

= Central African Republic women 's national football team =

The Central African Republic women 's national football team represents the Central African Republic (CAR) in women 's international football competitions . The team has not played any international matches to date , but the country 's youth national team has played in several matches and events , including an Under @-@ 19 World Cup qualifying competition in which the team lost in the semi @-@ finals . As is the case across Africa , the women 's game faces numerous challenges . Football was only formally organised in 2000 , and there are only 400 players competing at the national level .

= = Women 's World Cup record = =

1991 to 2003 - Did not enter

2007 - Withdrew

2011 to 2015 - Did not enter

= = African Women 's Championship = =

1991 to 2004 - Did not enter

2006 - Withdrew

2008 to 2014 - Did not enter

= = Team = =

In 1985 , only a few countries had women 's national football teams , and the Central African Republic was no exception . In 2006 , the team trained five times a week .

As of March 2012 , the team was not ranked by FIFA due to it not having played any international matches .

The country has a national under @-@ 20 side . This team has participated in the qualifying competition for the FIFA U @-@ 20 Women 's World Cup , which prior to 2006 was an under @-@ 19 tournament in which the CAR team also took part . In 2002 , the qualifiers began with an African Women 's Under @-@ 19 Championship . The CAR faced Equatorial Guinea in a home @-@ and @-@ away series in the first round , winning both matches by scores of 1 ? 0 and 2 ? 0 . The country was set to play Zimbabwe in the quarterfinals , but Zimbabwe withdrew from the competition . In the semi @-@ finals , the CAR met South Africa in a home match , but lost 0 ? 2 . The team was scheduled to play a return match in South Africa , but the host country refused to grant the Central African players visas , which led to South Africa 's disqualification from the tournament . South Africa appealed the decision and visas were subsequently issued to Central African players , but the team then withdrew from the competition . In 2010 , the Central African Republic women 's national under @-@ 20 football team participated in the African Women 's U @-@ 20 World Cup qualifiers . They had a walkover win against São Tomé and Príncipe in the first round but did participate in the second or third rounds .

= = Background and development = =

The development of women 's football in Africa faces several challenges , including limited access to education , poverty amongst women , inequalities and human rights abuses targeting women . Many quality players leave the country seeking greater opportunity in Europe or the United States . In addition , most of the funding for women 's football in Africa comes from FIFA , not the local national football associations .

The Fédération Centrafricaine de Football , the CAR 's national football association , was founded in 1961 and became a FIFA affiliate in 1964 . In the CAR , there is no national association staffer dedicated to women 's football and no women on the board or in the executive committee . With

assistance from FIFA , the federation developed a women 's programme starting in 2000 . A national competition and school competition were later introduced . Football is one of the most popular women 's sports in the CAR . There were about 200 registered youth players in the country and 200 registered senior players as of 2006 . There are 80 club @-@ level teams with women on them , 20 of which are exclusively for women .