



CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC



National Committee to Fight against Fires, Bush Fires and other Calamities

*(Comité National de Lutte contre l'Incendie, les Feux de Brousse et autres
Calamités - C.N.L.I.F.B.C.)*

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1. Legislation :

- Ordinance no 83.013 of 07.02.1983 outlined the creation of the National Committee to Fight against Fires, Bush Fires and other Calamities.
- Decree no. 83.127 of 12.13.1983 outlined the organization and the functioning of the C.N.L.I.F.B.C.
- Decree no 87.122 of 05.05.1987 partially modified Decree no. 83.127.
- Decree no 88.094 of 12 March 1988 created the Fire-Brigade Battalion of Central Africa.

2. Mission :

The Committee is responsible for the implementation of preventive measures and the safeguard of people and properties. It :

- Studies different types of risks : it defines and implements appropriate prevention policies (sensitization and education of the population by Radio and Television, etc.)
- Establishes relief programmes/plans
- Conducts training programmes.

The Committee carries out its mission with the support of officers from the Fire-Brigade Battalion of Central Africa who have been trained in Switzerland, France and Côte d'Ivoire.

3. Regulation and procedure :

The implementation of aid and relief operations rests upon the members of the Committee.

In regions where Sub-Committees do not exist, Red Cross Sub-Committees, C.N.L.I.F.B.C. members and the Fire-Brigade Battalion of Central Africa are called on for assistance.

4. Organization :

Given the importance that the Committee attaches to its humanitarian mission, it has organized itself as follows:

- a) For the management of emergencies, protection and relief, the C.N.L.I.F.B.C. coordinates the activities of the members of the Committee (Red Cross, Ministry of Social Affairs and Solidarity,...);
- b) The President of the Committee or by delegation, another person launches the measures to be taken for protection and relief;
- c) Today Sub-Committees cover three quarters of the territory. The launching and coordination of relief are the responsibility of the Prefects, Sub-Prefects or the Mayors;
- d) At the national level today, there are no partners accompanying the activities of the National Committee to Fight against Fires, Bush Fires and other Calamities.

When there are emergencies, instructions are centralized under the authority of the President of the Committee who may entrust his responsibilities to a qualified executive of the Committee assisted by his technical counselors.

5. Staff :

The National Committee to Fight against Fires is composed of:

- 8 permanent executives representing 8 Ministries
- 1 President
- 4 Technical and Administrative Executives
- 2 Doctors specialized in disasters
- 2 Senior Health Technicians
- 5 Nurses
- 2 French Technical Counselors.

6. Training :

The Committee organizes the training of intervention teams for disasters, elaborates and carries out training programmes for staff members of establishments that may be dangerous and receive visitors, organizes training seminars on disaster management.

7. Equipment/appliances :

The Committee disposes of a minimum in equipment to put at the disposal of the Central African Fire Brigade:

- 4 cross-country fire engines
- 3 ambulances
- 1 road relief tow-car
- 2 tow motor-pumps
- first-aid kits
- training materials.

8. Finances :

A sum of 1.800.000 CFA in the General State Budget is earmarked for the Committee. There is no other financial assistance to complete these funds.

Studies carried out by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank should make it possible to disengage the necessary funds in a reasonable period of time to ensure the correct functioning of the Committee.

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