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## INVEST

### FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT

FDI flows to the Central African Republic (CAR) have resumed since the 2013 civil war (which had caused almost all economic activity to stop and led investors to withdraw from the country), but they remain limited. According to [UNCTAD's World Investment Report 2022](#), FDI flows decreased from USD 35 million in 2020 to USD 30 million in 2021. The FDI stock increased from USD 718 million to USD 749 million. In 2022, global FDI momentum weakened in the context of the war in Ukraine, rising food and energy prices, financial turmoil and debt pressures (UNCTAD's Investment Trends Monitor). The wood and diamond sectors attract most of the FDI, and France as well as China are the two main investors in the country.

The country has abundant natural resources (diamonds, gold, uranium and wood), which are largely untapped, as well as huge arable land. However, the unfavorable security climate and political instability are a source of concern for investors, in this country where the majority of underground wealth is controlled by armed gangs. Other factors limiting its attractiveness include insufficient infrastructure and a shortage of skilled labor. The country has, however, undertaken various reforms to attract investment, in addition to the ongoing efforts under the peace agreements. Among these reforms are the establishment of a public-private dialogue framework, tax incentives for businesses, the reduction of the minimum capital required to start a business and measures to protect minority investors. However, renewed violence and insecurity could delay their implementation (Coface).

Foreign Direct Investment	2020	2021	2022
<b>FDI Inward Flow</b> <i>(million USD)</i>	2	5	24
<b>FDI Stock</b> <i>(million USD)</i>	685	691	715
<b>Number of Greenfield Investments*</b>	1	0	0
<b>Value of Greenfield Investments (million USD)</b>	5	0	0

Source: UNCTAD - Latest available data.

Note: \* Greenfield Investments are a form of Foreign Direct Investment where a parent company starts a new venture in a foreign country by constructing new operational facilities from the ground up.

Country Comparison For the Protection of Investors	Central African Republic	Sub-Saharan Africa	United States	Germany
<b>Index of Transaction Transparency*</b>	7.0	5.5	7.0	5.0
<b>Index of Manager's Responsibility**</b>	1.0	3.5	9.0	5.0
<b>Index of Shareholders' Power***</b>	5.0	5.5	9.0	5.0

Source: Doing Business - Latest available data.

*Note: \*The Greater the Index, the More Transparent the Conditions of Transactions. \*\*The Greater the Index, the More the Manager is Personally Responsible. \*\*\* The Greater the Index, the Easier it Will Be For Shareholders to Take Legal Action.*

## INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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### **Tenders, Projects and Public Procurement**

[Tenders Info](#), [Tenders Worldwide](#)

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### **Finding Assistance For Further Information**

#### **Investment Aid Agency**

[Embassy of the Central African Republic in France \(in French\)](#)

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