EMERGENCY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (PDU)
Emergency Programme for the Stabilisation of G5 Border Areas

DONOR(S)
European Union Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF)
Germany
Denmark

COUNTRIES
Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Chad

CODE
T05-EUTF-SA H-REG-18

AMOUNT
98,300,000 €
Pillar I: approx. 24,000,000 €
Pillar II and III: approx. 68,000,000 €

DATES
Estimated at 48 months (2020-2022)

PHASE
Implementation

PDU PILLAR
I) Access to water and sanitation
II) Resilience to food insecurity
III) Conflict prevention

DESCRIPTION
This programme constitutes a direct response to the request of the G5 Sahel Heads of State and was jointly elaborated with the G5 Permanent Secretariat within the framework of the Sahel Alliance and with contributions from its members. The action aims to improve the living conditions, resilience and social cohesion of vulnerable populations in the most fragile regions of the G5 Sahel countries where the G5 Joint Force is active and where state services are extremely limited. The programme is structured around the three intervention pillars of the G5 Sahel's Emergency Development Programme (PDU):

Pillar I: Improving the living conditions of populations through better access to water and sanitation.
Pillar II: Strengthening the livelihoods of agricultural and pastoralist populations by building resilience to food and nutrition insecurity in a sustainable and structural manner.
Pillar III: Supporting local communities and institutions in conflict prevention and strengthening social cohesion by reinforcing the local socio-economic fabric.

Through an integrated multi-donor approach, the various activities foreseen in the framework of this programme are coordinated. Thereafter, the resilience and social cohesion activities (Pillars II and III) will be implemented in the same localities where the water supply and sanitation projects will be rolled out (Pillar I). More specifically:

Pillar I: The operationalisation of Pillar I will be carried out through projects at national level with an overall budget of around EUR 24 million financed through the EUTF (EUR 5 million for Burkina Faso, EUR 8 million for Niger, EUR 5 million for Mali, EUR 6 million for Chad) and an additional co-financing of EUR 10 million from the French Agency for Development (for Mauritania).
Pillars II and III: Two regional programmes with a budget of approximately EUR 68 million will roll out the donors’ response to Pillars II and III. Please see details below.
PILLARS II AND III: RESILIENCE AND SOCIAL COHENSION

Two regional projects are financed under this emergency programme to respond to Pillars II and III of the PDU. The budget includes contributions from the European Union (EUR 40 million) and has been supplemented by financial contributions from the Danish (DKK 25 million = approximately EUR 3.4 million) and the German government (EUR 25 million).

A total of EUR 5 million of this budget is allocated to the project "Agro-Pastoral Mediation" implemented by the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (please see www.alliance-sahel.org for more information on this project).

Approximately EUR 63 million are operationalised via a regional call for expression of interest under the title “Emergency Programme for the Stabilisation of the G5 Sahel Border Areas”. This call for proposals was launched in May 2019 in order to select NGOs with the capacities to respond immediately to Pillar II and Pillar III in close collaboration with national and local authorities and civil society representatives. Around EUR 2 million will be made available for the coordination of NGO consortia. To maximise the number of NGOs selected for the roll-out of the programme, the European Union added a significant complement of EUR 45.2 million, outside the framework of the PDU, to the initial budget.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

- May 2019: Launch of the call for expressions of interest
- 23 June 2019: Submission of concept notes by NGOs
- November to December 2019: Contractualisation with the NGOs Save the Children International (SCI) and Humanity and Inclusion (HI);
- 13 December 2019: Inclusion of the three partners from the reserve list;
- January 2020: Start of activities with SCI and HI;
- January to March 2020: Contractualisation process with the NGOs Progetto Mondo Mlal, International Rescue Committee (IRC), Acción contra el Hambre (ACH);
- January to March 2020: Contractualisation process with the inter-consortia;
- February 2020: Beginning of roll-out of the programme's activities in the field;
- Cash transfer to 43,200 households to improve their resilience;
- Team training activities and evaluation of community services carried out.

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.

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