

Architecture highlights from central Africa include projects from Equatorial Guinea and Angola



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Central African Republic

Emergency Paediatric Centre, Bangui, by Studio TAMassociati

After the completion of the Salam Centre for Cardiac Surgery in Sudan, satellite clinics were planned in the nine bordering countries, among them the Central African Republic. Bangui, the capital of a country where the life expectancy averages around fifty years for men and fifty-five for women, was the site of the first of these clinics.

Built around a central patio, the Emergency Paediatric Centre in Bangui offers health assistance to children under the age of fifteen and also provides educational courses on hygiene and health. On average, one hundred children and twenty pregnant women are treated there every day.

Dubious activities of the Russian government and private mercenaries close to it contribute to the fact that the Central African Republic hardly receives any help from the international community.

In this context, the Emergency Paediatric Centre by the Italian architects is like a lighthouse in the rough ocean.