



Case Study: **Community-led protection in Central African Republic**

Based on an evaluation of Oxfam's community-led protection work in Central African Republic, a number of verified changes were noted in support of access and protection.²⁰ 54 Community Protection Committees formed the backbone of this work, with members representing volunteers from conflict-affected communities who received training and support to take forward engagement, awareness-raising and advocacy. Much of the efforts of the Committee members included door-to-door work aimed at sensitising community members about protection risks, such as early marriage and domestic violence, and providing relevant advice and referrals to services. Committee members also engaged regularly with local armed groups and the evaluation found their dialogue and advocacy work resulted in gains such as the lifting of various roadblocks that had been limiting the free movement of community members. A community protection committee in Bangui worked in collaboration with MSF and local authorities to leverage their networks to help influence armed actors to stop entering medical facilities and removing patients. A medical clinic in the community had been closed by the MSF teams following an intrusion of armed men - reaching this agreement with the armed actors was a prerequisite for MSF to be able to reopen the clinic and continue providing life-saving services.

20 Oxfam, Now It Is For Us To Continue: Summary of the study into the effectiveness and sustainability of Oxfam's community gender and protection programme in Central African Republic, 2018. Available [here](#)