What is the Emergency Development Programme?

In 2018, the heads of state of the G5 Sahel countries asked the Permanent Secretariat of the G5 Sahel (SPG5 Sahel) to launch urgent rapid-impact projects. The result was the start up of the Emergency Development Programme (EDP / PDU) in the fragile regions bordering the Joint Force's three intervention zones:

I. The West zone (at the border between Mauritania and Mali)
II. The Centre zone (at the junction of Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger)
III. The East zone (at the border between Niger and Chad)

The EDP/PDU, a key element of the Priority Investment Programme (PIP):

The projects funded in the areas targeted by the G5 Sahel meet the following three criteria:

I. Located in the sensitive cross-border zones identified by the G5,
II. Respond to specific sector issues;
III. Generate effective results as of 2018/early 2019.
The Permanent Secretariat of the G5 Sahel identified three intervention areas

Contribute to improving the living conditions of populations through better access to water and sanitation.

Improve the livelihoods of agricultural and pastoral populations by sustainably and structurally increasing their resilience to food and nutritional insecurity.

Support local communities and institutions in preventing conflicts and increase social cohesion by strengthening the local socio-economic fabric.

Some concrete EDP/PDU results and achievements*

- Creation of 20 village savings & loan non-profits for women in Burkina Faso
- Mobile court hearings: creation of 2,500 ID cards & 2,000 birth certificates in Niger
- 540 participants from nine municipalities in Niger trained in citizenship and conflict prevention
- 205,000 people benefit from the infrastructure
- 15 projects to support the stability and community cohesion implemented
- 2 climate adaptation structures and 4 degraded soil recovery projects completed
- 61 micro-projects for women farmers implemented at Konna in Mali
- 182 urban centres in Mali provided with drinking water and sanitation structures
- 540 participants from nine municipalities in Niger trained in citizenship and conflict prevention
- 20 village savings and loan non-profits set up in Burkina Faso
- 81 economic facilities built
- 199 peace ambassadors trained in Niger and Mali

Illustrative EDP/PDU project: Project to support stability and community cohesion in the Northern Tillabéry region (PASC II)

Zones targeted: four municipalities in the Niger – Mali – Burkina Faso border region (Gorouol, Bankilaré, Inates and Ayorou).

Funding by the French Crisis and Support Centre (CDCS) in the amount of €400,000, carried out in 2019 and 2020. The PASC II project strengthens the presence of the State, supports socio-economic development and strengthens the social cohesion in four municipalities particularly hard hit by the deterioration of the security and humanitarian situation. The 12-month project supports the implementation of activities with immediate impact. It is led by the High Authority for Peacebuilding (HACP) and intended to re-establish the government’s presence and restore trust between civilians and the defence and security forces.

15 projects in the total amount of €223,000 were completed in 2019, including:

- Recovery of 75 ha of degraded land in the villages of Weyta Koira and Koutougou Tedebett
- Rehabilitation of the dyke to protect against river flooding in the villages of Doulsou, Goungo Koré and Koutougou
- Rehabilitation of the riffles of the village of Séga
- Installations of mills in the villages of Belleykoira, Kouinzounkou, Douf1 and Boyébangouet Gaya

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