

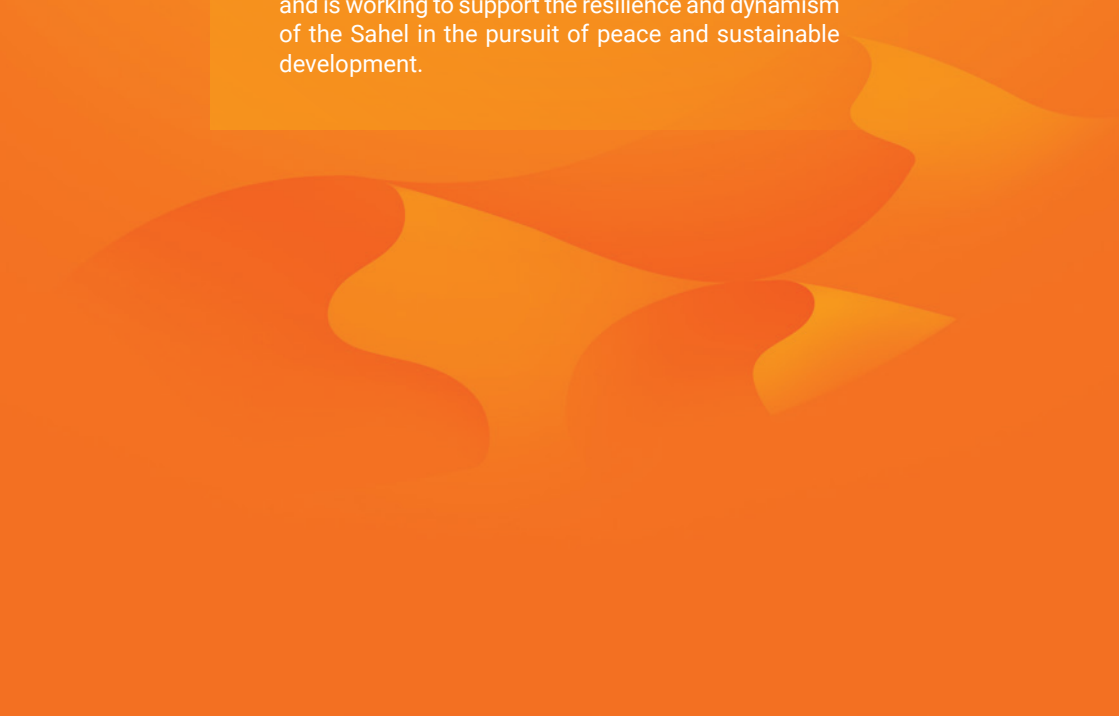
2019

Sahel

ACTIVITY REPORT

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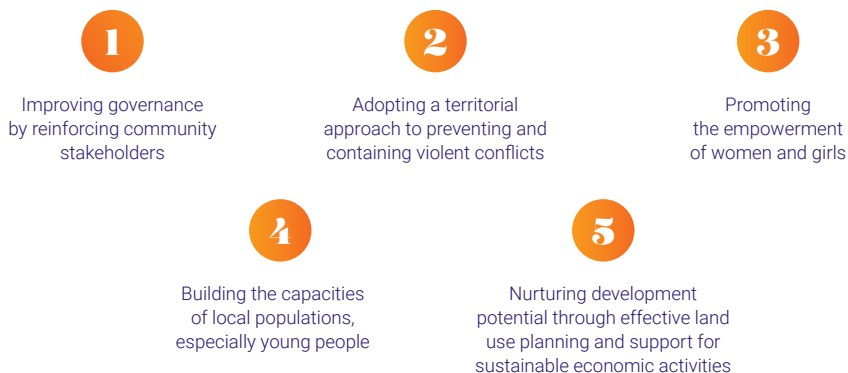




As a priority area for French development policy, the Sahel is faced with a diverse array of security, climate, economic, social and political challenges. The countries in the region (Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Chad) also possess considerable assets in terms of agriculture, energy and a dynamic, young population. AFD is convinced that this region should not be considered exclusively as a crisis zone, and is working to support the resilience and dynamism of the Sahel in the pursuit of peace and sustainable development.

AFD strategy in the Sahel

AFD is focused on 5 key priorities:



AFD adopts a territorial approach to the Sahel, making people and spaces the focus of our development work. Co-constructed with the members of Alliance Sahel and the France team within the framework of the Coalition for the Sahel*, this approach is informed by local dynamics, the specific assets of the territories in question, and their relations of interdependency. It involves adapting our modes of action to the different types of intervention zone (epicenter: security; surrounding areas: consolidation; zones in need of reinforcement: prevention) while continuing to provide support for institutions and public policy.

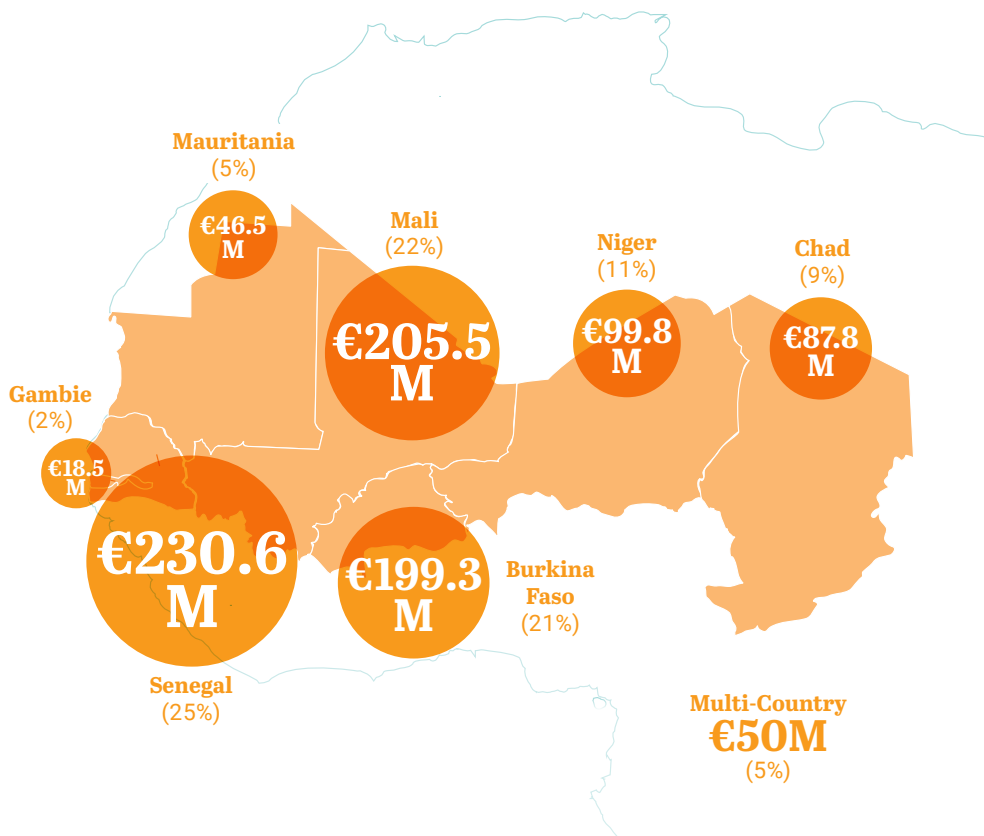
The Agency supports actions at local and national levels, as well as regional and cross-border initiatives, in order to respond effectively to problems which often transcend national frontiers.

AFD Group draws upon its full range of tools (grants, loans and guarantees) in order to support economic and social development, shore up areas of fragility in crisis contexts, and strengthen central governments and their representatives in local territories. Proparco, the AFD subsidiary dedicated to private sector financing, is also working to support economic development in the region, while Expertise France is increasingly being consulted for the preparation and implementation of Group projects.

*Launched at the Pau summit on 13 January 2020, the Coalition for the Sahel comprises the Member States of the Sahel G5 and their international partners. Its mission is to develop a more collective, solidarity-driven response to the Sahel crisis by focusing on 4 key pillars: the battle against armed terrorist groups, reinforcing the capacities of the armed forces of the Sahel States, supporting the reassertion of State control and governance on the ground, and development assistance.

Our activity in the Sahel in 2019

○ GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN OF INVESTMENTS



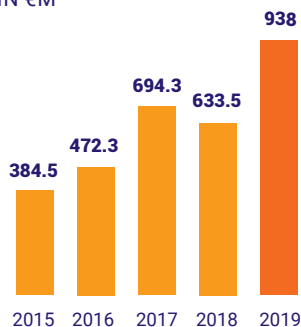
€938
M

Total commitments

In the Three Borders region (Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger), a priority zone for French involvement in the Sahel, more than €245 has been allocated to 21 projects. Seven were launched in 2019, at a cost of €53.5M. They have been focused primarily on supporting agriculture and rural development, expanding access to essential services (water, sanitation, energy, education and healthcare) and also strengthening social cohesion and the professional integration of young people.

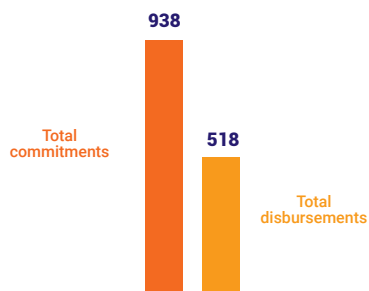


VARIATION IN INVESTMENT IN €M

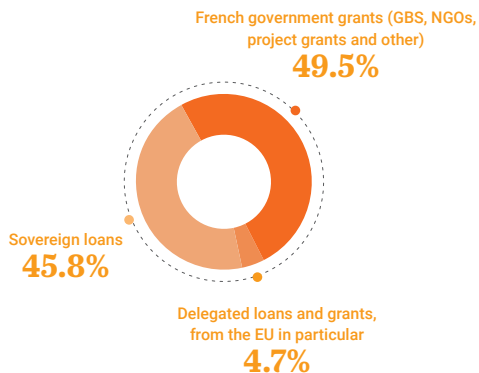


€4.2 billion committed in Sahel countries since 2013

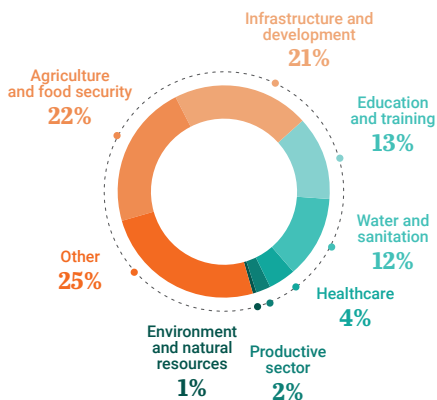
COMMITMENTS/DISBURSEMENTS 2019 IN €M



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BREAKDOWN BY SECTOR



Gender equality, a major priority

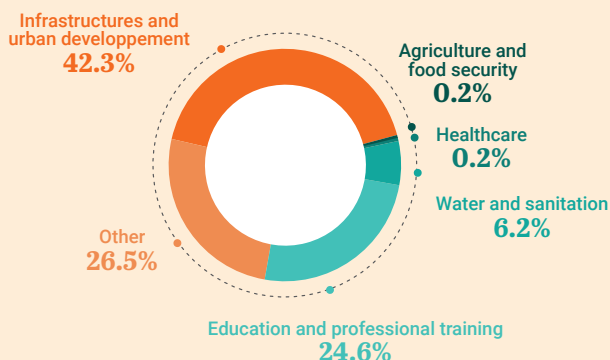
AFD has made the empowerment of women and girls a major priority of its work in the Sahel, stepping up its actions in support of gender parity. In 2019, almost half of the money allocated to Sahel countries had gender equality as a primary or secondary objective, representing a total of €438M (€123M for projects with gender equality as a primary objective). The goal is to strengthen all stakeholders in this ecosystem, particularly initiatives from civil society helping to drive change and innovation.

Our activity in Burkina Faso

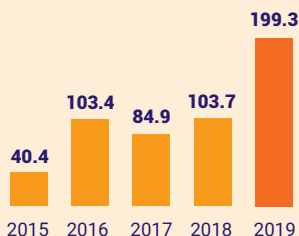
AFD is working to support Burkina Faso in areas of structural importance for the country's economy and society: basic infrastructure (energy, water and sanitation), urban development and development of rural territories, education and professional training. The resilience of people living in the territories worst affected by security problems, development of human capital and support for institutions in order to ensure access to basic services for all are also AFD priorities in this country.



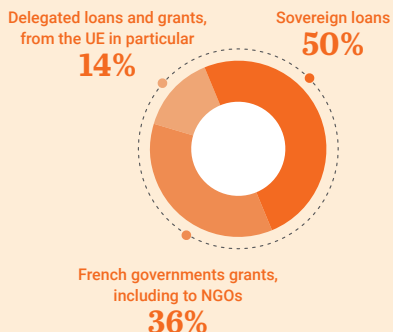
○ **BREAKDOWN BY SECTOR IN 2019**



○ **VARIATION IN COMMITMENTS (IN €M)**



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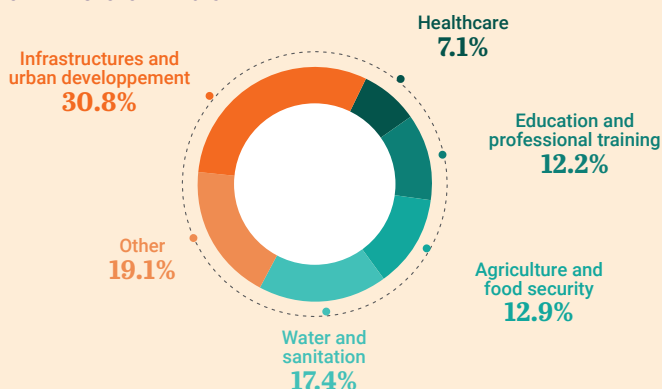


Our activity in Mali

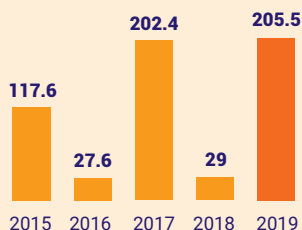
€803M has been allocated to Mali since 2012, in order to invest in human capital (healthcare and social protection, education, training and professional integration) and bolster socio-economic opportunities (development of urban and rural infrastructure, support for agriculture and the agro-ecological transition, investment in the private sector). AFD is also working to support good governance (decentralization, public finances and justice) and the implementation of the Peace and Reconciliation Pact, with rapid, multi-sector operations in crisis-hit territories.



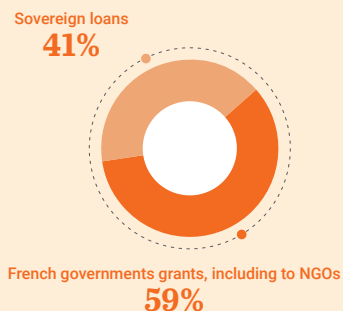
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○ VARIATION IN COMMITMENTS (IN €M)



○ TOOL BY TOOL BREAKDOWN IN 2019



Our activity in Mauritania

AFD has been working in Mauritania since 1978. The sums committed to the country are used to support employment (including technical and professional training, support for the private sector and diversification of the economy), promoting fair access to high-quality basic services (water, sanitation, energy, education and healthcare), and nurturing the dynamism and resilience of territories (local development, agriculture and irrigation, biodiversity). AFD is also expanding into new fields in order to reinforce governance and help affirm the permanence of democracy and the rule of law.

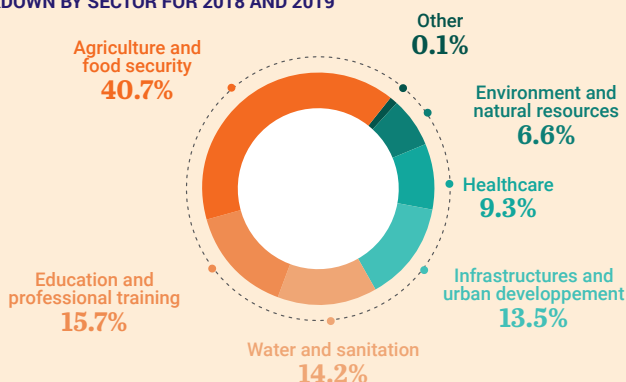
○ TOTAL COMMITMENTS IN 2018 AND 2019



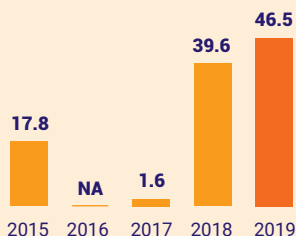
€87.8 M

€38.8M disbursed

○ BREAKDOWN BY SECTOR FOR 2018 AND 2019



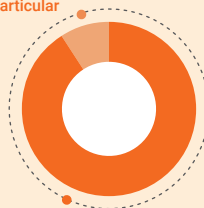
○ VARIATION IN COMMITMENTS (IN €M)



○ TOOL BY TOOL BREAKDOWN IN 2018 AND 2019

Delegated loans and grants, from the UE in particular

9%



French governments grants, including to NGOs
91%

Our activity in Niger

Since 2012, AFD has spent €642M in support of development in Niger, against a backdrop of persistent instability. Our work has focused in particular on improving food security (agriculture, natural resources), strengthening governance in the interests of peace, and improving public services by supporting the work of the national government across the whole territory, as well as investing in human capital and young people (healthcare, education, employment), prioritizing crisis-hit zones. The Agency also supports territorial development (water, electricity, private sector) and policies focusing on the demographic transition and the contribution of women to development.

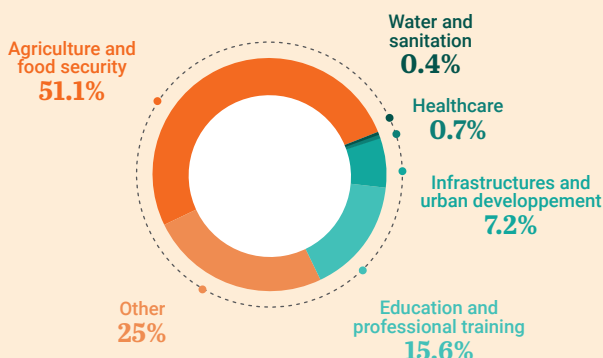
○ TOTAL COMMITMENTS IN 2019



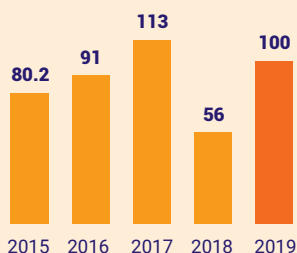
€99.8 M

€64M disbursed

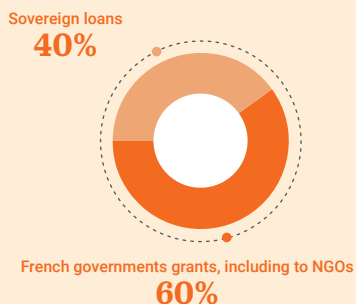
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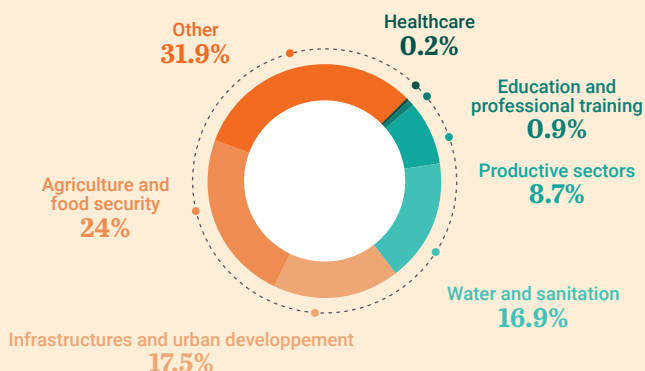


Our activity in Senegal

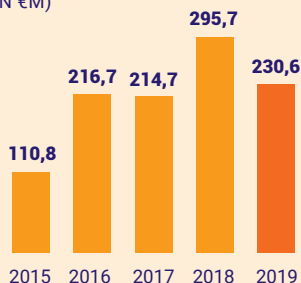
As a longstanding partner of Senegal, AFD deploys its whole range of financial instruments in support of local actors working to further the country's economic and social development (the national government, State-owned companies, the private sector, the financial sector, NGOs etc.). The Agency is working to promote inclusive growth, nurturing employability and territorial development, while also improving living conditions, fighting back against environmental damage and striving to protect natural resources. AFD is also expanding into new sectors in Senegal (governance and justice in particular), developing new partnerships.



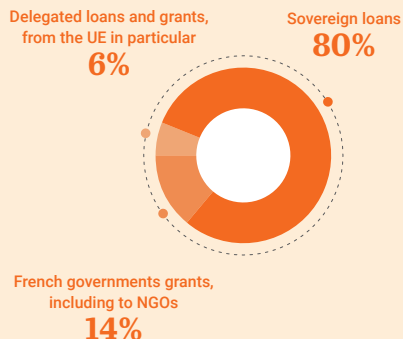
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(IN €M)



○ **TOOL BY TOOL BREAKDOWN IN 2019**



Our activity in Chad

AFD is committed to capitalizing on Chad's strengths in order to nurture an economy which works for everyone. The goal is to boost the resilience of the local population, while also satisfying their essential requirements (food security, nutrition, healthcare, education, water and sanitation). Our work also focuses on improving local governance and defusing conflict (local and territorial development, strengthening social bonds, promoting community governance etc.) and reinforcing the operational capacities of stakeholders, particularly women and civil society organizations.

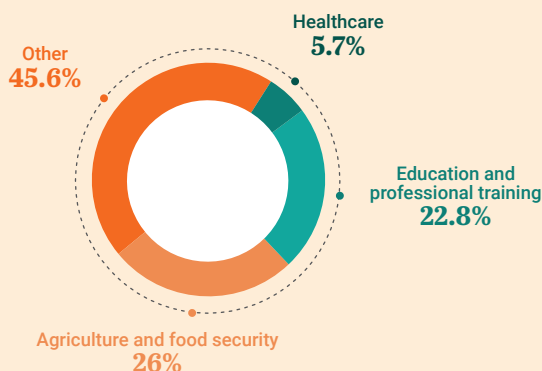


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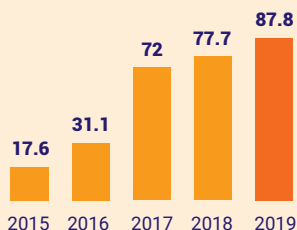
€87.8 M

€71M disbursed

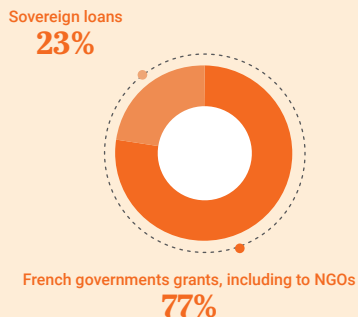
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Results

The projects undertaken by AFD in the Sahel in 2019 will contribute to:



AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- **7,001 family farms** have been able to boost their economic performances
- **152,630 people** have seen an improvement in their access to basic infrastructure, services and facilities



URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- **More than 3 million urban residents and service users** have seen their quality of life improved
- **2.5 million people** have seen improvements in their living conditions, access to public spaces and improved socio-collective urban facilities



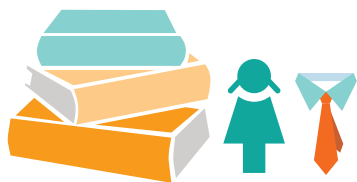
ENERGY

- **320,758 people** have gained access to reliable energy services



WATER AND SANITATION

- **148,142 people** have gained access to a basic supply of drinking water
- **589,140 people** have gained access to basic sanitation
- **854,218 people** have received education on hygiene issues



EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- **705,469 girls and 760,056 boys** are now able to attend primary and middle school
- **637,267 children** have completed primary school thanks to programs funded by AFD
- **60,734 people** received professional training



ENVIRONMENT

- **1.2 million hectares** reached by programs to protect/restore biodiversity



HEALTHCARE

- **24,960,418 people** have benefited from access to better care
- **3.8 million children** vaccinated



FINANCIAL SYSTEMS

- **€61.3 M** of investment with AFD support and guidance

Our operating methods



Accelerating project implementation

In order to respond to the specific challenges of the Sahel and allow projects to progress more rapidly, AFD has agreed a number of repeat deals with trusted partners, allowing us to speed up the preparation process. AFD is also working to expand programs whose value has already been demonstrated in the field. The procedures for Minka financing have been trimmed down, allowing for more rapid intervention in times of crisis. Finally, “two-speed” projects have been implemented, allowing for rapid actions with immediate benefits for local people, followed up with long-term structural investment to tackle the underlying causes of vulnerability.



Working at territorial level

Our territorial approach reflects the importance of achieving a comprehensive, integrated understanding of the needs of territories in crisis. AFD’s work in the Sahel is informed by certain key principles: developing multi-sector responses tailored to the nature of the Sahel’s different territories, and combining, at the regional level, targeted action in crisis epicenters with consolidation and prevention work in more remote areas. In the ‘2 Hodhs’ region of Mauritania, for example, AFD focuses on local development, resilience and access to basic services (healthcare, water and sanitation).



THE SAHEL AND LAKE CHAD MINKA INITIATIVES

The Sahel and Lake Chad Minka initiatives constitute AFD’s response to the crises facing the Sahel, as part of France’s over-arching “Prevention, Resilience and Lasting Peace” strategy. 2019 saw AFD consolidate its capacities for rapid, effective intervention in unstable zones thanks to the ramping up of Minka initiatives, with reduced preparation times allowing for rapid results. These projects focused on infrastructure redevelopment, hydro-agricultural installations, labor-intensive projects and activities focusing on social outreach and promoting peace.

Sahel Minka

16 new projects launched in the Sahel G5 nations in 2019

€119.8 M

Lake Chad Minka

4 new projects launched in 2019 in the Lake Chad area

€36.3 M



ALLIANCE SAHEL

Alliance Sahel: greater efficiency enhanced coordination between donors, keeping the focus on the real priorities of the Sahel.

Launched by President Macron and Chancellor Merkel in 2017, Alliance Sahel now counts the majority of the partners of the Sahel G5 nations (Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Chad) among its members.* This new coordinating body is dedicated to speeding up the delivery of concrete development results in this region.

In the interests of coordination and efficiency, more than 800 projects will be deployed with a total budget of over €11.6 billion. These projects are concentrated in six priority sectors: education and youth employment; agriculture, rural development and food security; energy and climate; governance; decentralization and basic services; and domestic security.

*France, Germany, the World Bank, the European Union, UNDP, ADB, Italy, Spain, Luxembourg, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Denmark, the European Investment Bank

A new mode of governance for Alliance Sahel was put in place in 2019, strengthening the steering process with the creation of operational steering committees charged with implementing the decisions taken by the Alliance's General Assembly. The first meeting was held in Nouakchott on 25 February 2020, chaired by Jean-Yves Le Drian, during the summit of the Heads of State of the Sahel G5. This assembly also provided an opportunity to reiterate the need to prioritize actions in the most fragile zones, adopting an integrated territorial approach. Focusing efforts in the Konna region of Mali, an initiative orchestrated by the World Bank, was the first concrete outcome of this new approach. The AFD's commitments in the Ménaka zone, striking a complementary balance between 3D actions (Diplomacy, Defense, Development), is also in keeping with this approach. The support provided by AFD has focused on 6 projects targeting priority requirements in terms of basic services (water and sanitation, healthcare, education) and economic opportunities (construction and renovation of economic infrastructure, professional integration of young people etc.).

For a world we can all share

The Agence Française de Développement (AFD) Group is a public institution working to finance, support and accelerate the transition to a fairer, more sustainable world. As France's dedicated platform for official development assistance and investment in sustainable development, we work with our partners to create shared solutions, with and for the people of the global south.

Our teams are involved in over 4,000 projects on the ground, in France's overseas territories and in 115 countries worldwide, working to protect mankind's shared assets – the climate, biodiversity, peace, gender equality, education and healthcare.

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