



Situation Report #5

Humanitarian Crisis in CAR

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Key Figures



2,400,000
Total people affected¹



576,000
Women of reproductive age²



62,557
Estimated pregnant women²



134,400
People targeted with SRH services



188,160
People targeted with GBV programmes

¹ [République centrafricaine: Besoins humanitaires et plan de réponse 2025](#)

² Estimated figures are based on the Minimum Initial Services Package for Sexual and Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Settings (MISP) calculator.

Highlights

- On 6 May 2025, clashes between a non-state armed group and the Central African Armed Forces (FACA) took place in Zémio, a town in the Haut-Mbomou prefecture. The fighting has displaced thousands of people, who are now living in precarious conditions. More than 50% of the nursing staff fled after armed men broke into the Zémio hospital, limiting access to sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services for women and girls, as well as gender-based violence (GBV) services for survivors.

Situation Overview

- In May 2025, the humanitarian situation in the Central African Republic (CAR) remained concerning, despite a relative improvement in security in some localities.
- Clashes between armed groups and attacks on civilians continue to cause new displacements and weaken communities. The border regions with Chad and Sudan, as well as the southeast and west, remain the most affected by insecurity and displacement.
- This situation continues to cause a decline in the living conditions of the population, with women and girls remaining the most vulnerable and exposed to GBV, while healthcare services are becoming increasingly scarce due to underfunding.

UNFPA Response

In May 2025, UNFPA and its implementing partners carried out the following activities across various locations in the CARc:

GBV Prevention and Response:

- **3,091 women and girls benefited from psychosocial services and life skills activities**, at four women and girls' safe spaces (WGSSs) located in Ndélé, Birao, Bégoua, and Bimbo.
- **GBV survivors were provided with multisectoral care**, of which 30% received psychosocial support and medical care as well.
- **Awareness-raising activities reached 11,606 people**. These community-level and mass awareness initiatives focused on the prevention of GBV - including early and forced marriage, and the availability of SRH and GBV response services. The composition of participants reflects an inclusive and strategic approach: 5,297 women, 3,579 girls, 1,331 men, and 1,399 boys. By raising awareness across all segments of the population, these activities build a safer and more respectful environment for everyone; highlighting the invaluable role of information and education in the fight against violence.

Strengthening Access to SRH Services

To enhance access to essential SRH services, provisions were delivered through eleven health facilities, which included four mobile clinics and seven static clinics. This dual approach allowed for a greater reach of people, including those living in remote areas or with limited access to permanent health infrastructure.

In total, **1,779 individuals directly benefited** from these essential services, which included:

- **817 pregnant women received antenatal care**, ensuring crucial monitoring for maternal and child health before birth.
- **323 women received postnatal consultations**, providing vital support after delivery.
- **553 people were treated for sexually transmitted infections**, contributing to disease prevention and treatment.
- **86 deliveries were assisted by qualified healthcare personnel**, a key indicator of reduced maternal and neonatal mortality through safe and professional care.
- **1,904 women and girls received dignity kits**, which were distributed through several channels, including SRH and GBV response services, and during the international menstrual hygiene campaign.

Women and Girls Safe Spaces

UNFPA supports four WGSSs in Ndélé, Birao, Mboko-Landja, and Bégoua-Liton offering vital support and empowerment opportunities to the community including:

- **Training and support for income-generating activities (IGAs)**: 383 participants (251 women and 142 girls) attended IGA training. Among them, 90 received start-up kits for the first phase of support, helping them launch their own economic initiatives.
- **Functional literacy**: 130 people (80 women and 50 girls) participated in functional literacy programs, strengthening their fundamental skills for better integration.
- **Peer-to-peer sewing training**: 32 new learners (16 women and 16 girls) were trained in sewing through classes led by their peers, promoting skill transfer and self-reliance.
- **Life-skills enhancement**: 1,013 participants (725 women and 288 girls) attended life-skills sessions, equipping them with essential tools to face daily challenges.
- **Information and education sessions on menstrual hygiene**: 1,533 people attended, including 534 women and 599 girls. These sessions were held in schools and five safe spaces. They focused on themes such as hygiene management, pregnancy prevention among adolescent girls, and information on available social services.

Results Snapshots



4,660

People reached with **SRH services**
68% female, 32% male



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Health facilities supported



6,946

People reached with **GBV prevention, mitigation and response activities**
76% female, 18% male



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Safe spaces for women and girls supported



1,904

Dignity kits distributed to women and girls

Coordination Mechanisms



Gender-Based Violence:

- In May 2025, under the lead of UNFPA, the GBV Area of Responsibility (AoR) held two coordination meetings with 58 members, and led inter-agency initiatives to strengthen GBV coordination.
- Innovative GBV prevention and response activities were presented, including:
 - The Engaging Men in Accountable Practice (EMAP) approach, which is a primary prevention approach to violence against women through the involvement of men as allies, and guided by women's voices.
 - The 'Safe at Home' approach, which aims to improve the wellbeing of families by tackling co-occurring forms of violence in the home (it involves fathers, mothers and their children).
 - A holistic care package for GBV survivors, including legal support, was also presented by a member of the GBV AoR.
- The GBV needs assessment was also discussed. Under the lead of UNFPA, members have committed to assessing GBV needs in security-challenged areas to gain more evidence to improve programming, mobilize resources and support advocacy. In May, data collection began in nine sub-prefectures.

♥ Sexual and Reproductive Health:

The monthly SRH Working Group meeting was held with 20 partners. Discussions surrounded capacity building, including Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) training, and the digitalization of SRH data collection.

Funding Status

In 2025, UNFPA requires US\$16.56 million to deliver critical SRH and GBV services to women and girls in need. In May 2025, only US\$1.6 million had been mobilized, leaving a staggering funding gap of US\$14.1 million.

