



# EACH LIFE IS WORTH THE EXTRA MILE

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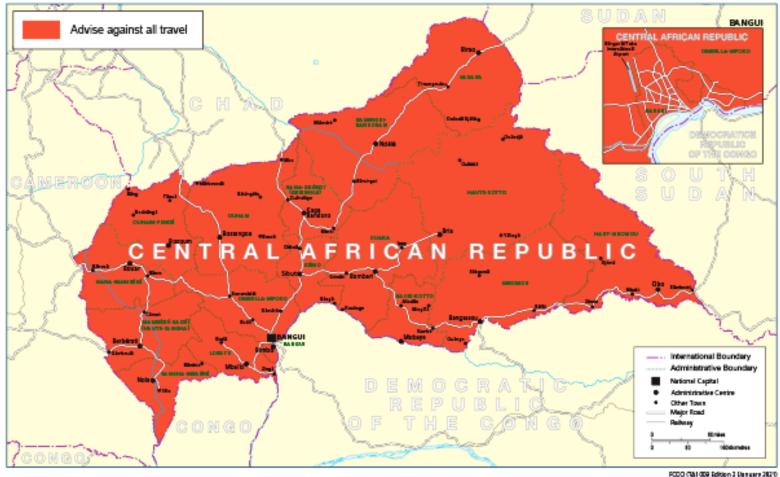




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# Central African Republic: Travel Advice



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# OUR APPROACH IS A COURAGEOUS MISSION FOR 723 SEVERELY ILL CHILDREN IN NEED IN A DANGEROUS AREA

We believe in the power of unity, and our approach is firmly grounded in reaching the most vulnerable. But we also understand that our duty extends beyond mere targeted efforts.

## NGO Drive Against Malaria achieved a significant milestone by distributing 287 Mosquitonets in the first settlements they could reach in this region.

Mosquitonets are a simple yet life-saving tools that holds the power to change lives. In this North West Project-region of the Central African Republic, where impoverished and isolated communities struggle, Drive Against Malaria embarks on a courageous mission to deliver aid in the heart of the jungle. An area well known to them.

This is the region David and Julia were taken hostage in 2013, under brutal captivity.

Despite the challenges of remote settlements with no access to good roads or infrastructure, this organisation drives the Land Rover Defender and goes to great lengths to bring hope and assistance to 723 severely ill children in need. Our dedication knows no bounds.



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PHOTO: Dr Julia Samuel is treating severely ill children with the lifesaving malaria medication Artemisinin-Lumefantrine Combination Therapy Coartem, Munufactured by Novartis Switserland

# BRIDGING THE GAP DELIVERING MOST NEEDED MEDICATION TO THE HEALTH POST IN A HOSTAGE ZONE

Drive Against Malaria Foundation, with unwavering determination, has undertaken this extraordinary mission to extend aid to the most isolated and vulnerable communities in the West side of the Central African Republic. And a region only reachable by 4x4.

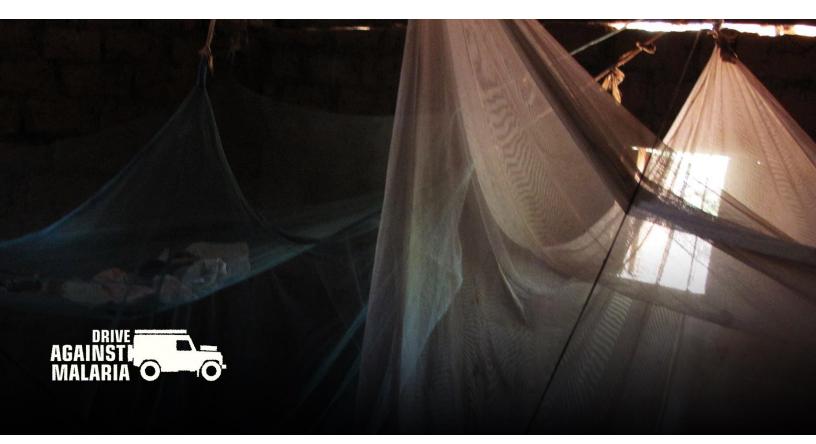
The organisation's tireless efforts to deliver life protecting mosquitonets and medication-support have made a profound impact on the lives of countless children. On this date we recognize their dedication to providing assistance regardless of the obstacles and danger they face.

### CONFLICTS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DANGEROUS

The intensity of conflicts in the region is escalating, posing significant challenges for accessing affected areas.

Dr. Jane, an Italian local doctor and a very good friend of our foundation, was also tragically taken hostage in this conflict zones.





# HOPE FOR FAMILIES 5,400 PEOPLE PROTECTED

Despite the risks, Drive Against Malaria embarked on a grueling journey, enduring over 18 hours of travel on treacherous roads, to reach Dr. Jane's remote Catholic hospital where thousands of extremely impoverished people desperately needed medical relief.

We provided 1,080 families with lifesaving and malaria-protecting mosquito nets. "It is a blessing from God that David and Julia from Drive Against Malaria came from so far to help us so that the people are now protected," said Mother Ione. "For the people, their arrival means everything. We are so grateful that they had come."

### MOST NEEDED | HOPE FOR CHILDREN IN HEALTH CRISES

The fact that we, as aid workers, have made the difficult journey to Zatoua and to Bouar is now evident, and now we are there with them.

This presence has given hope to the local health workers and the community, assuring them that they are not alone and not forgotten.

The fight against malaria is of its utmost importance in health crises in Africa.

Despite the dramatic situation here, we have achieved impressive results, managing to supply essential medication for the next six months.

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CARE FOR THE POOREST CHILDREN IN HEALTH CRISES



# BEACON OF HOPE SHINES THROUGH THE DARKNESS IN BOUAR

1,858 nets and 9,638 treatments for Bouar have been provided during this mission. Resulting from great donor support and strong partnerships that have led to dramatic progress against malaria.

We support villages like Bouar in the Central African Republic (CAR) in the past 14 years. These are places where our medical missions are conducted, driving for days to reach this health facility in Bouar.







HEALTH CENTERS ARE COMPLETELY IGNORED AND DESPERATLY NEED HELP



# AFTER DRIVING ACROSS THE MOST DANGEROUS ZONES IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC WE SHOW THE PEOPLE THAT THEY DO MATTER

We often have to drive up to the 4x4 axels in mud. Basically we do whatever it takes to reach the communities. We witness the most vulnerable on the spot and see that they really need help.

And distribute as many nets as we can carry. This is where we find the people who feel forgotten, they feel as if the outside world doesn't know they exist and doesn't care about them. We show them that they do matter.





# OFTEN WE SUPPORT FOUR SETTLEMENTS A DAY

We distribute nets were ever we can. Rural areas in Africa make up a large proportion of the continent. Malaria in each settlements on our way, the people can count on our support responses.

Rural areas are typified by certain challenges which may serve as limitations to the provision of resources and tools for Malaria responses in these areas.





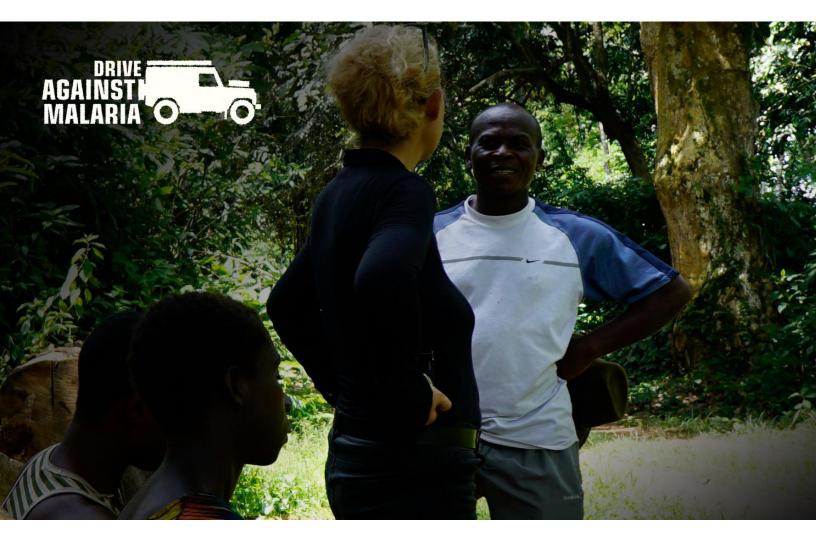


# AT TIMES WE DISTRIBUTED 760 NETS PER DAY

# Major challenges include limited access to these areas due to poor road networks which greatly hinder the ability to transport resources and manpower.

That's one of the reasons no one wants to go there. Let alone to help there. The shortage of healthcare personnel in these areas, poor health facilities and limited access to malaria diagnostics, medication and nets is dramatic. Missions pass by when we distribute 760 nets in a day.





# MISSIONS LIKE THIS, WE ARE ABLE TO DO THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT

With more than 5 million people, the Central African Republic has one of the highest malaria mortalities in Africa. And all reliant on international aid for their healthcare. Drive Against Malaria Foundation, with unwavering commitment, takes on missions that goes beyond conventional boundaries. That's what aid organizations do!

Life has meant constant worries for the poorest families. "Every day we have new obstacles," said father Isaac Elali. "But the DAM team came, and a few days later we received protecting malaria nets and the medication we have never had before for our children."





# DRIVE AGAINST MALARIA IS THE MAIN NET PROVIDER IN THIS REGION

DAM is the main net provider for the poorest people in this region. Thousands of people are infected with malaria but nowhere else to turn. We provided more than 11,000 families in this region that protect them from the deadly disease.

"We were helplessly searching for help," said Irene Semtetam, mother of two. "If it was not with the help of DAM, we don't know what we could've done."

Now all the severely ill children are getting healthy again and benefiting from a good supply of medication. The support is a major improvement in the quality of life.

"The DAM-Team has worked so hard to provide this and we appreciate that a lot," said another happy mother Brenda Neba.





# THANK YOU !

Donations from all our donors, families, individuals, companies and especially Jaguar Land Rover, your donation makes a forever-transformation towards a healthy life for countless families in Africa.

By making your gift to Drive Against Malaria Foundation, you have given lifesaving support for people who face malaria every day.





# THANKS TO YOU WE ACHIEVED SO MUCH !

### Results in this Zatoua/Bouar Mission of 2023 you made it possible for DAM to distribute:

- 287 Nets (287 LLIN tbv Settlements = Euro 574,00) for 1,437 people in Settlements south of Zatoua.
- We also treated 2.812 (2.812 ACT treatments = Euro 3.739,96) severe ill children here.
- In Zatoua we protected 5.400 people with 1.080 nets.
- In Bouar 9.638 children received lifesaving medication en 1.858 families received the disease protecting nets.

• South-West of Bouar 760 nets for 3,701 people were distributed to families in extreme remote settlements.

THANK YOU !

