



13th FCPF Participants Meeting

CENTRAL AFRICAN
REPUBLIC

MID-TERM REPORT

Additional Country Context

- The 2013 political – military crisis had severe impacts and the country remains in the early stages of post-conflict recovery.
- However, CAR is at an exciting point to potentially escape the instability.
- The Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation (*Accord Politique pour la Paix et la Reconciliation - APPR*), signed in 2019 by the Government and the 14 officially recognized armed groups, articulates the country's detailed roadmap towards stabilization.
- The Peace Accord has held for 20 months and led to a sharp decrease in violence.
- In September 2020, the World Bank launched its Country Partnership Program (FY21-FY25).

Weakness

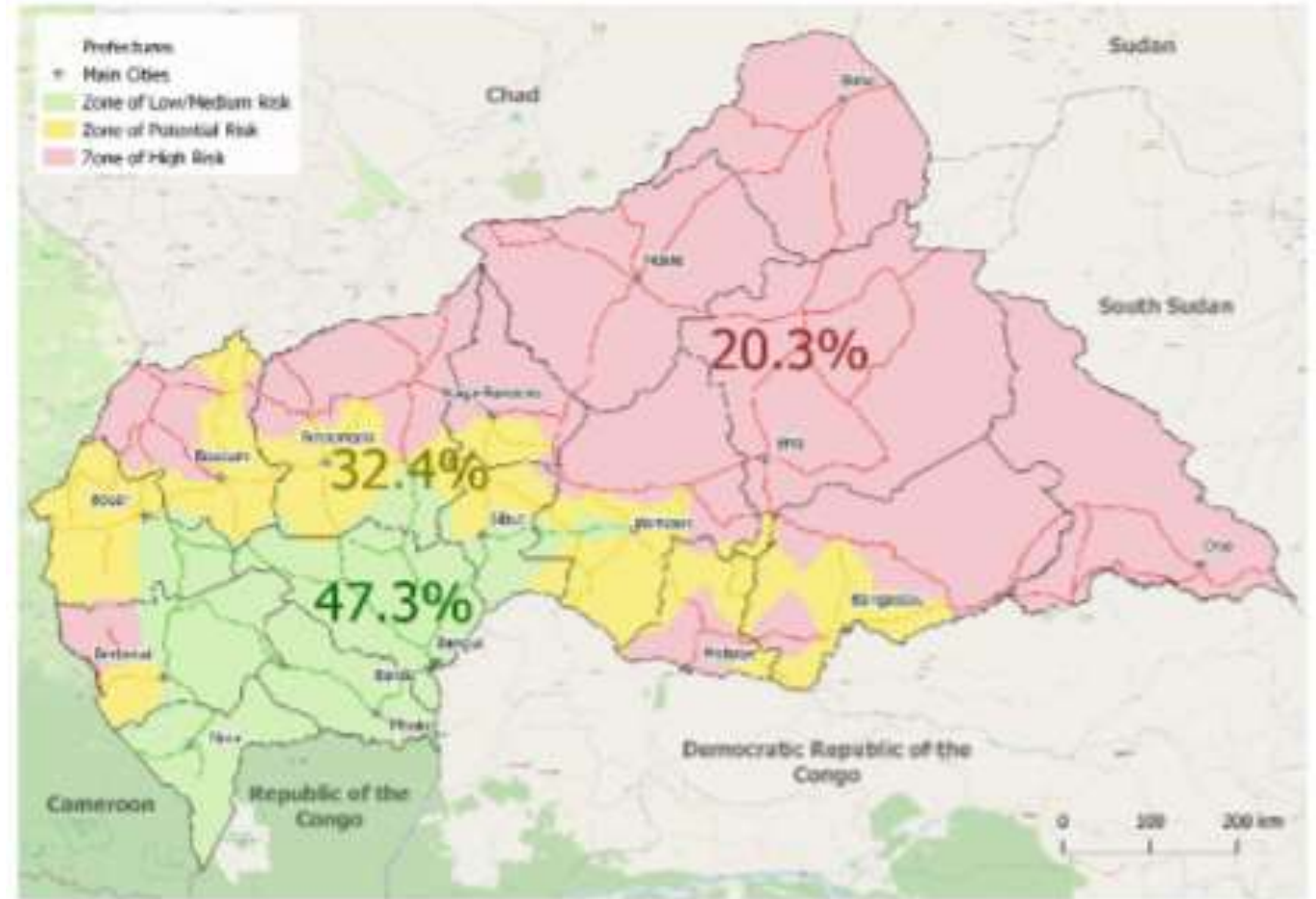
- Only 20-30% of the territory controlled by the government
- Lack of intersectoral / interministerial coordination
- Lack of data on forest cover & DD drivers

Opportunities

- Decentralization & responsibilities transfer to local authority
- Land tenure & LUP reforms
- Transition between humanitarian aids and development aid
- Growing number of initiatives contributing to REDD+ objectives
- Inclusion of REDD+ NIF in the renewed RCPCA and country's 2050 vision for development

Distribution of Population & Security

Around half the population lives in the low-risk Southwest Region (47.3%)



Disruption of Activities

- The FCPF Grant was originally scheduled to close in June 2020.
- However, COVID-19 pandemic brought a halt to all domestic travel and international missions from March 2020 to September 2020.
- In September 2020, the World Bank CMU produced COVID-19 guidelines to facilitate a full resumption of project activities.
- Puts time pressure to complete all outstanding missions in October/November 2020 – and finalize subsequent reports.



National Investment Framework for REDD+ - *Completed*



- Completed jointly with FCPF, CAFI financed the identification of a set of 27 priority measures has been elaborated contributing to 6 main effects:
 1. Integrated and inclusive LUP and increased land security
 2. Sustainable management of forest ecosystems and restoration of degraded landscapes;
 3. Reduction of non-sustainable wood energy consumption;
 4. Sustainable agriculture development - zero-deforestation
 5. Reduction of impacts coming from the mining sector;
 6. Increased access to "green" finance in the LULUCF sector.
- Complements the REDD+ Strategy Development by identifying financing priorities - and associated budgets - for addressing the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation.

Moving Forward

- All procurement has been completed, however, there are a lot of missions that need to be completed in a short period of time! This includes:
 - *Last missions for forest inventory and biomass.*
 - *Large field mission for SESA (with international travel).*
 - *Local NGO awareness raising missions (re-started).*
- Consultations also take longer because we need to limit consultations to 15 or less people (COVID guidelines).
- We are making every effort to complete the FCPF Grant by December 2020. The Government is very keen to move beyond the Technical Assistance and bring urgently needed REDD+ investments to local communities.