



REDUCING DEATHS AND SUFFERING
FROM TROPICAL DISEASES

PROJECT BRIEF

Integrated project to improve nutrition and provide an emergency Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) response for the population of Batangafo, Central African Republic

The MENTOR Initiative is implementing a six-month intervention focused emergency multisectoral assistance for internally displaced persons, returnees, and host communities in underfunded and underserved areas. The project, in collaboration with Médecins du Monde (MDM), includes community-based nutrition and WASH activities to address risk of diseases in vulnerable populations, especially children under 5, pregnant and lactating women, and people with disabilities. MENTOR will oversee malnutrition community-level prevention and screening, while MDM will support nutritional care at health facilities.

MENTOR will also rehabilitate 10 health facilities

including building handwashing stations and latrines. Planned activities include training community workers, community sensitisation, establishing accountability mechanisms, active screening, culinary demonstrations, and infrastructure.

This project aims to:

- Build 20 latrines
- Build 10 handwashing stations
- Train 100 hygiene committee members
- Treat over 680 children for malnutrition
- Distribute 210 hygiene kits



OBJECTIVES

To help reduce morbidity and mortality among vulnerable people in the sub-prefecture of Batangafo by improving the prevention of malnutrition and strengthening access to essential WASH services in health facilities to improve their health and wellbeing in the long term. The programme aims to follow specific objectives:

- 1 Improve access to WASH services** affected by permanent or prolonged displacement.
- 2 Improved access to WASH services** contributing to the education in risk of disease transmission.
- 3 Reinforce capacity of nutrition surveillance**, preparing responses and coordinating interventions.
- 4 Support malnutrition prevention activities** in children under five-years old and pregnant women.



PERIOD

1 November 2024 – 30 April 2025



EXPECTED RESULTS

By The MENTOR Initiative's project in Batangafo, integrates nutrition and WASH interventions to enhance health and wellbeing. By improving health infrastructures, distributing hygiene kits, and promoting hygiene practices, the project aims to reduce diarrhoeal diseases and infections, which exacerbate malnutrition.

This synergy between nutrition and WASH efforts is expected to lower morbidity and mortality rates, especially among children under five-years old. The programme not only addresses critical sanitation and public health needs but also upholds human rights by ensuring access to a healthy, hygienic environment, thereby preserving the dignity of the community.



PROGRAMME LOCATIONS

The programme is being implemented in:

- 1 **Batangafo** sub prefecture, Central African Republic

TARGETED POPULATION



46,900

members from host communities
(59% women and 46% children)

DONOR

Central African Humanitarian Fund

