



*Project code 006*

## DENTAL PRACTICE

### CONTEXT

The Central African Republic has an area of 622,984 sq km and a population of 5,166,510 inhabitants. Since the last coup in 2013, it has lived through five years of guerrilla warfare, violence and looting which further aggravated the already precarious political and economic situation in the country.

The situation of thousands of refugees is catastrophic.

At the moment the State doesn't provide either health nor education.

The consequences are a dramatic increase in illiteracy in recent generations, an increase in HIV / AIDS infections and sexually transmitted diseases due to the sexual violence that occurred during the crisis and an increase in other epidemics such as malaria and tuberculosis.

### THE PROJECT

In this context in Bouar, in June 2010, the "Saint Michel" Care Center opened as a treatment and prevention center for AIDS patients.

Today the Center has just over 1000 patients in its care. .

Until then, such a facility was non-existent both in Bouar and throughout the Nana Mambere region. Starting from 2012, Mr Alberto Fariselli, a Amici Betharram Onlus association volunteer, works there permanently.

The project plans to support the service that is given to the population in dentistry.

The beneficiaries of the project are the entire population of the city of Bouar (50,000 inhabitants) and a large part of the population of the Nana-Mambere region of which Bouar is the capital, as well as the patients who are enrolled at the "Saint Michel" Center.

After the first years of work, in order to continue offering this service, it was necessary to purchase a new dental chair together with other necessary equipment such as X-ray apparatus.

In the last year, 2019, there have been 853 consultations, with a monthly average of 40 extractions, 13 fillings, 11 devitalizations as well as visits, oral hygiene and prosthesis fabrications.