



Income generating activities in Mali

IOM VISION

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As part of its efforts to support the Governments' responses in the Central Sahel region, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) has been scaling up its operations in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger to provide life-saving support to displaced and vulnerable persons affected by the growing crisis, while seeking to reduce conflict drivers across the region, and prevent expansion of the conflict into bordering regions and countries. IOM is responding to both the humanitarian and governance priorities providing assistance and protection to affected and displaced communities, while also addressing the structural causes of instability in affected areas, maintaining a specific regional focus on cross-border fragility/dynamics.

\$68,350,000
Funding Required

4,073,000
People Targeted

96
Entities Targeted

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IOM PROPOSED RESPONSE

PRIMARY TARGET GROUPS

OBJECTIVE	FUNDING REQUIRED	PEOPLE TARGETED
Save lives and respond to needs through humanitarian assistance and protection	36,850,000	880,000
Address the drivers and longer term impacts of crises and displacement through investments in recovery and crisis prevention	25,550,000	1,635,000
Strengthen preparedness and reduce disaster risk	550,000	50,000
Contribute to an Evidence Based and Efficient Crisis Response System	5,400,000	1,500,000

1. Internally displaced person
2. Local population / community
3. Refugee
4. International migrant

BREAKDOWN OF FUNDING REQUIREMENTS (USD) 2021

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITY AREAS	2021
Save lives and respond to needs through humanitarian assistance and protection	
Shelter, Settlements and Non-Food Items	28,520,000
Direct Health Support	3,600,000
Provision of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Emergencies	2,200,000
Protection	1,030,000
Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Humanitarian Response	1,500,000
Address the drivers and longer term impacts of crises and displacement through investments in recovery and crisis prevention	
Community stabilization	20,000,000
Peacebuilding and peace preservation	5,550,000
Strengthen preparedness and reduce disaster risk	
Disaster Prevention	550,000
Contribute to an Evidence Based and Efficient Crisis Response System	
Displacement Tracking	5,400,000
TOTAL FUNDING REQUIRED	68,350,000

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CONTEXT ANALYSIS

In the Central Sahel area, which covers Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger, longstanding lack of development and recent increasing violence over access to natural resources has created an environment exploited by non-State armed groups (NSAG) and exacerbated inter-communal conflict (including conflicts between herders and agricultors around transhumance campaigns). The Liptako-Gourma tri-border area between Burkina Faso, Niger and Mali, is severely impacted, with violent acts having expanded from Mali in 2012 to Niger and later Burkina Faso, also highlighting the high risk of conflict spill over to neighbouring States, including Mauritania, and the coastal States of Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo and Benin. The complex crises are exacerbated by climatic variability, demographic pressure, high levels of poverty and the absence of state institutions in most regions impacted, which further creates disaffection and a lack of access to basic services as well as to livelihood opportunities. NSAG activity has expanded geographically in recent years, increasing exponentially between 2016 and 2020, restricting access by State, humanitarian and development actors to the areas most in need of support. The crisis also generates significant protection concerns and needs with frequent human rights violations committed by all forces and armed groups, widespread violence, notably towards women and children, the presence of explosive devices, forced recruitments into NSAG and kidnappings, a lack of access to documentation or justice and massive forced displacements, as frequently highlighted by the Project 21 protection monitoring dashboards and reports produced by the Regional Protection working group. In late 2020, according to IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM), national authorities, UNHCR and OCHA, over 1.5 million people have been internally displaced by the ongoing crises, across all three States. In addition, all countries are going through sensitive political transition and/or elections at the end of 2020 or in early 2021.



COORDINATION

IOM upholds operationalizing the humanitarian-development-peace nexus. In this respect, IOM has developed tools to enable flexible delivery of assistance covering immediate humanitarian needs, while addressing structural gaps leading to sustainable and local development, alongside a range of UN agencies, NGO and community-based local organizations, in support of all three Governments. IOM has been engaged in bolstering local coordination systems and supporting authorities at different levels through targeted programs. Being an active member of the United Nations and Humanitarian Country Teams in Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger, IOM leads the Shelter/NFI cluster in Niger, the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) working group in Burkina Faso, co-leads the Shelter/NFI cluster and Population Movement Commission in Mali and engages extensively with other agencies in numerous clusters and working groups to ensure the coordinated delivery of assistance on multiple fronts. IOM has forged partnerships with local authorities and civil society organizations that enable the localization and rapid operationalization of interventions. Across the three countries, IOM has capitalized on its local presence and established relationships to promote peace preservation and peace restoration, through social cohesion and local governance initiatives, seeking to both reduce current conflict drivers and lay the groundwork for effective interventions leading to durable solutions. These efforts are further supported at the regional level through constant dialogues with counterparts such as the Liptako Gourma Authority, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD), G5 Sahel and Lake Chad Basin Commission.

IOM CAPACITY

For the past years, IOM has been mobilized to respond to the short-term as well as medium-term needs in all three countries, where IOM has a long-standing presence. Currently, IOM's operational presence in Central Sahel States boasts

over 700 national and international staff members, working in nearly 20 locations, across all three countries. IOM's capacity includes humanitarian programming, notably shelter and non-food items, mental health and psychosocial support and movements tracking. The Organization also holds a transition and recovery expertise, which enables the conduct of significant community stabilization, peace building and durable solutions initiatives. IOM is also committed to mainstreaming protection and gender-based violence (GBV) throughout its humanitarian interventions.

SAVE LIVES AND RESPOND TO NEEDS THROUGH HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION

Funding Required

\$36,850,000

People Targeted

880,000

People Targeted Description

Internally displaced people, host communities and vulnerable populations most affected by the crisis, refugees



SHELTER, SETTLEMENTS AND NON-FOOD ITEMS

With over 1.5 million people displaced in Central Sahel, emergency and transitional shelter and Non-Food Items (NFIs) assistance is a priority need in the three countries. The fact that the vast majority of IDPs are staying in host communities is putting strong pressure on already vulnerable communities, increasing tensions among groups. Other hosting environments include urban centers, formal and informal sites and collective centers.

Funding Required
\$28,520,000



- Therefore, in order to improve the living conditions of the displaced populations and their host communities, as well as to ensure adequate physical distancing measures to avoid the spread of COVID-19 in displacement sites, IOM will distribute shelter and NFI kits and support shelter construction, help with repair and rehabilitation of host family houses, ensure the maintenance and replacement of degraded shelter materials as well as the shifting to transitional shelters where required in case of protracted displacements. This assistance will be done both in-kind and through cash-based interventions.
- As most of the spontaneous or temporary displacement sites are currently devoid of any basic community services like schools, health centres, watering points or some require rehabilitation of said structures, IOM will also contribute to improving living conditions in reception sites through site planning, set-up and improvement activities, reinforcing basic infrastructure and providing technical support to governments and humanitarian partners.
- Additionally, IOM will continue to fill its Shelter/NFI cluster coordination role in Mali (as the co-lead agency), Niger (as the lead agency) and Burkina (as the lead agency in the Nord region) to ensure that assistance and interventions comply with international minimum standards, gaps are filled and overlaps are avoided among the humanitarian partners.



DIRECT HEALTH SUPPORT

In support to and in collaboration with Ministries of Health and local authorities, IOM will conduct health activities that will aim to:

Funding Required
\$3,600,000



- Ensure that conflict-affected vulnerable populations have access to adequate health assistance, including mental health, by providing direct health services.
- Promote health equity by strengthening health care systems and health referrals while training medical staff and equipping medical facilities
- Conducting health promotion and disease prevention activities, notably vis-à-vis the COVID pandemic.



PROVISION OF WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE IN EMERGENCIES

IOM in Mali and Niger will conduct some Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) activities

Funding Required

for the benefit of affected and displaced communities, notably:

\$2,200,000

- Providing access to safe and sufficient drinking water, where proper infrastructure is lacking by way of drilling boreholes and constructing and maintaining necessary equipment.
- Delivering sanitation services, such as the construction and rehabilitation of latrines, notably in sites or to beneficiaries that have been assisted with transitional shelters in Niger, implementing appropriate Operation and Maintenance (O&M) activities to ensure sustainability of the newly built infrastructures.
- Conduct hygiene promotion campaigns and activities, including the distribution of WASH items, notably Menstrual Hygiene Management kits, or items and equipment such as hand washing stations to contribute to the fight against COVID 19. Distribution and hygiene awareness activities will follow national guidelines on COVID-19 preventive measures, such as physical distancing
- Conduct hygiene awareness activities, provide hand washing posts and WASH items, notably, which will also be done in Burkina Faso to continue the fight against COVID-19.



PROTECTION

IOM's protection activities will contribute to upholding the rights of displaced and affected populations in Burkina Faso, Niger and Mali and include:

Funding Required
\$1,030,000

- Building the capacities of the authorities, the communities and key-partners, on key-topics, in coordination with the relevant cluster and sub-clusters, notably on counter-trafficking and Gender-based violence.
- Conducting counter-trafficking in emergency to prevent and respond to trafficking in persons in displacement situations, by way of developing referral systems, with existing services providers, and sensitization campaigns.
- Engaging in gender-based violence (GBV) prevention activities to bring a positive shift in attitudes, norms and structures, to promote a safer environment and the empowerment of women. IOM will seek to reduce risks faced by affected populations and mitigate resorting to negative coping mechanisms by supplying the most vulnerable individuals or households with dignity kits. All of this will be guided by IOM's Institutional Framework for Addressing GBV in Crisis.
- In Mali and Niger, IOM will support the establishment or strengthening of protection committees at displacement sites in coordination with the Protection cluster.



GBV and protection will also be mainstreamed throughout all IOM emergency related activities.



MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Based on its global approach as described in its Community-Based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) in Emergencies and Displacement manual, in the context of inter- and intracommunal violence and associated displacement in the Liptako Gourma region, IOM will offer direct mental health and psychosocial support services and activities in all three countries. It has been generally observed that there are emotional and relational changes within the population, and the following effects of stress in conflict zones are noticeable: fear, distrust and reduction of social interactions.

Funding Required
\$1,500,000

- To ensure the most affected population are assisted, IOM will deploy mobile teams to reinforce the psychological well-being of affected populations through a wide range of individual and community activities (socio-cultural activities, conflict mediation/dispute resolution activities, psychological first aid, referrals to specialized services, etc.)
- IOM will also aim to increase the access of people with mental disorders to specialized psychiatric care, notably by strengthening the capacities of state health workers and reinforcing and equipping relevant infrastructures.
- IOM Burkina Faso as the lead agency of the MHPSS working group will keep ensuring the coordination of all actors providing mental health and psychosocial



support and contributing to advising the HCT on this critical topic.



Monitoring of transhumant herds in Burkina Faso

ADDRESS THE DRIVERS AND LONGER TERM IMPACTS OF CRISES AND DISPLACEMENT THROUGH INVESTMENTS IN RECOVERY AND CRISIS PREVENTION

Funding Required
\$25,550,000

People Targeted
1,635,000

People Targeted Description

People affected by the crisis, different population groups facing instability and communal tensions including pastoralists and farmer groups, host communities and displaced populations.



COMMUNITY STABILIZATION

IOM will apply its substantial experience in community stabilisation to support the restoration of basic rights and essential services for vulnerable people, while promoting governance. This will be done in order to prevent further displacement through reinforced access to economic opportunities and the rebuilding of trust among communities, thus addressing the root causes as much as the effects of the crisis as IOM creates the conditions for renewed dialogue between all stakeholders through a participatory approach. These activities will help promote resilience and integration among the populations through:

Funding Required
\$20,000,000



- Provision of income generating activities, notably by providing grants, livestock and agricultural assets and provide related technical training to beneficiaries. Youth will be particularly targeted.
- Support to the rehabilitation and construction of infrastructures (WASH, health or educations infrastructures facilities as well as markets or community infrastructures), which will also reinforce access to basic services and strengthen local governance.
- Social cohesion initiatives will also be conducted to help rebuild the trusts between communities and with local authorities, where appropriate.



PEACEBUILDING AND PEACE PRESERVATION

To promote peace in Central Sahel, IOM will support the transitioning of communities out of conflict, notably through community-based conflict management, providing support to community reconciliation processes intended to mitigate the drivers of conflict. Activities will notably target the most vulnerable youth while building their

Funding Required
\$5,550,000

sense of purpose. Interventions will rely on the Organization's capacity to:

- Empower existing local conflict mitigation mechanisms and notably target conflicts linked to land tenure.
- Support participatory local decision-making processes to define priority activities and infrastructures that contribute to conflict mitigation or resolution and support relevant line ministries to respond to this collective prioritisation in direct response to communities who may otherwise be aggrieved.
- Strengthen the capacities of local leaders and authorities to promote peace and social cohesion within communities.



STRENGTHEN PREPAREDNESS AND REDUCE DISASTER RISK

Funding Required
\$550,000

People Targeted
50,000

People Targeted Description

Populations facing risks of disaster, Governments



DISASTER PREVENTION

In line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) 2015–2030 and underpinned by broad multi-stakeholder engagement, IOM's DRR efforts in Central Sahel will include:

- Enhancing Governments' capacities in DRR, notably support to develop or update policies and strategies
- As part of its co-leading role of the Capacity for Disaster Reduction Initiative (CADRI) for West and Central Africa, IOM will support activities in all three countries, notably multi-hazard risk assessments, the development of early warning systems, sensitization campaigns and establishment of community-disaster risk management systems, with a specific focus on floods and droughts.

Funding Required
\$550,000



CONTRIBUTE TO AN EVIDENCE BASED AND EFFICIENT CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM

Funding Required
\$5,400,000

People Targeted
1,500,000

People Targeted Description

Humanitarian and Government partners, livestock herder groups



DISPLACEMENT TRACKING

IOM gradually introduced its Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) in all three countries, starting in Mali in 2012, by deploying Mobility Tracking assessments, Multisectoral Site Assessments and Household Surveys. IOM has been collecting key information on displaced and returned populations, including numbers and locations, living conditions and access to services, sectoral needs, and future intentions, thereby providing vital data to inform government and humanitarian partners' provision of tailored and effective humanitarian assistance and protection services. Across the Central Sahel countries, IOM supports collective evidence-based decision-making through its implementation of the following data collection exercises:

- Displacement Monitoring: Tracking and monitoring displacement, including gender and age disaggregation, service delivery, and key needs and gaps across

Funding Required
\$5,400,000



communities. IOM will continue to roll out its Mobility Tracking Component more systematically in all three countries in 2021 especially expanding operations in Burkina Faso to new regions.

- IOM's effort to track the impact of COVID-19 in human mobility spans across key monitoring initiatives, including on international travel restrictions, mobility and points of entry, and impacts on migrants, IDPs, and flows. Data collection will continue across Central Sahel to address specific needs faced by migrants and mobile populations.