

CEO's Message

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Central African Republic

CAR is pleased to announce the resumption of the USAID-funded WASH/shelter project in Grimari and Bambari, Central African Republic, following a five-month suspension earlier this year. The restart of this vital program marks a major step in advancing shelter, water, hygiene, and sanitation support to internally displaced populations in both locations.

These achievements are restoring safe housing, improving sanitation, and providing greater access to clean water for displaced families.

The resumption of the project reflects the strong collaboration between USAID, AIRD, local authorities, and community members. By advancing construction and rehabilitation activities, the program is significantly strengthening resilience and addressing critical humanitarian needs. This in no way should be taken for granted, as several thousand projects worldwide have ceased to receive the USAID funding.



Greetings to you all. I hope you are all well.

I am glad to share a few updates from the month of August.

Recognition of the Great Work-Country Programs

Chad

Chad has demonstrated remarkable dedication in supporting refugees by safely relocating nearly 56,000 people from the Chad-Sudan border (Tiné) to safer areas, including Iridimi camp, between April and early August 2025. This is accomplished by working alongside UNHCR and CNARR, AIRD deploying staff and logistical resources. However, when many families arrived in Iridimi without shelter and were vulnerable to rain and harsh weather, UNHCR entrusted AIRD with the task of erecting 2,029 family tents. Rising to the challenge, AIRD worked tirelessly day and night, engaging local communities and refugees to secure land and ensure smooth installation.

In just two weeks, record time, AIRD successfully installed 1,282 tents in Iridimi and 345 tents in Oure Cassoni, providing safe shelter for thousands of vulnerable families. Impressed by the efficiency of this work, UNHCR has since requested AIRD to extend tent construction to the Guereda area. This achievement stands as a testament to AIRD's commitment to refugee protection. Off-course as always, AIRD staff work 24/7, go where nobody is going as long as there is a need to address, and Love What They Do. "Hurrah" to our AIRD Chad Team.



Recognition of Staff

Nicolas MINANI, currently Logistics Supervisor of AIRD Burundi, is a dedicated and efficient staff member whose commitment has greatly strengthened our operations. Having previously served in AIRD DRC and later rejoining in Burundi, he has consistently demonstrated professionalism, reliability, and a strong work ethic. His pivotal role during the Congolese refugee emergency (January–April 2025) ensured the

smooth relocation of refugees to organized sites, meeting the needs of beneficiaries and satisfying donor expectations. Known for his punctuality, always arriving early to plan and organize activities, Nicolas continues to embody AIRD's mission through his consistency,



effectiveness, and unwavering dedication. I hope we can all learn from this strength.

2021-2025 AIRD Corporate Strategy Evaluation and 2026-2030 AIRD Corporate Strategy Development

Thanks to the leadership of our Director of Programs, Marc Meyer, and the Task Force, established to guide the review and assessment of AIRD strategy ending 2025 and the development of a robust AIRD corporate strategy 2026-2030, the final documents are almost ready for execution beginning January 1, 2026. The 2026-2030 corporate strategy will be cascaded to the respective AIRD CPs 5 5-year Country Strategic Plans and annual business plans.

New Social Media Pages Alert!

The Communications Unit is excited to announce the launch of our new social media pages:



Instagram: @aird_international



LinkedIn: African Initiatives for Relief & Development (AIRD)

We warmly encourage you to like, follow, and share these pages. The more people we reach, the greater our impact, and this visibility plays a vital role in strengthening our fundraising efforts.

Don't forget to also follow and engage with us on Twitter for more updates and stories from the field. A lot of

content has been uploaded since.

Together, let's spread the word and amplify AIRD's mission!

Key Updates to Note

1. Remember to visit our Intranet site regularly for useful information that can support your daily work.
2. The 2024 Annual Impact Report has been uploaded to the website. Please take a moment to read it.
3. We are excited to continue receiving impact stories from the field. Several have already been published on the website, showcasing the incredible work being done across our Country Programs. We encourage you to read these stories and also share your own with the Communications Manager so that your contributions are well recognized and visible.

You are greatly appreciated for all you do.

Thank you

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