



Project code 011

“Notre Dame de la Paix” School – Bimbo

SITUATION

The Central African Republic, "Cinderella" of the French colonies, independent since 1960, is considered one of the poorest and least organized countries in the world.

Theater of constant coups d'état, it has recently gone through one of the most serious political and social crises in its short history.

Since the last coup in 2013, he has lived through five years of war violence and looting which further aggravated the already precarious political and economic situation in the country.

The situation of thousands of refugees is catastrophic.

Also, now most of the territory is insecure in both rural and urban areas due to the constant clashes between the various armed groups in the country.

At the moment the state is absent in the health, and schools fields.

The consequences are dramatic.

- increase in illiteracy in young generation
- increase in HIV / AIDS infections and sexually transmitted diseases due to the sexual violence that occurred during the crisis
- increase in other epidemics

The AMICI Betharram Onlus association supports the works in those fields where the state is completely absent (health and education).

THE PROJECT

Bimbo is a suburban district of Bangui and has over 100,000 inhabitants.

Since 2013, following the coup, a large part of the population had to flee the city center, the place of the bloodiest clashes, to take refuge into the neighbouring communities.

People are tired of war, violence and want to be born again.

Several associations were born with the aim of facing the situation by cultivating the spirit of solidarity.

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The "challenge" that awaits us is to be close to these people, tried hard, but full of hope and desire to redeem themselves.

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It was decided to help by starting to renovate a nearby dilapidated structure.

The project is divided into two phases: the first (completed) involved the renovation of the existing building to create new safer and more comfortable masonry classrooms.

The works that were carried out thanks to the support of AMICI Betharram Onlus were.

- Construction of new foundations
- Construction of reinforced concrete pillars and walls
- Renovation of wooden trusses and corrugated sheet roofing
- Purchase of desks, tables and cupboards
- Purchase of school supplies

The second phase of the project which started with the inauguration of the new school and the beginning of the new school year in September 2019 provides for:

- Support and help families to enrol in school for children
- Financially support five teachers by giving them the opportunity to reintegrate into the social fabric