

PARTICIPATION OF CENTRAL AFRICAN REFUGEES IN CAR'S ELECTIONS

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UNHCR'S ROLE

Advocacy: advocated for an inclusive electoral process that takes into account CAR refugees' vote

Technical expertise: shared inputs to amend CAR's electoral law and helped in drafting tripartite agreements between CAR's transitional authorities, asylum countries and UNHCR.

Voter education: disseminated information to CAR refugees in the 3 asylum countries, about the electoral process and the right to vote in a safe environment.

Logistical support: provided support to the National Elections Authority by identifying polling stations, transporting and delivering non-sensitive electoral materials to polling sites. UNHCR staff also helped some voters (especially elderly) to go to the polling stations.



The Constitutional Court validates the results of the Presidential Elections.
2 out of 30 candidates will compete in the second round.



61%
voters turn out
rate among
refugees
(1st round)

WHY IT IS IMPORTANT FOR REFUGEES TO VOTE

1
CAR refugees represent 10% of CAR's population. Their participation contributes to ensuring the inclusive character of the electoral process

2
These elections are an opportunity to restore trust and broken links between refugees and CAR authorities

3
If refugees were not associated, this could have reinforced their feeling of exclusion and jeopardized the prospects for an enduring peace