



SIRIRI

# OVERVIEW

A rich partnership between the NGO SIRIRI and the Carmelite Missionaries in the Central African Republic

2018

## A difficult way to reach university

My name is Luther Yapelendji and I was born on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, 1994 in Bozoum. My father was Fidel Bombo. He studied for two years and he worked as a tradesman, worked in security, was a driver and a farmer. In addition, he was leader of

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Scouts and the Ste. Rita group. My mother is Antoinette Wassangaï and she never went to school. I am the oldest child and I have 2 brothers, Derick and Badem Powell and 2 sisters, Gaella and Benicia. Our family had enough money to provide for our needs until my father was murdered by thieves in 2006, a week after the birth of our little sister Benicia. This is when our suffering began.

Before the death of my father, I had no problem with my schooling because I had everything I needed. But afterwards, I had to give up my studies for two years because nobody could pay for my tuition, school supplies, meals, etc. The principal of the school made me re-enroll in school because what I was among the best students. I also started selling things on the market, like bouillon cubes, to meet my needs. I was cared for by the Franciscan Sisters and by the Rainbow Center for Orphans. There, I was able to learn a lot of crafts (making shoes, wallets, keychains...). I also started learning



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English and computer science, music, making bandages with the Italian sisters.

In 2013, when the Sélékas came, I was responsible for choir children in Bozoum. When they arrived in Bozoum, people began to welcome them, there was no problem, but little by little they began to beat Christians and steal their things. This is why Christians began to form self-defense groups and became Anti-balaka to oppose the tyranny of the Sélékas.

During their first attacks, I was at home. The war began between the Séléka and Balaka and almost the majority of Bozoum's population fled to the church.

As choirmaster, I took care of the children and parents who had fled. I was also part of the hygiene team for children, I taught them songs about peace so that these children have no thoughts of revenge. After the war, everybody came home. During the Bocaranga War, 35 choir children from Bocaranga arrived came without parents, and we organized food, clothing and shoes for the displaced. I welcomed 10 people into our home. After the war, they returned to Bocaranga, but we lost four members of our family and this led some of the family to join the Anti-balaka groups to take revenge. I was the only boy in the family who did not join this group. I also pledge to bring peace, I also work with the group of junior MPs to educate children.

I graduated in 2018 after attending high school in St. Augustin. After my baccalaureate, I decided to do computer science and

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management in an institute called the School of Management and Applied Sciences. In our society there is no one who opts for this sector and this will allow me to create an activity or to look for a job.

The Rainbow Center is a charitable work of the parish of Saint Michel de Bozoum, for us orphans. I was fortunate to be one of those who was supported during their studies by SIRIRI. I know that it is exceptional when one is fatherless, like me. I will give you other news. Thank you!

Luther Yapelendji

## We know who we are helping

Since 2006, SIRIRI has been committed to help the Central African Republic in the areas of health, agriculture and education. Our aid is focused and concrete, and because of this, we know who we are helping. Luther is one of the orphans that SIRIRI volunteers met during their stay in Bozoum, CAR. We are in contact with Luther and are currently supporting him in his management and accounting studies.

Let's review the year 2018 and see what your support has brought us.

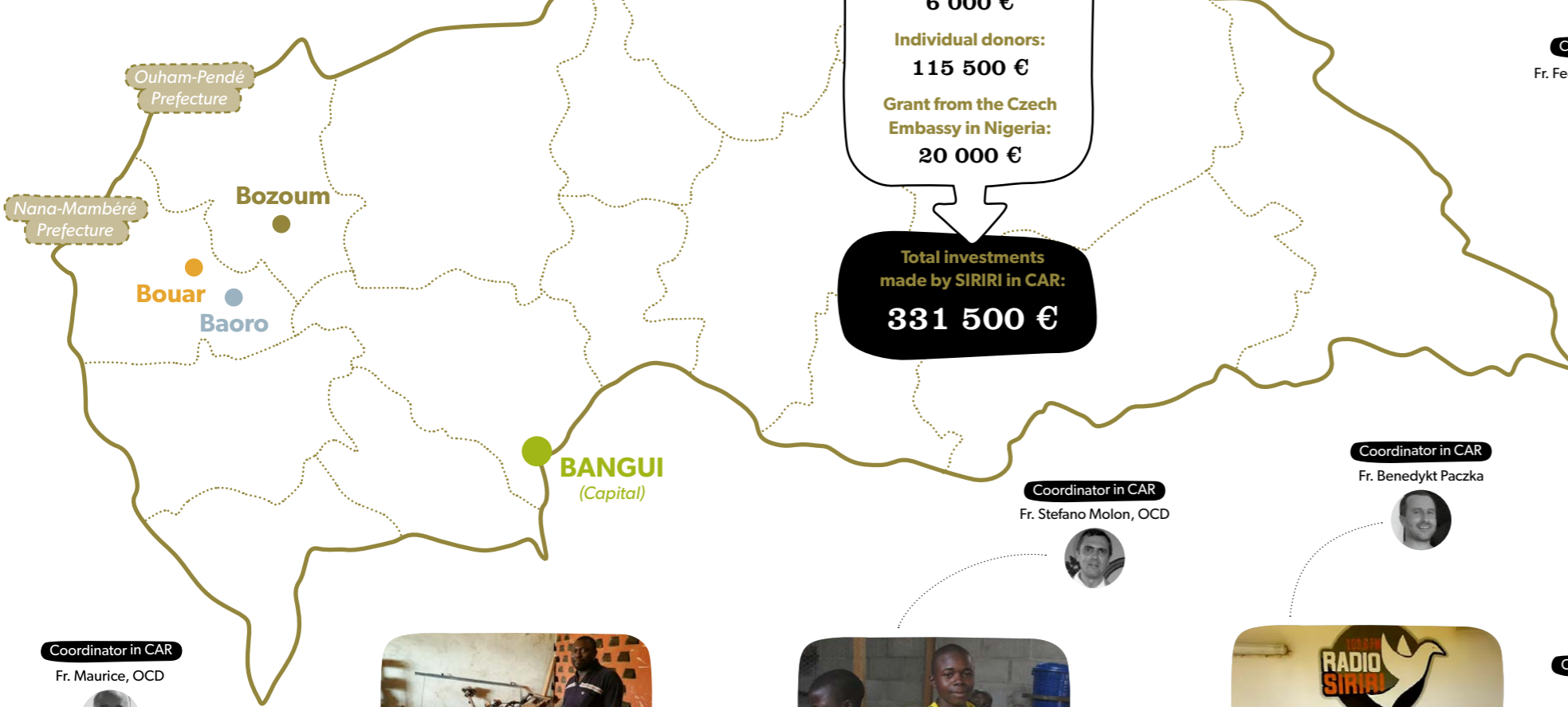
Terezie Imlaufová, Director



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Project overview for 2018



Grant from the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs: **190 000 €**

Main sponsors for the Learning Through Play program: **6 000 €**

Individual donors: **115 500 €**

Grant from the Czech Embassy in Nigeria: **20 000 €**

**Total investments made by SIRIRI in CAR: 331 500 €**



High school in Bozoum

Costs **10 000 €**



Orphanage care centre "Arc-en-ciel"

Costs **10 000 €**



Educational center for women "Cana"

Costs **2 000 €**

Coordinator in CAR  
Fr. Federico Trinchero, OCD



Coordinator in CAR  
Fr. Aurelio Gazzera, OCD



Health – Strengthening the capacity of the St. Michael's Coordination Center in Bouar in caring for and assisting people with HIV / AIDS

Costs **209 000 €**  
(90% MZV, 10% SIRIRI)



Scholarship for 16 students

Costs **15 000 €**

Coordinator in CAR  
Fr. Benedykt Paczka



Coordinator in CAR  
Fr. Stefano Molon, OCD



Coordinator in CAR  
Fr. Maurice, OCD



School for automobile mechanics in Baoro

Costs **6 000 €**



Tutoring for students in Bouar

Costs **2 000 €**



Radio SIRIRI in Bouar

Costs **3 000 €**

Coordinators in Czechia  
Fabrice Martin  
Estelle de Montard  
Ludmila Böhmová

Coordinator in CAR  
Gildas Bissi



Learning Through Play in CAR

Costs **50 000 €**



Building of 2 new school classrooms

Costs **20 000 €**



**SIRIRI team for 2018**

**Founders**

- Karol Böhm
- Ludmila Böhmová
- Marcel Drlík
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# SIRIRI's activities in 2018

## Thank you for your support

January

During the Christmas concert organized by Na Popelce art school on December the 25<sup>th</sup>, we collected 45 633 Czech crowns.

July

Sahana Lexie Matthews, an American, joins SIRIRI's team for an internship for two months. She helps with fundraising and translating our web pages.

March

Two SIRIRI delegates traveled to CAR on a mission to evaluate the Learning Through Play program. They visited 26 classes, met with teachers and tested more than 840 students. At the end of the mission, the two volunteers had trained almost 100 students from the pedagogical institute in Bangui.

August

Fourth year of the Learning Through Play program. This year, 14 trainers arrived in Bozoum to train 238 local teachers. Teaching teams are composed of Europeans and Central Africans. The training takes place in two towns: Bozoum and Bouar.

April

SIRIRI celebrates its 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the Skleněný Palace in Prague 6, with a representative of the Czech Foreign Minister, Martin Tlapa, the Italian missionary established in CAR, Fr. Aurelio Gazzera and the current Senator Pavel Fischer in attendance.

October

A charity run at Hvězda Park by students from the French Lycée in Prague brought us 95 000 CZK, which is equal to the cost of 1900 ABC books!

May

The initiator of the program Learning Through play in CAR, Ludmila Böhmová, wins the first Via Bona prize.

November

Terezie Imlaufová, an active SIRIRI member from the start, replaces Fabrice Martin as Director.

June

The Learning Through play program in CAR wins the SDG Prize for accomplishing the UN sustainable development goals in Czech Republic. We support a new campaign "Teachers at school and not in the fields" and we are able to give 50 000 CZK to Central African teachers involved.

December

The Faculty of Humanities at Charles University organized the sale of products from the charity shop "Hand in Hand" in Prague-Jinonice. Students of the Faculty who took up the job of selling t-shirts were rewarded with a bursary.

### We would like to thank



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