

Aid and Assistance China for Development Socio-Economical and Cultural To Central African Republic

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ABSTRACT: *The Central African Republic like the heart World, through the vicissitudes given its geographical position. Its accession in 1960 to the Maoist movement has been consolidated by the China-Africa Forum held in October 2000 in Beijing. It is in this perspective that President François Bozize, September 10, 2009, appealed to his Chinese counterpart Hu Jintao to invest in his country especially in the mining and energy sectors. And President Hu Jintao has responded positively to China's support in the peace process and economic rehabilitation of CAR. Which marks the presence of China at the head of the CAR in these crisis times. But many development projects have been suspended example China National Petroleum Corporation for the seizure of power by the Seleka coalition March 24, 2013. However, CAR continues to rely on the strategic actions of China in the field of new technology for its agro-pastoral development to food self-sufficiency.*

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I. INTRODUCTION

If one refers in the state of nature of Thomas Hobbes that is an unlivable condition as when two people want the same thing and that it is impossible to share, everyone uses his strength and strongest monopolizes the thing. It is in this light that knows the state of nature 'man is a wolf to man'. [1] To put an end to this barbaric life, men have agreed to live community for some good. In this, they decide to put their power to one that can handle ensuring order and peace. To be effective, it has its possession a number of apparatus such as the army, the media, parliament and government.

This is why Aristotle man is a 'political animal'. [2] That is to say, a being destined to live in community organizing itself to escape the tribulations naturalists' one hand and the other for mutual support. In other words, the state of peace must be established to ensure cooperation between the people living in the same area and also between states. There may be mentioned ;

Immanuel Kant in his Perpetual Peace that 'the state of nature is a state of war'. The organization of Individuals State's aim is the interest of the community. This is reflected in the social contract as J-J Rousseau when he said: " it was for individuals to find a form of association which will defend and protect with the whole common force the person and goods of each associate, in which each to be united with all, may still obey himself and rest -even as free as before [3]. This is how the community extends to become State will always governed the legal texts to ensure the territorial integrity of a State to another.

In this light, it is impossible for a state to live in isolation because he needs to cooperate with others for mutual assistance for economic policy purposes and social. The greatest ambition is the solidarity of States and peoples in a common vision across the globe with the aim of peace and justice, including economic development. [4]

This relationship is based on legal texts because it is governed by sustainable institutional mechanisms in various common interests for the development of the two respective states. That is what the China of Mao Zedong chose cooperation with the CAR under the first presidency of David Dacko in 1964. [5] Cooperation, which tended to develop in agriculture probably to change the agricultural policy inherited from colonization and its dealers companies. Thus, this policy relationship is excellent even though they have experienced unrest between 1966-1974 and from 1991 to 1998.

However, the Central African Republic has for twenty years has been prey to political instability and recurrent crises. These multiple crises have led to disastrous consequences resulting in loss of life, displacement of people, widespread destruction of public and private infrastructure and destabilization of the economy. After this crisis development partners refuse to invest in a country in perpetual blip. But, in the light of the first forum China-Africa held to Pekin in October 2000 which is a platform of relations between China and Africa in general and in particular the Central African Republic to help these countries in their development. [6] What makes that despite the intermittent cooperation, the People’s Republic of China over the past decade has been interested in the Central African Republic, participating in several areas including, defense, health, communication, education, agriculture, energy, financial support was used to ease tensions state treasury, grants for the implementation of many development projects, loans which, in the tradition of relations with China are often commuted to donate.

Such investment does not leave us indifferent; hence it requires finding out : Why China as help the Central Africa Republic ? Can it contribute to the development of CAR ? What are the difficulties encountered ? And what are the prospects ? They first issue various necessities a retrospective of the bilateral relationship Sino-Central, then consider the importance of Chinese aid to the population of the Central African Republic and finally explain the challenges China faces in the Central Africa Republic aid.

2. Study Middle

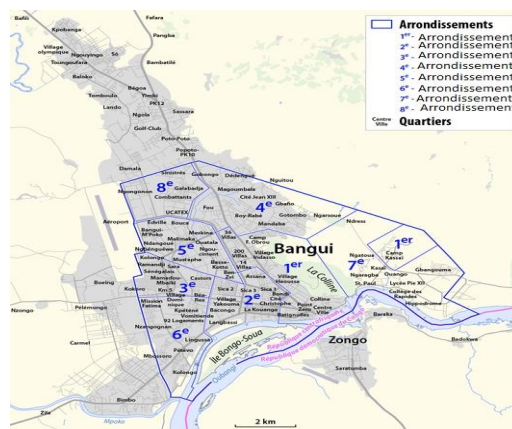


Figure 1 : Map of the city of Bangui

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II. THE ORIGINS OF BILATERAL RELATIONS CHINA - CAR

a) - Overview of the causes of the China-Africa relationship

The history of the bilateral relationship between the People's Republic of China and the Central African Republic had not to understand, that in connection with that of China-Africa. For it the spring of this tradition that we discovered, since the fifteenth century in the Great Zimbabwe Chinese objects such as : Coins and ceramics that is to say, the materials that are made Chinese pottery. Notwithstanding, it is a tangible evidence of a commercial historical relationship between China and the eastern part of Africa under the auspices of the Chinese admiral Zheng He. The latter was the first Chinese to host African soil since the coasts of Somalia, Kenya and Zanzibar.

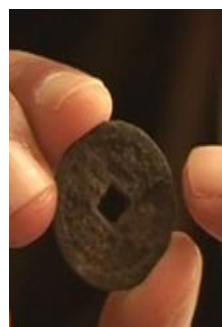


Figure 2: XVe century Chinese coins money.
Source: www.afrik.com/



Figure 2: Zheng He.
Source: www.afrik.com/

After his death in 1433, China suspended all its relations with Africa and its maritime ambitions to mobilize resources to deal with the Mongol invasion. These relations will resume to the nineteenth century in the wake of the rise of the communist era when many African countries gained independence. [7] It is thus that in 1955 Conference of the Bandung in Indonesia some African leaders of the national liberation movement have sought the support of the Prime Minister Chinese Chou Lai.

From 1960, these relationships become interstate. This a decisive phase in international relations since after the wind of the cold war, lot of Third World countries sought to rally to the People's Republic of China to break with Western imperialism. According to former President Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria, the success of the model.

Chinese were explained in that democracy; by instability it generates sometimes prevent the maintenance of a strong and continuous political leadership that is needed to accelerate the development and modernization of the economy. [8]

This is what has been highlighted by : Wais Ahmad, Meryem AMRANI JOUTEY, and Oumoul SANFO in this article on "China-Africa agreements: is the development of African countries likely to achieve in cooperation with China has it been to France?" Intelligence, ESSEC Business School. [9]

According to this article, it is clear that China is a better partner for the development of Africa. Thanks to the credits and grants it gives to these African states without any conditions -it is prior. This humanism has completed through the negotiation of benefits, reconciliation of interests, and the organization of exchanges. The major objective of this relationship is to the questioning of the cooperation failure of Western countries. Therefore, the China-Africa relationship is the subject of much debate, particularly from Western countries who fear losing their colonies at the expense of China.

For the needs China does not wait for the development of Africa including over 35 countries of the continent are beneficiaries, building infrastructure of railways, hospitals, housing, airport, power plants etc. In Algeria, for example, Chinese companies build residential buildings and Boumediene airport.

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Chinese refection the axis that connects the capital of Katanga to Zambia, and which extends to South Africa and Tanzania. Just as the company strongly rooted in CNCCTPC Republic Democratic Republic of Congo in the construction of many roads, blessed / kommanda, blessed / Kisangani airport N'Djili- Kinshasa, and also finances the railway line of 1,300 km, which re binds the East to the West of Angola by the construction of the airport of Luanda.

Congo-Brazzaville also roads, infrastructure and buildings are built by Chinese companies. Not to mention the Merowe dam in Sudan and the Kafue Gorge power station in Zambia. Tanzania and Mauritius, where the Chinese groups "Tianli" build an industrial and luxury hotels complex.

However, oil occupies a prominent place in these economic relations because 30% of the imports a third of the oil imported by China come from the African continent.

In 2004 an agreement was signed between the Algerian Sonatrach and the Chinese CNPC group ; Chinese company CNOOC won several operating contracts with Nigeria, along with Angola, a third of the oil exported to China.

At Gabon, the oil ministry has signed an agreement with Sinopec in 2005, allowing him to exploit offshore deposits ; Equatorial Guinea concludes with a subsidiary of CNOOC a production sharing contract is for an offshore block in 2006.

At Sudan, part of the deposits in the South are operated by a consortium led by Chinese ; Nairobi in April 2006, Chinese President signed an agreement on licenses for the oil group CNOOC allowing this last oil exploration in six blocks at the Kenyan coast.

But at Step outside the oil and gas, China also carries a particular interest on mineral deposits. China import you 85% of its cobalt from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Moreover, China has obtained Sierra Leone fishing concessions.

Also that, China expressed a great need for uranium which requires cooperation with Niger which represents 10% of world production to Development its nuclear energy through the China Nuclear Uranium Corporation International. Thus, the Chinese president Hu Jintao made several visits to countries such as : Mali and there are (gold), Senegal are found (iron mines, phosphate, oil Casamance) It is clear that these movements are motivated by economic interests [10]

So today, no shadow of the local and international press echo of the relationship between the People's Republic of China and Africa. What about the Central African Republic ?

b) - Specificity China relationship CAR

The former Ubangui-Chari became the Central African Republic on ¹ December 1958, was one of the former French colonies. Thus, the latter like the former French colonies, seeking new support former President David Dacko in September 1964 recognized the People's China and called all his wishes for special cooperation between Bangui and Peking. Without further ado, the diplomat Meng Yeing leading the first Chinese government mission in the Central Africa Republic, and gave him a car with an interest free loan of one billion CFA francs. [11] In other words, a popular Republic of China Mao Zedong maintained diplomatic relations with the Central Africa Republic since 1964 under the first presidency of David Dacko.

It is in this perspective that, Maurice Robert said " In the early 1960s, after independence, there was little outside France, China to be interested. His will to locate in CAR worried us elsewhere. The Chinese gave large loans and brought a significant technical assistance in agriculture given the geographical position [strategic] particular country, in the heart of the former French black Africa, we see the fear of falling into the red hands. "[12]

This is one of the criticisms of the metropolis to the first presidency of David Dacko who chose the cooperation with China of Mao Zedong. So she encouraged the punch of the night of St Sylvester including Jean-Bedel Bokassa seized power and the first week of his presidency broke off diplomatic relations with China 1966-1974 or a period of (08 years).

And to promote the development of the Central African Republic President Francois Bozize appealed to Chinese leader Hu Jintao who received September 10, 2009 in Beijing so that China could invest in his country especially in the mining and energy sectors.

Hu Jintao promised his Central African counterpart that China would actively support the peace process and economic rehabilitation of Central Africa. [13]. which marks the presence of China at the bedside of the Republic of Central Africa groin during these difficult times.

Chinese aid consisting of grants and interest free loans, and having the advantage of being less restrictive, is it effective in financing growth and development of the Central Africa Republic after half a century of unsuccessful cooperation with Europe ?

III. AID CHINA IN CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

a) - Nature of Aid

Following the negotiation of President François Bozize, the relationship between China and the CAR has evolved considerably over fifteen years. To this end, the promise made by President Hu Jintao begins to realize the construction of a stadium 20 0 00 squares, schools, hospitals in the city of Bangui, the revival of the central activities Bouali III hydroelectric etc.

It is in this context that almost all departments in CAR have received aid from China. For in the dynamics of its diplomatic line and its vision of international relations, the PRC has no conditions to help the development of the CAR following the example of the South. So, it is noted that :

At the Ministry of Defense : From 2003-2013, China has trained more than 1,500 Central African officers with logistical support ;

The Ministry of Economic Planning and Cooperation for example received from the hand of the Chinese ambassador in CAR Shi Hu 21 July 2008 following a hardware donation 2 cars, 100 computers, 50 printers, 10 climates is owners and many other office equipment [14].

The Ministry of Public Health of the population and the fight against HIV / AIDS has received support recycling training of its cadres in the field of the fight against malaria and logistics also to the 2 hospitals Friendship and Elisabeth Domitian .The latter was inaugurated October 4, 2011 by President François Bozize. [15]



Figure 3: Hospital Elisabeth Domitien at Bimbo, inaugurate October, 04 2011.
Source : Centrafrique : presse.over.com.

Figure 3: Friendship Hospital at Foh, inaugurate in 1988

At the Ministry of Communication when it has benefited from a transmitting center of the national radio is in the sub prefecture of Ombella M'poko has Bimbo, as well as technical support maintenance and logistics. The Ministry of National Education and of Higher Education : Culturally and scientifically China grants the CAR scholarships and multidisciplinary training to enable it to strengthen the capacity of its executives. Also, the department has received a donation of a primary school 'Friendship' built in the 4th arrondissement of Bangui without forgetting the teaching materials and equipment.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural world : CAR has 16 million hectares of arable land of which only 5% are exploited ; 80% of the population lives in rural areas. Thus, the Project construction of an agricultural technical center in the national farm M'poko located 26 Km on the road to Damara (Suspended folder).

The Ministry of Mines and Energy Hydraulics : The Central African oil research were launched January 18, 2010 during the election campaign by President François Bozizé in the presence of officials '**China National Petroleum Corporation**' (CNPC) [16] and Chinese officials. Bangui and Beijing reached an agreement whereby CNPC is authorized to make the Central African oil research phase on the site of Mboromata from February 2011 in the prefecture of Vagaka. The exploitation phase should start in March 2013 (held jobs). Similarly, the project to improve the electricity network transformation Bouali III in the amount of 17 billion FCFA 38, 000,000 US dollars, could meet the needs of the consumption of electricity CAR. For the Central Energy (ENERCA) today only produces 19,000 kWh a need for 27,000 kWh .Without forgetting the proposed construction of solar energy (study on file).

In the Ministry of Transport : Road infrastructure is a sine qua non condition for opening up the development of the Central African Republic. Now the construction of the bridge sapeke for \$ 300 million FCFA (held jobs).However, China has begun construction of Fambele axis - garoua-boulai.

The Ministry of Youth and Sport : China has built and made available to this department a football stadium with a capacity of 20000 seats 16 June 2006 in the presence of Prime Minister Elie Dote, members of government and the Chinese ambassador in CAR Mr. Hesi Ji. [17]



Figure 4 Stadium seats 20,000, inaugurated June 16, 2006
Source : Centrafrique.over.blog.com

There are also some ongoing projects, such as the supplementary supply project finance potable water for rural populations Lobaye, Ombella M'poko and Sangha Mbaere (study case suspended)

The drilling project will be implemented in 60 villages in three areas prefectures of Lobaye, Ombella M'poko and Sangha M'baere (exchange of notes signed)

Consider the 2nd Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation, Technical and Commercial between China and Central African Republic.

b) - Other Activities saving

Also in this wake, the new ambassador of the People's Republic of China in Central African Republic Mr. Shin Haichao and caseload Mr. Shao Wei told a press conference June 16, 2011 at his residence said: For its African policies in general China provides assistance to friendly countries. Therefore, China has invested more in infrastructure projects. This earned him the first African partner.

Regarding CAR, China has continued to invest in this country as mentioned above by the construction of the hospital, schools, stage of 20,000, the revival of the activities of 'hydroelectric Bouali III to improve the energy capacity. Moreover, and the e provides scholarships and internships and training people in different sectors. The objective is to help achieve a better result happiness and development of people. [18]

It is the same, the Chinese Ambassador to Cameroon Mr. Wei Wenhua the April 9, 2015, who presented the sum of 20 million CFA francs to the Cameroonian Minister of External Affairs Prof. Pierre Moukoko Mbonjo for food has more than 245,000 Central African refugees located in the east of Cameroon because of the crisis actuates Miss. [19]



Figure 5 : Central African Refugees in the east of Cameroon
Source : Journalducameroun.com

The list of Chinese aid to the CAR is exhaustive as to us departments have benefited from Chinese donations. The multidimensional assistance from China to Central Africa Republic is an asset for development. The most important is the formation of the sine qua human spirit of development through the reduction of poverty to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. As one Chinese saying " Better to teach the child how to fish than give him fish ".

In this, China's intervention in the agricultural, livestock and infrastructure Traffic will be an opportunity for the CAR for its economic takeoff after two decades of military-political crises that causes the degeneration of the state.

Or, to improve its economic situation, the Central African Republic has developed two basic documents: the first is a Strategic Document for Post-Conflict Reconstruction (DSRP I) and the second concerns the Strategic Document for Poverty Reduction (DSRP II).

The second vision of DSRP is "to promote a strong pro-poor growth, vulnerable people's and development sustainable human" because, 67% of the population are the most affected victims of which are women and children. [20] To this end, looking for a strong and sustained growth is fundamental to achieving the goal of poverty reduction and especially the target of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs); the pace and pattern of growth opportunities and provide sufficient skills for the poor to participate in the economic activity and make more profit.

But aware of the crisis of governance, donors have been reluctant to invest in this central African country subject to periodic upheavals. [21]

Thus, China is interested in the Central African Republic by intervening in various fields and sectors, such as: health, educational, cultural, military, construction of roads and oil research. The aftermath of a finding of attention from China to Africa in general has led former Senegalese President Abdoulaye Wade to say "With direct aid, credit lines and reasonable contracts, China contributed to African nations build infrastructure projects in record time - bridges, roads, schools, hospitals, dams, legislative buildings, stadiums and airports. In many African countries, including Senegal, improvements in infrastructure have played an important role in stimulating economic growth. [22]

Alain Faujas confirms this thesis in his article entitled : What would we do without China ? Because, say -it : China buys massively to Africa its contents first, helping to push up metal prices as agricultural products. It not only brings currencies and fragile economies, but she sells manufactured goods cheaper and often more adapt your own that rich countries. [23] He continues yet it provides loans and grants to build punts, schools, hospitals overdue electric lines. Also, support financier to African countries is a lifeline for these peoples. But, this cooperation has faced political difficulties in certain metropolitan such is the case of the CAR for more than ten years.

IV. DIFFICULTIES

Two major problems need to be analyzed : Economic and political.

a) - Economic

CAR is a country enclave given its geographical position in the heart of Africa. Although it abounds an important natural resource, its agricultural system remains archaic whereas the agro-ecological conditions for carrying out this activity are very favorable. [24] However, severe recurrent crises since 1996 have profoundly 2013 degraded the economic including agriculture which is its engine.

To this end, this sector deserves special attention given the inherent problem to find a solution. Because, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the Central African Republic has published in his report of 24 March 2015 that today 1.5 million people suffer from severe food insecurity and Need help. Undoubtedly, the return of IDPs and refugees will change the situation.

Consequently, farmers urgently need seeds and tools to enable them to revive agricultural activities in order to overcome the thorny issue of a famine source of political tension because the population does not eat a hungry. [25] It is in this sense that, Jean Alexander Scaglia FAO representative in CAR told : Ensuring the seedlings during the next campaign and resilience activities in the longer term is an opportunity not to be missed to contribute to peace efforts in Central Africa Republic. [26]

Promote economic development, the former Prime Minister Jean Paul Central Ngoupande during an interview with Grain of Salt said: Need to know that China is a party with priority given to agriculture since 1949 as base development. [27] By this example, the development of CAR requires an investment in the fields of agriculture, livestock and fisheries which have not yet made technological advances sector. In terms of mechanization, we cannot find a tractor in the territory. Yet, CAR has 16 million hectares of arable land of which only 5% are operated and road infrastructure will promote the rapid evacuation of the products on urban markets and also its isolation.

b) -Political

Since the era of "independence" according to the article titled SAM The Touch : What the French media will not tell you explained that : David Dacko - Jean Bedel Bokassa Samba-Panza through Francois Bozizé and more recently Michel Djotodia choice of Central African presidents was always the wishes of France. They will not tell you that Paris has always managed to impose its former colony and maintain it in a situation of total dependency, military and policy towards "the former" -metropolis having thus contributed to its chronic poverty. This relationship between China-Central African also concerned the United States who was interested in Central African diamonds. This is what we reveal the sentiment of US Ambassador in 2009 by Wikileaks in terms: " It is no secret; in 2009 the US Ambassador was concerned about the new growths of Chinese influence the Francois Bozize regime using the same language smacks of Cold War. President Francois Bozize may increasingly adopt Chinese as an alternative to French or other Western benefactors "[28]

What has been the source of tension between President Francois Bozize and France around the Uramin project, Areva and the contract it had signed with China assigning the acquisition of the oil block. Therefore, during the rise of the Seleka early 2013, the French President Francois Hollande refused to involve the French army despite the military cooperation agreement between France and the Central Africa Republic on the one hand, and secondly even the desperate call of President Bozize to avoid being overturned by his opponents [29] . But on balance, the president Djotodia once in power may cancel the contract with China .That is the reason for the seizure of the power Seleka March 24, 2013 period which should start the exploitation of oil by China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC).

London has confirmed the thesis that "The rebel fighters of the coalition Seleka, began to enter the cities of the mining areas in the country rich in diamonds last month (January 2013), and said it will not attack the capital Bangui and should start negotiations with the government in Libreville, the capital of neighboring Gabon dice next week."- WSWS reported that President Bozizé insinuated that the revolt against him had something to do" with the granting of oil exploration contracts earlier this year he gave to Chinese and South African companies "

Admittedly, France does not want to lose these interests in Central African Republic which is her ex-colony. But everyone knows the deleterious role of the French authorities in that country. Following the example of its intervention in the current crisis, it was decided after a few days of massacres or situation was considered by the international community as a pre-genocidal. [30] France did not properly fulfill its mission Conservation of Western hegemony in Central Africa. Thus, the potential of China's control over natural resources and markets CAR has raised the current crisis.

V. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

In short, without claim to have done a thorough job on the help of the People's Republic of China Central Africa Republic. We can say without doubt that the history of diplomatic relationship between China and Central African Republic shows that it is excellent. Since 1964 under the first presidency of David Dacko China was interested in the CAR for its development. Unfortunately, what has been tension between the CAR and the metropolis.

Despite this discomfort, Central African Republic urges China People's Republic to be always at his bedside to help its development. The revitalization of this relationship is embodied in many of China's achievements in almost all departments by donations in office equipment, roller means building hospitals etc. It would also be desirable to eradicate poverty in CAR, modernize agricultural areas, livestock and fish without forgetting the construction of road infrastructure.

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