:**

N/A

The Central African Republic (CAR) joined the Integrated Framework in 2006 and started the [Diagnostic Trade Integration Study \(DTIS\)](#) [1] process; the DTIS and its Action Matrix were validated in late 2007. DTIS priorities identified for agriculture, forestry, mining, transport infrastructure, private sector and business environment and regional integration were included in CAR's 2007 Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) under the pillar targeting rebuilding and diversifying the economy.

CAR also benefitted from a Window II IF project addressing institutional capacity constraints including setting up the National Implementation Unit (NIU) and private sector export capacity with a focus on sesame export promotion.

### Main Projects Ongoing

**Description of the projects (objectives and interventions):**

Under the EIF, CAR is implementing its Tier 1 project in support of National Implementation Arrangements (NIAs) since July 2010. The project seeks to develop national capacities to formulate and mainstream trade policies into economic development and poverty reduction strategies and priorities.

CAR's DTIS Update (DTISU) was launched in 2012, working in partnership with UNDP.

CAR has a Tier 2 project approved by the EIF Board in September 2012, targeting reinforcing the productive capacity of prioritized

agricultural sectors including sesame, maize and palm oil. Specifically, the project aims at increasing the production of raw and processed commodities of sesame, corn and palm oil to respond to market demands; to increase the revenues of the rural population, cooperatives and private sector actors; and to improve food security with respect to cooking oil and corn flour.

The projects' implementation has been halted because of political unrest that started in late 2012 and resulted in a coup that overthrew the Government in March 2013.

#### Main progresses to date:

Implementation of the Tier 1 Support to NIA project had progressed well until the end of 2012 when EIF activities ceased because of increasing political unrest and a suspension of all disbursements for project activities following a negative audit report in December 2012.

As part of the Tier 1 work, studies were undertaken on high export potential sectors and Small and Medium sized Enterprise (SME) development. The EIF programme in CAR was also instrumental in facilitating trade mainstreaming into its 2nd PRSP - (*Document de Stratégie pour la Réduction de la Pauvreté 2011-2015 – DSRPII*) and in particular into the following sections: investment climate; promotion of growth sectors; basic infrastructure development; and regional integration, and in developing a trade strategy. In addition to the National Export Strategy, trade also features in productive sector strategies on agriculture, tourism and transport. Sector strategies on agriculture: *Stratégies de développement rural, de l'agriculture et de la sécurité alimentaire - SDRASA 2011-2015* and National Programme for Agricultural Investment and Food Security (*PNIASA - Programme National d'Investissement Agricole et de Sécurité Alimentaire*) take into account trade profiles for sesame, maize, palm oil, among others.

The Tier 2 project on reinforcing supply capacity of agricultural products will directly support women in CAR, with at least 60% of the workforce in agricultural production being women, involved in the various stages of production, processing and marketing. The project will increase production of raw and processed sesame, corn and palm oil to meet market demands and increase income of the rural population, cooperatives, and private sector actors.

The DTISU was launched in 2012, but suspended because of the political situation.

#### Outlook:

As soon as the political situation will have stabilized and a road map for programme implementation is given by the EIF Board, EIF activities in the CAR will resume.

With the validation of the DTISU, there is a prospect to embark on having a holistic Medium Term Programme (MTP) in CAR.

## Results

The Integrated Framework (IF) Window II-supported programme yielded positive results in the Central African Republic (CAR), strengthening stakeholders' capacities in the trade sector. The programme helped consolidate a conducive institutional framework and strengthened the capacity of the private sector to upgrade productive capacity and diversify exports, with remarkable results in the sesame sector. CAR acquired the proper set of tools that propelled the sesame sector as an income-generating alternative, in addition to the production of traditional peanut and corn exports. For example in Ouaka and Basse-Kotto, producers received training on management, marketing, and price negotiation and were able to access proper technology. These activities yielded the production of 1,500 tons of sesame and the establishment of local enterprises (HUSACA) for processing oil. The facilitation of seller buyer meetings generated contracts for 22 million CFA francs in 2008 (approximately US\$0.45 million).

Building on these results, the Tier 2 project on reinforcing supply capacity of agricultural products focuses on adding value and improving the varieties of sesame, corn, palm seeds and plants in order to generate more revenues for the rural population.

## State of implementation

TIER 1 OUTCOME AND INDICATORS				
<b>Outcome 1:</b> Sufficient institutional and management capacity built in CAR to formulate and implement trade-related strategies and implementation plans				
Outcome 1 indicators	Baseline	'10	'11	'12
O1.1: Support to NIAs (Y/N)	0	Yes	Yes	Yes

O1.2: DTIS Action Matrix (Date) 2007	Yes	Yes	0	0
O1.3: Fiduciary capacity (1-5)	na	3	3	4
O1.4: Trade strategy updated (Y/N)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
O1.5: Trade Strategy quality (1-5)	2	2	2	2
O1.6 Trade strategy implemented (1-5)	3	3	3	3

<b>Outcome 2:</b> CAR mainstreams trade into its national development strategies and plans				
<b>Outcome 2 indicators</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>'10</b>	<b>'11</b>	<b>'12</b>
O2.1: Trade in the National Development Plan (1-5)	2	2	2	2
O2.2: Trade in Productive Sector Strategies (Y/N)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
O2.3: Public-Private Dialogue (1-5)	2	2	2	2

<b>Outcome 3:</b> Coordinated delivery of trade-related resources (funding, TA, etc.) by donors and implementing agencies to implement CAR's priorities following the adoption of the DTIS Action Matrix				
<b>Outcome 3 indicators</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>'10</b>	<b>'11</b>	<b>'12</b>
O3.1: Annual joint sector implementation overview (Y/N)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
O3.2: Frequency of Government-Donor consultation in trade (1-5)	3	3	3	2
O3.3: UN-CEB Cluster activities based on DTIS Action Matrix (Y/N)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
O3.4: Joint donor initiatives in trade (Y/N)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

<b>Outcome 4:</b> CAR secures resources in support of initiatives that address DTIS Action Matrix priorities				
<b>Outcome 4 indicators</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>'10</b>	<b>'11</b>	<b>'12</b>
O4.1: Medium-term Programme (1-5)	5	5	5	4

O4.2: Government budget contribution (Y/N)		Yes	Yes	Yes
O4.4: Number and amount of projects funded from DTIS Action Matrix (in US\$ million)	0	1 (0.26)	3 (0.88)	4 (12.3)

## Financial information

### DTIS Update

Starting date / End date  
08/03/2012  
Approved Budget  
276,000  
Board Approval Date  
12/05/2010  
Disbursement  
243,000  
Expenditure Reported  
29,454  
MOU Approval Date  
07/03/2012  
MOU Expiry Date  
31/12/2014  
Phase:  
Implementation

### NIA Support

Starting date / End date  
13/07/2010  
Approved Budget  
900,000  
Board Approval Date  
12/05/2010  
Disbursement  
900,000  
Expenditure Reported  
679,257  
MOU Approval Date  
26/05/2010  
MOU Expiry Date  
30/11/2014  
Phase:  
Implementation

### Renforcement de capacité d'offre de produits agricoles

Starting date / End date  
Approved Budget  
2,999,968  
Board Approval Date  
18/09/2012  
Disbursement  
0  
Expenditure Reported  
0  
MOU Approval Date  
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Phase:

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