The Sahel Alliance
At a glance

Mauritania  Mali  Niger  Chad

Burkina Faso
What is the Sahel Alliance?

The people of the Sahel region (Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Chad) are faced with multifaceted challenges and threats, including a deteriorating security context, major population displacements, risks relating to food security and the immediate consequences of climate change.

Although the region offers a wealth of potential in terms of cultural richness, dynamic young people and natural resources, these interacting challenges are holding back development.

The Sahel Alliance was set up in 2017 to provide concrete, collective responses to these multiple challenges. Today, it has become a platform for coordinating aid to the Sahel, federating the action of 27 bilateral and multilateral partners. The Sahel Alliance is also a unique forum for dialogue with Sahelian countries.

The Sahel Alliance is neither a new organisation nor a forum for financial advocacy. The Sahel Alliance is an operational coordination platform that aims to increase the effectiveness and impact of the funded projects in order to achieve sustainable improvements to living conditions for populations, particularly the most vulnerable.

Who are the members of the Sahel Alliance?

18 FULL MEMBERS

Germany, France, European Union, World Bank, African Development Bank, United Nations (UN), Italy, Spain, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Denmark, United Kingdom, European Investment Bank (EIB), Norway, Sweden, Canada, United States, West African Development Bank (BOAD)

9 OBSERVER MEMBERS

Japan, Belgium, Switzerland, Finland, International Finance Corporation (IFC), Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, Ireland, Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF)
Governance of the Sahel Alliance

The governance of the Sahel Alliance is based on 3 bodies:

◊ General Assembly (AG)
◊ Operational Steering Committee (CPO)
◊ Coordination Unit (UCA)

The General Assembly meets once a year and sets the major political and strategic guidelines for the Alliance. This body is responsible for maintaining an enhanced, high level dialogue with national and regional authorities.

The Operational Steering Committee, which meets two or three times a year, guides the Alliance’s priorities, activities and agenda at the operational level.

The Coordination Unit provides the general secretariat for the Alliance, coordinates the activities of its members and implements the decisions of the AG and the CPO.

To ensure that the Alliance can operate at the ground level, a network of spokespersons has been implemented in each of the countries, supported by liaison experts from the UCA.
The actions of the members of the Sahel Alliance are guided by four key principles

- **Targeting actions** on 5 priority sectors and 3 cross-disciplinary themes (Climate, Private Sector, Gender).
- **Mutual accountability** between partners on shared objectives.
- **New, more innovative** and flexible ways of working.
- **Fragile and vulnerable areas** are the focus of a special commitment.

### 5 priority sectors

- Agriculture, food security and rural development
- Decentralisation and basic services
- Education and employability of young people
- Energy
- Governance

### 3 cross-disciplinary themes

- Climate
- Private sector
- Gender
The Sahel Alliance portfolio

The members of the Sahel Alliance are funding almost 1,350 stabilisation and development projects in Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Chad. These projects are supported to a global value of almost 26,5 billion euros*.

In terms of volume, the main sectors of intervention are:

◊ decentralisation and basic services (32%)
◊ agriculture, rural development and food security (23%)
◊ energy (14%).

This portfolio has grown steadily since the launch of the Alliance and the subsequent commitments.

*31/12/2022

Evolution of the Alliance Sahel portfolio 2017-2022: key figures

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Distribution by Sector

Geographical distribution
The Sahel Alliance and its members are working together to fund nearly 1,350 projects.

Our interactive map (non-exhaustive) gives a picture of the territorial coverage of the projects implemented by the members of the Sahel Alliance. Each point on the map corresponds to a place where an activity of an Alliance Sahel labelled project is being implemented.

Visit the project interactive map HERE

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