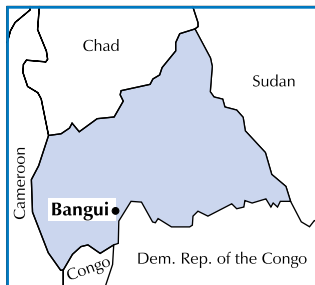


Central African Republic



Area ('000 km²):	623
Population (million), 1998:	3.5
Population growth (annual aver.), 1990-98:	2.1
Official languages:	French and Sango
Currency:	CFA franc
GNP per capita (\$), 1998:	300
Percentage shares in GDP, 1998:	
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	52.6
Industry (including <i>manufacturing</i>)	18.6 (9.2)
Services (private and public)	28.8
Gross domestic investment	13.5
Exports of goods and serv. (% of GDP), 1998:	15.9
Main employer (% of labour force), 1998:	
Agriculture	74

Life expectancy at birth (m/f), 1990-95:	43/47
Under-5 mortality rate, 1998 (per 1,000 live births)	173
Daily calorie intake per capita (% of minimum requirements), 1996-98:	111.3
Population with access to safe water (%), urban/rural, 1998:	55/21
Adult literacy rate (%), m/f, 1995:	27/52
Transport, 1998:	
Road network density (km/1,000 km ²)	38.5
Aircraft departures	2,000
Installed electricity capacity, 1996: (kW/1,000 inhab.)	13
Telephone (units per 1,000 inhab.), 1998:	2.7
Number of tourist arrivals, 1998:	7,000
Total exp. of goods and serv. (\$ m), 1998:	168
Main export sector (% of total exp.), 1995:	
Diamonds	42.2
Main markets for exports of goods (%), 1998:	
Developed market economy countries	85.0
<i>Main destination:</i> European Union	83.4
Main sources of imports of goods (%), 1998:	
Developed market economy countries	61.9
<i>Main origin:</i> European Union	53.2
Foreign direct investment inflows (\$ m), 1998:	5
Total net financial inflows (\$ m), 1998:	117.7
<i>of which:</i> ODA (\$ m/%)	119.9/101.9*
External debt (\$ m), 1998:	844
As % of GDP	80
Debt service as % of exports	24

* See explanatory note 5 on page 2