



# Central African Republic Programme

KAICIID's Central African Republic (CAR) Programme advocates the establishment of operational and sustainable mechanisms to strengthen religious leaders' capacity to prevent violence.

The Centre pursues this objective by supporting both the Interfaith Platform of Religions of CAR (Plateform des Confessions Religieuses du Centrafrique), as well as local peace and reconciliation committees facilitated by the Ministry for National Reconciliation and Humanitarian Action.

## The Challenge

Since 2013, widespread fighting in CAR has had a tragic toll on civilians and forcibly displaced 900,000 people, resulting in one of the worst humanitarian disasters of our time according to United Nations reports.

During the worst phase of violence in 2014–2015, clashes between armed groups rocked the country, pitting the mainly Muslim ex-Séléka against the Christian/Animist anti-Balaka militias. Since then, the international community has engaged in coordinated efforts to improve the security situation.

In February 2019, the CAR government settled a peace agreement with armed groups through international and regional participation. However, following decades of violence, communities remain deeply polarised.



# Our Impact

- 1 » Establishing inclusive mechanisms that strengthen the capacity of religious leaders to successfully engage with each other, including an early warning system.
- 2 » Developing the capacity of religious actors to conduct interreligious initiatives.
- 3 » Implementing pilot initiatives in targeted conflict areas in partnership with members of the existing Interfaith Platform.
- 4 » Providing technical and financial support to the Interfaith Platform to coordinate the activities of its members.



## Milestones

- Awareness raising through interactive theatre performances.
- Public sporting events (attended by over 16,000 people), football matches with Muslims and Christian mixed teams (attended by over 2,000 people).
- Religious concerts, and cultural exchange events promoting peace and social cohesion.
- 120 Christian and Muslim religious and community leaders trained on interreligious dialogue for peace and reconciliation.
- Support for IRD advocacy efforts through the implementation of several quick impact projects.
- Creation of a Training of Trainers (ToT) dialogue facilitation manual specific to CAR.

