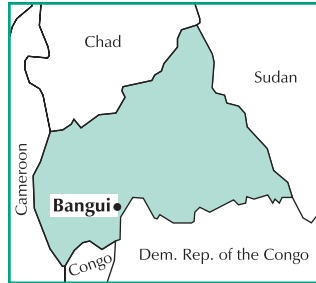


Central African Republic



Area ('000 km²):	622.4
Population (millions), 1997:	3.4
Capital:	Bangui
Official languages:	French and Sango
Currency:	CFA franc
GNP per capita (\$), 1997:	320
Percentage shares in GDP, 1997:	
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	54.2
Industry (including <i>manufacturing</i>)	18.1 (8.6)
Services (private and public)	27.9
Gross domestic investment	9.0
Exports of goods and serv. (% of GDP), 1997:	20.9
Main employer (% of labour force), 1997:	
Agriculture	75

Life expectancy (male/female), 1990-95:	46/51
Infant mortality rate, 1997 (per 1,000 live births)	113
Daily calorie intake per capita (% of regional minimum requirements), 1997:	112.0
Population with access to safe water (%, urban/rural), 1997:	55/21
Adult literacy rate (% male/female), 1995:	69/52
Transport, 1996 or latest available:	
Road network density (km/1,000 km ²)	38.5
Railway network density (km/1,000 km ²)	..
Installed electricity capacity, 1995: (kW/1,000 inhabitants)	13
Telephone (units per 1,000 inhabitants), 1996:	2.9
Number of tourist arrivals, 1997:	22,000
Total exports of goods and serv. (\$ m), 1997:	213
Main export sector (% of total exports), 1995-97:	
Diamonds	44.8
Main markets for exports (% shares), 1997:	
Developed market economy countries	48.6
<i>Main destination:</i> European Union	47.5
Main sources of imports (% shares), 1997:	
Developed market economy countries	47.7
<i>Main origin:</i> European Union	43.3
Foreign direct investment inflows (\$ m), 1997:	4.3
Total financial flows (\$ m), 1997:	101
<i>of which:</i> ODA (\$ m/%)	92/91.1
External debt (\$ m), 1997:	915
As % of GDP	90
Debt service as % of exports	7