The Central African Republic (CAR) joined the Integrated Framework in 2006 and started the Diagnostic Trade Integration Study (DTIS) 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 overthrow 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

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Disbursement
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Expenditure Reported
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MOU Approval Date
07/03/2012
MOU Expiry Date
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Phase:
Implementation

NIA Support

Starting date / End date
13/07/2010
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Board Approval Date
12/05/2010
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Expenditure Reported
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MOU Approval Date
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MOU Expiry Date
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Implementation

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Starting date / End date
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Board Approval Date
18/09/2012
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