Joint Sahel programme in response to the challenges COVID-19, conflicts and climate change

Programme SD3C - 2021-2027

Project summary

The G5 Sahel initiative reflects the political will and the unity of its member states in the face of sustainable development challenges in the Sahel, such as climate change, conflicts, insecurity and since 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic which aggravated the already difficult situation.

The SD3C, Sahel joint programme in response to the challenges Covid-19, conflicts and climate change is supported by the G5 Sahel, its five member countries and Senegal.

It was designed in partnership with the three UN agencies in Rome – FAO, IFAD and WFP, which are involved in its financing and implementation.

The programme contributes to the implementation of the G5 Sahel strategy for development and security (SDS) by being part of the "Resilience and human development" axis of the institution’s priority investment program (PIP). regional.
The regional character of SD3C is justified by the common and cross-border issues of the 6 Sahelian countries concerned. The program aims to consolidate the livelihoods of small producers, in particular women and young people living in cross-border areas of the region.

The target group is estimated at 123,000 rural households or 854,750 people, including 427,375 women (50 per cent) and 341,900 young people (40 per cent).

The programme will implement three components:

1. Increase in agrosilvopastoral and fishery productivity and production through climate-resilient agricultural practices and technologies.

2. Economic integration through interventions aimed at strengthening cross-border markets and securing border transactions.


The strategy is designed to meet the challenges of emergency, development and peace following a rapid intervention approach based on the scaling up of solutions and approaches already tested and capitalized in the context of the G5 Sahel by FAO, IFAD, WFP and their local partners.

The programme is planned for a period of 6 years, divided into two phases of 3 years.

Its total cost over 6 years is US $ 180.4 million.

**SD3C objectives**

**Improve the economic opportunities and livelihoods of rural producers**

1. Production capacity and cross-border markets
2. Social cohesion and peacebuilding
3. Sustainable food system

**Target areas**
Cross-border regions

**Target groups**
854,000 people including 50 per cent women and 40 per cent young people

**Themes**
Climate – Nutrition
Gender – Youth

**Technical and financial partnership**
SD3C budget: USD 180 million

**Leader**
G5 Sahel + 1 (Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, and Senegal)

**Performers**
Governments, IFAD, FAO, WFP, local and international NGOs, Producer Organizations

**Financial**
Governments, IFAD, Green Fund Resource mobilization

**Other partners**
ECOWAS, other UN Agencies specialized in working with fragile states

**G5 Sahel - resource mobilization**

**G5 SAHEL**
Programme coordination
Political and social dialogue Inclusion and advocacy
  - WFP

Emergency aid and the path to resilience and food security
  - IFAD

Investments to help farmers practice market agriculture

Adaptation to climate change
  - FAO

Technical assistance for sustainable practices

**Regional grant**
The Executive Secretariat of the G5 Sahel will be the beneficiary of the integrated component of the regional loan operation on political dialogue, coordination, creation of partnerships, promotion, harmonization, monitoring and evaluation and knowledge management