

HUMANITARIAN ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK FOR THE DANISH REFUGEE COUNCIL'S CAR PROGRAMME

“In DRC we wish to be accountable. Not just to our donors and membership, but also – and in particular - to those we try to help. We have many instruments for this, like participation, feedback, complaints-handling and reporting. One important element is informing our beneficiaries and stakeholders about our Humanitarian Accountability Framework – in other words what they should hold us accountable for.”

THE DANISH REFUGEE COUNCIL IN CAR

Vision

“No displaced person must be without help when it comes to finding protection and durable solutions.”

Mission

The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) is a private, independent, non-profit organisation (NGO), devoted, on the basis of humanitarian principles and the Human Rights Declaration, to supporting the protection of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs), and to promoting long term solutions to the problems of forced migration. DRC works in the context of *conflict-induced displacements of populations* and in return and reintegration situations.

In CAR DRC works to *support peace and stabilization, and protect and promote durable solutions to crisis affected population on the basis of humanitarian principles and fundamental rights.*

Objectives

The overall programme objective derives directly from the DRC mandate and the DRC Assistance Framework adapted to the situation in CAR:

To support and promote the Protection and Livelihoods recovery of conflict affected communities in the northern part of CAR on the basis of humanitarian principles and human rights.

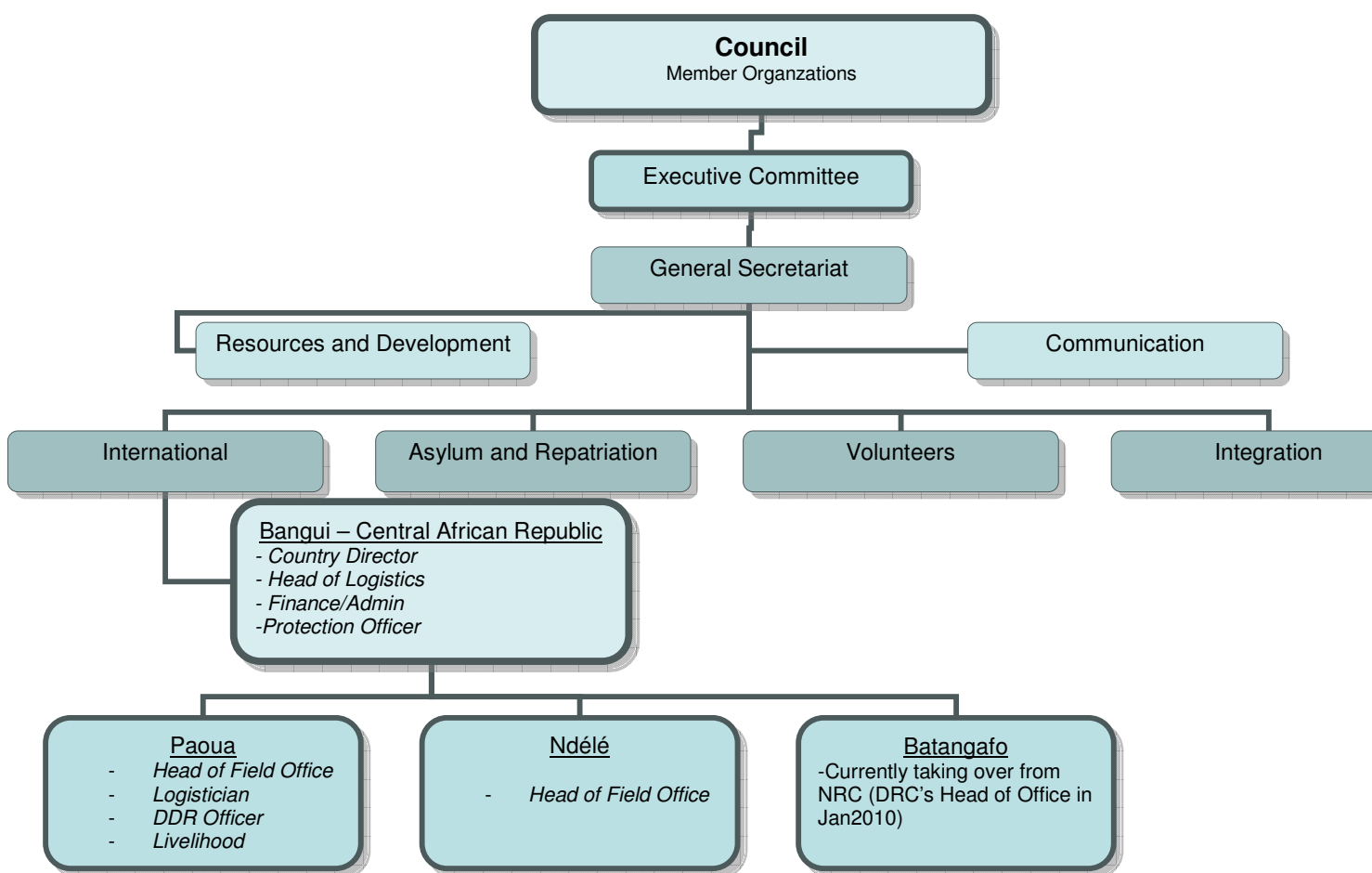
The overall objective will be achieved by the following immediate objectives:

1. To strengthen the protection of the conflict affected population in the Ouham and Ouham-Pendé prefectures through protection by presence, profiling, individual referral and direct advocacy.
2. To strengthen integrated livelihood strategies and support to food self-sufficiency capacities for the conflict affected households on the basis of their own resources and capacities in the Ouham and Ouham-Pendé prefectures.

3. To strengthen the recovery process of conflict affected communities by mobilising communities through social and economic capacity developing initiatives in the prefectures of Ouham and Ouham-pendé.
4. To facilitate basic community infrastructure rehabilitation in the prefectures of bamingui Bangoran, Ouham and Ouham-Pendé.

Organisation

The organizational chart below illustrates the current structure.



Partners and Stakeholders

On a national level, DRC works with the following stakeholders and partners:

Duty-bearer National Stakeholders	National Key Stakeholders
CAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Central and local government - Ministry of agriculture - Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Ministry of Education - Ministry of Justice - Ministry of planning and economic affairs -ANDE -ACDA - Local authorities - Traditional leaders (community) -Armed groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -UNHCR -UNDP -FAO -UNICEF -WFP -UNDP -BONUCA -NGOs -Ligue centrafricaine des Droits de l'Homme

LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS & CODES WE SUBSCRIBE TO

Mandate for the international activities

The mandate for the international activities is the protection and promotion of durable solutions to refugee and displacement problems, on the basis of humanitarian principles and human rights, including:

- Providing refugees, internally displaced persons and other affected groups in situations of war and conflict with assistance according to their rights. This assistance can consist of relief and other humanitarian aid, rehabilitation and support to return home, as well as contributions to the promotion of durable solutions.
- Contributing to capacity building and co-operation between local and national authorities, as well as other relevant organizations. This work aims at strengthening advocacy and promoting solutions to problems related to situations of conflict, particularly with a view to improving the protection and reintegration of refugees and internally displaced persons.

Key instruments, standards and codes that DRC subscribes to internationally

[Conventions and the like:]

- The 1951 Convention and the 1967 Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees; and
- The 1998 Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement.
- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- The Geneva Convention and protocols of 1949
- Other key bodies of international humanitarian law
- [Voluntary NGO codes and the like:]

- The Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in Disaster Relief
- The SPHERE humanitarian charter and minimum standards in disaster response
- The Humanitarian Accountability Principles
- The Principles for Humanitarian Action
- Code of Conduct of DRC (for DRC and Staff in International Programs)
- Related to humanitarian removal of explosive remnants of war:
- The 1997 Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention also named the Ottawa Treaty
- The 1980 Convention on certain Conventional Weapons, including the amended protocol II from 1998 and the protocol V from 2003 addressing Explosive Remnants of War (ERW)
- IMAS standards

Scope and Sectors of the work in CAR

The overall sectors and examples of activities within the DRC CAR program are:

Food Security & Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development (FSARD)	Income Generation (IG)	Protection	Infrastructure Rehabilitation (IR)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural production • Agro-processing & preservation & marketing • Farmer Field training & capacity building • Develop agricultural networking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market assessments • Vocational training • Business skills training • Functional literacy • Business grants • Revolving community loan funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of 1612 resolution of UNSC • Human Rights Promotion & Trainings • Emergency Education • Support to civil society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitation and construction of bridges, market structures, schools and community infrastructures
Information Management & Coordination: Participatory Community Action Planning			

DRC CAR's activities are funded by project grants from the EC, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, FAO, UNDP, DRC Collective Funds, ERF, CERF, PBF and CHF.

Strategic program approaches

Contextual analysis and programming that recognize the dynamics of displacements:

- Displacement often transcends real or virtual borders, and so should DRC's contributions to finding the solutions;
- Assistance must target both the displaced and those otherwise affected by the displacement, as well as recognize the dynamics between the displaced and other affected populations;
- Although displacement scenarios may principally be categorized as either *Acute Crisis*, *Protracted Displacement* or *Durable Solutions* scenarios and the corresponding assistance be categorized as *Saving of lives*, *Restoration and development of livelihoods*, and *Institutional and organizational change*, respectively, most displacement situations simultaneously contain elements and potentials for all three. So should, therefore, the assistance provided. While using distinctly different approaches

according to category, assistance in any situation must always look for potentials for building capacity for durable solutions.

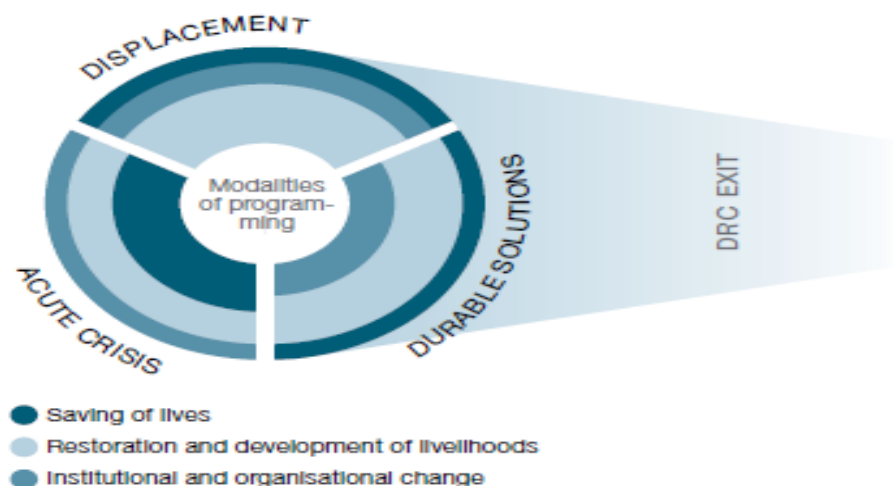
Rights-based programming:

- Focusing on the challenges of making duty-bearer stakeholders take up their responsibilities to protect people affected by war, conflict, during displacement and after;
- Filling-in as much as possible when the duty-bearers are unwilling or unable to do so;
- Encouraging and supporting “rights-holders” to claim and enjoy their rights.

Programming principles

Entry & Exit – the figure below reflects the criteria employed for determining entry and exit of current and previous operations, as well as focus of operations and sectors of activities.

Assistance framework defining DRC’s entry and exit strategy



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Exit strategy

DRC’s overall intervention strategy is laid down in the *DRC Assistance Framework*, which enables DRC to operate in different phases of a humanitarian situation and commits DRC to a long-term engagement, in order to promote sustainable transition and durable solutions. In principle, DRC will continue activities until individuals, authorities and agencies are able and willing to take up their respective responsibilities with regard to protection of the population and their rights, in accordance with national and international legal and policy frameworks. Hence DRC is committed to remain active in CAR until durable solutions are found for the conflict affected and displaced population with the DRC areas of operation.

Operational principles of DRC CAR:

- Peace-building mainstreaming in ALL interventions;
- Environmental concerns, particularly in agricultural interventions;

- Community ownership through Participation and the use of PRA methodology;
- Partnerships with Governments and local institutions & NGOs;
- Creation of employment/income opportunities in connection with activity implementation (IGA);
- Development of local capacities;
- Advocacy vis-à-vis governments particularly regarding protection of the rights of displaced, migrants and women;
- Complementarity with governments and other organisations;
- Rights based approach principles (human rights, empowerment, participation, non-discrimination, accountability)

LIST OF PROJECTS

NOTE: THE PROJECT PORFOLIO REFLECTS THE STATUS IN FEBRUARY 2009; ALL CHANGES UNTIL THE NEXT QUARTER WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE REVISED HAF

Project title:	Program to enhance Agriculture for communities in Ouham Pende
Focus Area:	Community-based integrated livelihood recovery, including agricultural production, income generation and infrastructure rehabilitation
Donor:	EU
Objective:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reinforce local capacities by promoting a follow up and support to existing local structures 2. Improve community based groups' productivity and incomes 3. Rehabilitation of community infrastructures and promote events to enhance products commercialisation
Beneficiaries:	An estimated 400,000 beneficiaries including IDPs, refugees, returnees, vulnerable and host communities.
Authorities involved:	Ministry of agriculture, ACDA, ANDE, FNEC
Implementing partner(s):	CARITAS, COPADEP, UDAPE, COGROBU, FEGACA, AGROCOM

Project title:	Women Rights Training in Ouham Pende and Bamingui Bangoran
Focus Area:	Agriculture, women's empowerment & protection, income generation/market access, capacity building
Donor:	Danida
Objective:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1: Reduce negative practices and violence against women 2: Implementation of 2 legal clinics
Beneficiaries:	Women, local and national authorities Direct beneficiaries are approx. 3000 persons
Authorities involved:	Ministry of Justice
Implementing partner(s):	AFJC

Project title:	Emergency Education in Ouham
Focus Area:	Reinforce educational Structures in primary schools
Donor:	UNICEF, CHF
Objective:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide access to primary schools • Reinforce teaching quality of PTA's and support Min. of Education. • <i>Reinforce educational system through accrued community participation</i> • <i>Improve school environment through provision of educative material</i>
Beneficiaries:	An estimated 17000 pupils
Authorities involved:	Ministry of Education
Implementing partner(s):	Ministry of Education

Project title:	Protection and livelihood support to conflict affected communities and reintegration of child youth ex EAFGA in CAR
Focus Area:	Demobilisation and reintegration of the EAFGA within their communities
Donor:	UNICEF
Objective:	<p><i>Ensure the demobilisation and reinsertion of children in their community</i></p> <p>Provide 1000 children with recreational activities</p> <p>Support early recovery process within host communities through IGA and empowerment of social infrastructures</p> <p>Promote children rights by armed groups through data collection about the 1612 of UNSC</p>
Beneficiaries:	7000 children
Authorities involved:	Local authorities (APRD-rebel group)
Implementing partner(s):	None

Project title:	Support to agricultural activities in Paoua, Bozoum & Ndele
Focus Area:	Increased staple food production; capacity building of extension workers; enhanced agro-processing and storage; and improved farm-to-market access.
Donor:	PBF/UNDP
Objective:	To improve livelihoods based on a community and participatory approach
Beneficiaries:	Approx: 5000 people, especially women
Authorities involved:	Ministry of Agriculture, ACDA, ANDE, FNEC
Implementing partner(s):	None

Project title:	Seeds and tools distribution
Focus Area:	Provide farmers groups with tools and seeds
Donor:	FAP
Objective:	Contribute to agriculture revival of conflict affected population
Beneficiaries:	12000 families
Authorities involved:	Ministry of Agriculture
Implementing partner(s):	None

Project title:	Wickhall installation
Focus Area:	Storage facility for WFP distribution
Donor:	WFP
Objective:	<i>Establish a wickhall for WFP storage</i>
Beneficiaries:	47000
Authorities involved:	TBD
Implementing partner(s):	None

Project title:	IDP Profiling and needs assessment
Focus Area:	Data collection
Donor:	CERF/UNHCR
Objective:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of localities assessed • Number of IDPs concerned by assessments • Number of recommendations issued based on preliminary findings • Number of humanitarian responses initiated due to the findings • Number of workshops and trainings facilitated by DRC • Number of participants in workshops and trainings • Number of advocacy initiatives undertaken • Information management mechanism established for protection analysis and information. • Advocacy strategy developed and implemented
Beneficiaries:	Conflict affected areas
Authorities involved:	Ministry of planning
Implementing partner(s):	None

Project title:	Protection and Livelihood Support to Conflict Affected Communities in North Western CAR
Focus Area:	Livelihood Recovery
Donor:	UNHCR
Objective:	<p><u>To support and promote the Protection and Livelihoods recovery of conflict affected communities in the northern part of CAR on the basis of humanitarian principles and human rights.</u></p> <p>The overall objective will be achieved by the following immediate objectives:</p> <p>To strengthen the <u>protection</u> of the conflict affected population in the Ouham and Ouham-Pendé prefectures through protection by presence, profiling, individual referral, and direct advocacy.</p> <p>To strengthen integrated <u>livelihood strategies</u> and support to food self-sufficiency capacities for the conflict affected households on the basis of their own resources and capacities in the Ouham and Ouham-Pendé prefectures.</p> <p>To strengthen the recovery process of conflict affected communities by <u>mobilising communities</u> through social and economic capacity developing initiatives in the prefectures of Ouham and Ouham-pendé.</p> <p>To facilitate <u>basic community infrastructure</u> rehabilitation in the prefectures of Ouham and Ouham-Pendé.</p>
Beneficiaries:	Approx. 70.000
Authorities involved:	Min. of Agriculture, Min. of Social affairs, Min. of youth and Sports
Implementing partner(s):	None