



European Commission



TRANSFORMING LIVES IN URBAN AREAS

EU SUPPORT FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT

IMPROVING LIVING CONDITIONS IN BANGUI AND BIMBO

IMPROVING FLOOD AND WASTEWATER DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE CAPITAL CITY BANGUI AND THE TOWN OF BIMBO

REGION
CENTRAL AFRICA

COUNTRY
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

FOCUS
URBAN STORM WATER AND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

CONTEXT



The EU and its Member States consider that a holistic, integrated and place-based approach to urban development, together with a long term vision, is necessary in order to promote well-managed, liveable, socially inclusive and safe, resilient, resource-efficient and environmentally sustainable as well as economically prosperous cities of all sizes, as well as developing the capability to achieve them.

Promoting green and resilient cities is a key pillar of this approach. This includes ensuring sound management of wastes and encouraging the use of green and blue infrastructures as nature-based solutions.

BACKGROUND



The largest section of the road network (64 km long) was in need of major repairs owing in part to a series of weaknesses in the management of essential infrastructure including the lack of maintenance and absence of drainage holes, insufficient solid waste management measures and the accompanying flooding problems this caused in the urban area.

Weak organisational ability by the urban development actors and the absence of sectoral policies were particular problems.

The specific objective of the support therefore focused on the rehabilitation of public urban infrastructure and technical support to improve infrastructure governance across local authorities in the areas of management, maintenance and follow-up.

This urban development support programme follows on from a number of other projects financed by the European Union and other donors, in particular the World Bank and the Agence Française de Développement.

Through structural and sustainable investments, this programme was designed to help the actors in the development of the greater Bangui region to define their respective mandates in a larger context, including vis-à-vis the rural hinterland.

EXPECTED RESULTS



- Improved living conditions of 880 000 residents living in the city of Bangui and Bimbo.
- Reduced flooding in urban areas;
- Rehabilitation of settlements situated on the outskirts of Bangui;
- Improved transport mobility around the two main centres of commerce of Bangui (Market Pk5 and Central Market);
- Urban renewal of important economic zones;
- Enhanced capacities of the Offices of the Mayors of Bangui and Bimbo;

APPROACH



The programme enabled a stronger integrated approach to urban development in the 2 municipalities through:

1. Works and training: Taking into consideration the regulatory requirements and standards for storm and surface water meant that where appropriate the rehabilitation of the public urban infrastructure (road network, sanitation etc.) was labour intensive thereby stimulating employment and skills.

2. Reinforcing institutions: Support was given to the Office of the Mayor of Bangui to reinforce capacity in planning and management of public urban infrastructure.

LESSONS LEARNED



By reducing flooding in deprived areas, the project helped to preserve the built environment and protect families from natural hazards.

Furthermore, by improving the traffic flow as a result of better road surfaces, the project helped contribute to the development of a more efficient urban transport network.

MOVING FORWARD



Sectoral policies in energy, health, water, etc. will continuously need to be updated to reflect the needs of urban populations.

“ Together for peace, stability and development: the PADU contributes to a better connectivity, to improving traffic as well as the living conditions of residents. ”

National Authorising Officer of the EDF



TOTAL PROJECT VALUE
EUR 19.2 MILLION

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