

# Central African Republic

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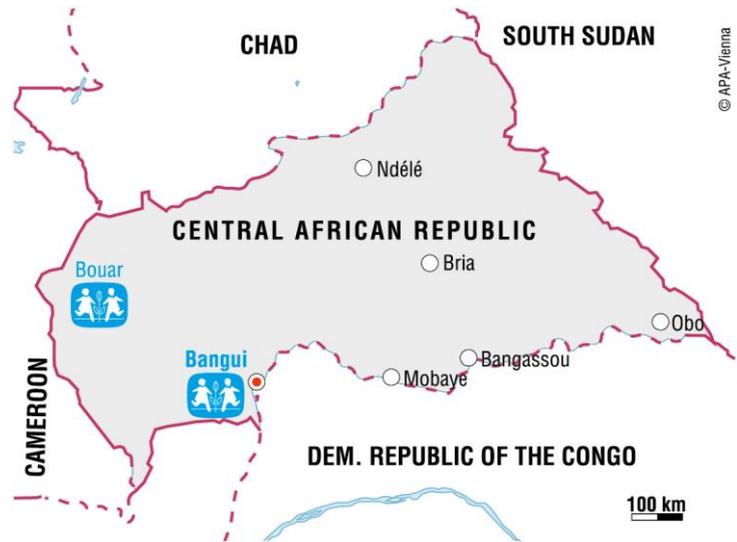


## Thank you for your support to the Medical Centre in Bouar, Central African Republic

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The unstable situation in the Central African Republic is making it hard for the people, and many families are currently fleeing their homes. Thanks to strong local relations and a long-term commitment in the country, SOS Children's Villages can continue to support children and their families.

In connection to the children's village in Bouar there is a Medical Centre, a pre-school where there are currently 50 children, a school with 220 pupils, and a family strengthening program where almost 400 children and adults receive support and assistance with education, medical care, contributions to clothes and/or school fees.



**Currently, nine staff members work at the Medical Centre;**

Medical staff: one Chief Medical Officer, one nurse, one lab technician, one midwife, and one vaccination assistant.

Administrative staff: one accountant, one secretary/cashier, and one dispenser of drugs.

Service staff: one room attendant.

**The work of SOS Children's Villages would not be possible without you. Thank you for helping children in the Central African Republic to get a brighter future!**

## In operation for almost eight years

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The SOS Medical Centre in Bouar opened in December 2009. It covers an area with 8,726 inhabitants and provides quality medical services at affordable rates to the whole community.

The medical team works in partnership with international NGOs such as the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), UNICEF and the CORDAID organization, in the implementation of national programs regarding malaria, family planning, HIV, and other medical conditions.

In addition to the ongoing patient care, the medical centre also takes part of campaigns for mass vaccinations of children, antenatal work, epidemiological surveillance, follow-up of growth and nutritional advice as well as Information-Education-Communication (IEC) for the benefit of the children. They also work with family planning and to reduce sexually transmitted diseases.

### All in all, the Medical Centre offers:

- Preventive care by raising awareness on topics such as sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS, family planning, prenatal consultation and work to prevent diseases such as measles and polio.

- Curative care by treating common diseases like malaria (25%), typhoid fever and diarrhea (15%), skin infections (14%), lung infections (12%), monitoring and management of people living with HIV/AIDS (7%). Care that follow minor surgery is also provided by the Centre.

For confirmation of these diagnoses, laboratory balance sheets are prepared by a biomedical technical engineer, conducting biological examinations. On average, 8 patients are seen per day.



## Stories from the Medical Centre

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*“During my pregnancy two years ago, I came to the medical clinic for prenatal consultation. It is here that I am used to get treatment. Now I am here for my son. Since last night, he has a fever, and he can’t stop crying. I live quite near the Centre, and I am here because of the quality of the medical care.”*

Mother seeking care for her child.



*“Sometimes the nurse or the doctor comes home to check if I’m okay. I can speak freely here, because I know them well, I’m not afraid. The services offered are good, because at the entrance the nurse greets me nicely and ask her questions kindly.”*

Benjamin, 11 years old.

*“I have been working at the medical centre since the opening on December 22, 2009. I always feel pleased when the patients get access to the medicines that they need.”*

*“It is through the pharmacy that patients are relieved of their pain. After the consultation and examination at the doctor, the patient comes here to get the prescribed medicine so he or she can recover their health.”*

Euphrasie, pharmacist.

## UN Sustainable Development Goals

On September 25th 2015, countries adopted a set of goals to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all as part of a new sustainable development agenda. Each goal has specific targets to be achieved until 2030.

For SOS Children's Villages, these goals are a confirmation that we are heading in the right direction. We work towards all the goals, mainly covering the milestones 1, 3, 4, 8, 10, 16 and 17. As a donor, among other things, you support the work with goal number 1 and 3.



**1) Achieving a world where poverty is a thing of the past is the main aim of the SDGs. Central to this goal is ensuring that no child grows up in poverty.**

As the number one reason why children are admitted to SOS family strengthening programs is poverty, this goal is central to the work of SOS Children's Villages. We are passionate about helping poor families and communities break the cycle of poverty by helping them build their capacities and resilience, and improving access to education and vocational training, including for young adults.

**3) Access to good quality health care is every child's right.** SOS Children's Villages associations and our partners are working to ensure that communities have the resources and knowledge to provide children with quality health care.

