



HUMANITARIAN DATA SUPPORT (HDS)

ORGANISATION OVERVIEW

Humanitarian Data Support (HDS) is a national organisation registered in the Central African Republic (CAR). Founded in 2022, HDS is dedicated to providing high-quality data to the humanitarian community to support informed decision-making. In addition, HDS engages in humanitarian activities aimed at improving living conditions within the community. Our key areas of intervention include Food Security, Nutrition, Protection, WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene), and Education.

EXPERTISE AND OPERATIONAL CAPABILITIES

- **Data Collection:** HDS has successfully led extensive data collection operations, both quantitative and qualitative (see also the section “Recent Achievements”). Our team has substantial experience in perception surveys, Third-Party Monitoring, and Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) (for more, consult the staff’s profiles on page 3). This expertise enables us to conduct large-scale surveys and deliver reliable, relevant analyses.
- **Active Role in Humanitarian Coordination:** HDS is actively involved in humanitarian coordination in CAR. We regularly participate in cluster meetings, particularly in the areas of Food Security, CCCM-SHELTER-NFI, Protection, Nutrition, and the Gender-Based Violence (GBV) working group. Our involvement in these forums underscores our commitment to collaborating with other humanitarian actors to maximise the impact of our efforts.
- **Logistics & Access:** HDS is officially registered in CAR and operates from its main office in Bangui, with two sub-offices in Nana Bakassa (Ouham) and Bossembélé (Ombella Mpoko). We also have focal points in several sub-prefecture capitals, enhancing our local presence, access to hard-to-reach areas, and field knowledge. Our equipment includes computers, tablets, and smartphones, which are crucial for conducting large-scale quantitative surveys.

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Community Perception Survey:** From February to May 2024, in partnership with Ground Truth Solutions (GTS) and funded by UNICEF, HDS conducted a community perception survey and facilitated active participation from local communities to understand their real priorities. HDS co-facilitated the dissemination of the study results through sectoral workshops held by UNICEF with its partners. Additionally, HDS participated as a guest on [a roundtable discussion on Radio Ndeke](#) Luka, broadcasted in French and Sango (the local language), to discuss the findings.
- **Multisectoral Needs Assessment:** From November to December 2023, in collaboration with the national NGO CACC, HDS carried out a multisectoral needs assessment in the *sous-prefectures* of Nana Bakassa, Kouango, Bossembélé, and Paoua. The report was shared with the Food Security and CCCM clusters and their partners. The report is available on the [HDS website](#).

- Assessment of Internally Displaced Persons' Needs:** From November to December 2022, HDS was selected by the international organisation Dan Church Aid (DCA) to implement a multisectoral needs assessment in the sub-prefectures of Ippy and Bria. The aim was to assess the needs of people affected by various shocks (conflicts, floods, crop diseases, food, and nutritional insecurity), including IDPs, returnees, refugees, and residents. HDS was responsible for data collection, analysis, and report writing. Due to confidentiality, we cannot share the report publicly, but it can be verified via the following email: mabw@dca.dk.
- Water Source Development:** Following a self-initiated needs assessment, HDS, using its own funds and with community participation, developed a water source to improve access to water in the *sous-préfecture* of Bossembélé.

