







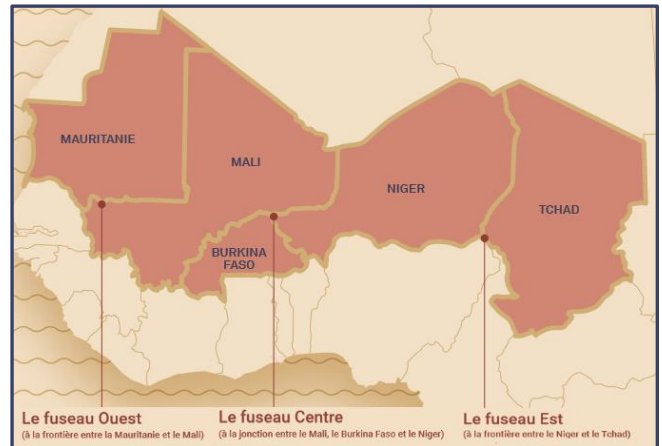


EMERGENCY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Project « Agro-pastoral mediation in the Sahel »

	DONOR(S) European Union Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF)
	COUNTRIES Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Chad
	CODE T05-EUTF-SAH-REG-18
	AMOUNT 5.000.000 €
	DATES Estimated at 36 months
	PHASE Implementation
	EXECUTING AGENCY Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue
	PDU PILLAR 3) Conflict prevention



19 border regions benefit from this project:

Mauritania: The Wilayas of Hodh El Chargui and Hodh El Garbi;
Mali: The regions of Kayes, Koulikoro, Sikasso, Ségou, Mopti, Tombouctou, Gao and Ménaka;
Burkina Faso: The regions of Boucle du Mouhoun, Nord, Est and Sahel;
Niger: The regions of Tillabéry, Tahoua and Diffa
Chad: The provinces of Kanem and Lac.

DESCRIPTION

The project "Agro-pastoral Mediation in the Sahel" is part of the European Union's G5 Sahel Emergency Programme for the Stabilisation of Border Areas, which is part of the G5 Sahel Emergency Development Programme (PDU). The project contributes to the implementation of Pillar III of the PDU: "Supporting local communities and institutions in conflict prevention and strengthening social cohesion by reinforcing the local socio-economic fabric. »

The objective of the project is to reduce conflicts between nomadic and sedentary communities along the Sahelian transhumance routes through community mediation using traditional dialogue mechanisms. This project is in its third phase, financed by the European Union with an amount of 5.000.000 € and is implemented by the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD).

INTERVENTION LOGIC

The project is based on the results of a baseline study carried out by HD and funded by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which allowed for the establishment of community mediator networks in the intervention areas and for the identification of traditional and/or modern institutions and organisations involved in conflict prevention and management.

HD intervenes in agro-pastoral communities facing the reoccurrence of inter-community conflicts related to the struggle over access to natural resources. The communities selected for this intervention are located along the transhumance routes of the G5 Sahel countries.

The lessons learned from this work will facilitate the dialogue between agro-pastoral communities and the concerned public authorities on pastoral issues.

For more information on the HD's mediation work in the Sahel, please visit <https://www.hdcentre.org>.

ACTIVITIES

Within the framework of this project, HD is carrying out the following activities:

- Structuring and supporting networks of nomadic, semi-nomadic and sedentary mediators to prevent and manage conflicts related to the access to and use of natural resources.
- Accompanying the conflict mediation networks when needed.
- Facilitating nomadic communities' access to pastoral resources during transhumance periods in order to prevent conflicts with sedentary communities.
- Facilitating the dialogue between sedentary, transhumant or nomadic communities with national authorities for the benefit of a peaceful management of natural resources.

PROJECT PROGRESS

The project launch ceremonies were held in each of the G5 Sahel countries:

- In Burkina Faso: 23 October 2019
- In Mali: 7 November 2019
- In Niger: 19 November 2019
- In Mauritania: 21 November 2019
- In Chad: 9 January 2020

PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Support provided to a network of 900 community mediators spread across more than 60 border municipalities in the G5 Sahel countries in their efforts to resolve conflicts over access to natural resources.
- Resolution of 105 micro-conflicts.
- Restitution of 229 head of cattle and two plots of land.

What is the Emergency Development Programme?

In 2018, the Heads of State of the G5 Sahel asked the Permanent Secretariat of the G5 Sahel (SPG5 Sahel) to launch quick-impact emergency projects. Consequently, the Emergency Development Programme (PDU) came into life in order to stabilise fragile border areas identified by the G5.

In response to the G5 Sahel's request to finance the PDU, the Sahel Alliance's members collectively mobilised 226 million Euro dedicated to 21 projects and programmes in total. These projects meet the following 3 criteria:

- I. The project is located in sensitive cross-border areas as identified by the G5
- II. The project responds to specific thematic or sectoral issues
- III. Actual achievements are visible by the end of 2018 / beginning of 2019

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