

GCERF-funded activities in Sahel engage local stakeholders to support and strengthen the capacity of communities to mobilise, organise, and effectively engage with their members and local authorities on resilient pastoralism, inter-community conflicts, conflict prevention, child protection in conflict settings, psychosocial support to victims of violent extremism, prevention of radicalisation in prisons, socio-economic reinsertion of ex-combatants and prisoners, and rehabilitation of ancient solidarity systems.

Investment Focus



Increase resilience of youth and women to the risks of violent radicalisation and extremism, strengthen local conflict resolution mechanisms.



Lorum, Passore, Yatenga, Zondoma provinces (Northern region), Ouadalan, Seno, Soum, Yagha provinces (Sahel region)



Pastoralists and farmers, Internally Displaced Persons, and host communities, traditional and religious leaders, unemployed men and women (aged 15-25), vulnerable children (aged 7-18).



2021 – 2025



We work with the government, through the Country Support Mechanism, and bilateral and multilateral donors to ensure a coordinated approach to prevention of violent extremism in Burkina Faso.

Current investment



Investment started: 2016
Investment to date: USD 16.6 million
Current investment: USD 12.25 million
Active grants: 14



Portfolio overview as of June 2024

Union Fraternelle des Croyants de Dori (UFC-Dori), Burkina Faso
2022-24 | Principal Recipient with 2 sub-recipients

Réseau Afrique Jeunesse (RAJ), Burkina Faso
2022-24 | Principal Recipient with 2 sub-recipients

Réseau de Communication sur le Pastoralisme (RECOPA), Burkina Faso
2023-25 | Principal Recipient with 1 sub-recipient

KEOOGO, Burkina Faso
2023-25 | Principal Recipient with 2 sub-recipients

Agence Technique pour l'Action Humanitaire et Sociale (ATAHS), Chad
2024 - 26 | Principal Recipient with 2 sub-recipients

Association Tchadienne pour la Promotion et la Défense des Droits de l'Homme (ATPDH), Chad
2024 - 26 | Principal Recipient with 1 sub-recipient

Ligue Tchadienne des Droits de l'Homme (LTDH), Chad
2024-26 | Principal Recipient with 3 sub-recipients

Initiatives Conseil Développement Mali (ICD-Mali)
2022-24 | Principal Recipient with 2 sub-recipients

Think Peace, Mali
2022-24 | Principal Recipient with 2 sub-recipients

Femmes et Développement, Mali
2023-24 | Principal Recipient with 3 sub-recipients

Appui au Développement Intégré des Communautés Rurales (ADICOR), Mauritania
2023-26 | Principal Recipient with 3 sub-recipients

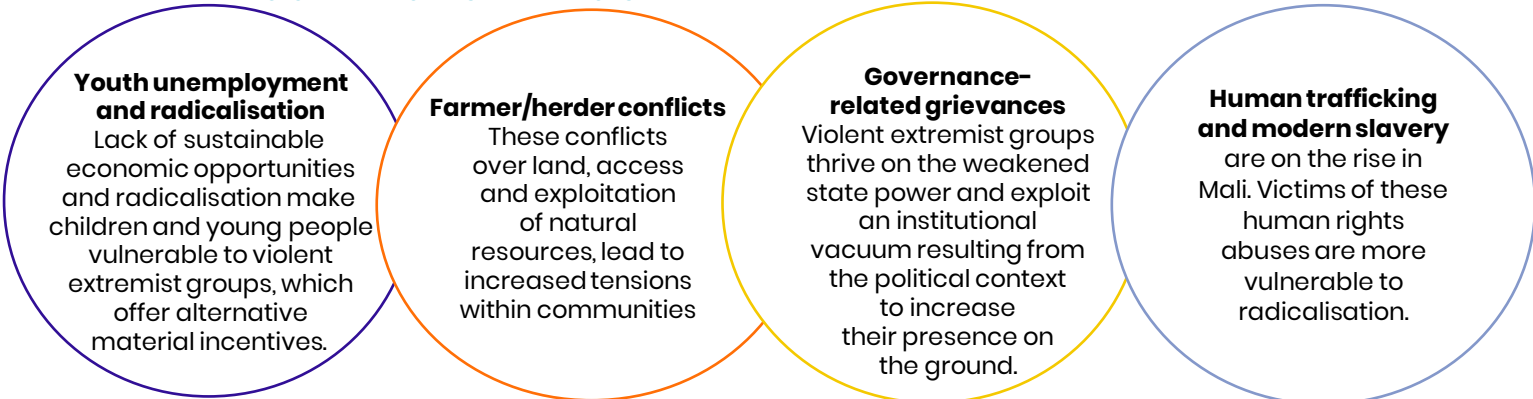
ECO-Développement (ECODEV), Mauritania
2023-26 | Principal Recipient with 2 sub-recipients

Initiatives pour le Développement, Mauritania
2023-26 | Principal Recipient with 3 sub-recipients

Mouvement des Jeunes pour le Développement et l'Education Citoyenne (MOJEDEC), Niger
2022-24 | Principal Recipient with 3 sub-recipients

ONG Garkua, Niger
2023-25 | Principal Recipient

Violent Extremism: Drivers



Current Programming: Systems Approach

GCERF delineates the Sahel within the context of the Group of Five Countries for the Sahel, also known as G5 Sahel, the intergovernmental body to promote regional cooperation in development and security matters. Our focus is on the central Sahel region covering Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger. Our engagement in the region will directly bolster the implementation of National Action Plans of the five countries working in partnership with local, national, regional, and global partners.

GCERF's strategy for engagement in the Sahel region is built around two strategic objectives:

To contribute to improvements in the social ecology to create conditions conducive to prevention and resilience building.

To facilitate community-led rehabilitation, disengagement, and (re)integration, including people disengaging from criminal, non-state armed, and violent extremist groups.

GCERF will mobilise and invest up to USD 10 million – in the Sahel region – to meet these objectives in a minimum period of three years. GCERF will prioritise resilience and prevention programming, including cross-border projects, that meet these objectives – all within the scope of regional and national NAPs and equivalents in order to achieve its overarching objective of supporting stability and resilience.



Training on PVE, Gender and Development.



Technical training sessions for young people and women to prepare for the IGAs.

GCERF's Added Value



GCERF focuses on **building institutional capacity** e.g., CSOs, and government agencies.



GCERF invests in building a **PVE-focused community of practice** with CSOs, government agencies, and experts



Communities are at the **forefront of project design and implementation**, and the programme works with existing community structures for sustainability



All project design and implementation are done in coordination with NCTC, leading to **nationally-aligned**, locally-led programmes



GCERF connects CSOs, communities, and other stakeholders with government and security actors, leading to **better coordination** and relationships



GCERF's consortium model and capacity-building approach enables us to work in **remote areas**

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