





## REGIONAL STABILIZATION FACILITY







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I am part of a clean-up team to clear gutters. We share a lot and even make music together. In the past, young people didn't get to have this connection with the city, but it's different today. Our activities wash away the hatred between us.

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Hervé, Somboro, Mali

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Thanks to the motorized canoes, fishing nets and hooks received from the Stabilization Facility, we can earn money from the sale of fish and donate to our group's fund to help other women who seek to start a business.



Hawa Sahairou, President of Union Asalam, Mittériné, Chad

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### **Regional Stabilization Facility Outcomes**

Regional Stabilization Facility initiatives have helped achieve speedy, large-scale rehabilitation and reconstruction in





The construction of health centres, security posts, schools, houses, drinking water facilities and marketplaces across target communities has energized the local economies and revived the social fabric.

Nearly

people were able to achieve access to quality health care.

Target areas abandoned due to violence and conflict are witnessing a revitalization of communities. More than

formerly displaced people have returned to their homes after years of displacement.

Security perception surveys consistently point out that the number of communities that feel safer and more secure is growing.

Communities are leading efforts with local, national and regional civil authorities, security forces and other partners to design stabilization solutions, thus reinforcing the social contract.

Through cash-for-work schemes, equipment and training, more than

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primarily women and youth, have directly benefited from livelihood support (cashfor-work schemes, equipment and training), which provided a much-needed injection of cash into the local economy.



In partnership with the Lake Chad Basin Commission and the Liptako-Gourma Authority, the facility is helping to strengthen regional institution capacities to develop and implement regional strategies and guiding frameworks.

The Facility also acts in concert with humanitarian and other UN partners in the region. Joint initiatives include the return of internally displaced persons (IDPs) from Baga Sola to Tchoukouboul in Chad, building shelters for the return of IDPs from Bandiagara in Mali (especially women and youth) and border monitoring and voluntary repatriation in Nigeria.



#### Lake Chad Regional Stabilization Facility

Launched in 2019, the Lake Chad Regional Stabilization Facility works in Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Nigeria. It operates through crossborder engagement and supports the Lake Chad Basin Commission's Regional Strategy for the Stabilization, Recovery and Resilience of Boko Haram-affected areas.



#### Liptako-Gourma Stabilization Facility

Launched in 2021, the Liptako-Gourma Stabilization Facility works in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger in response to the Sahel Coalition's call for a "'civilian surge."

Since 2009, the Lake Chad region has faced intractable extremist insurgencies led by Boko Haram.

These insurgencies have left tens of thousands of people dead and have displaced approximately



**people** (including 2 million in Nigeria alone).

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Security in the Liptako-Gourma region remains extremely volatile. The Islamic State and Al-Qaida have extended their reach in the region; violence by these and affiliated groups has resulted in increased abductions and attacks on security forces and villages.

The crisis has displaced

**2.6 million** 

**people** (including almost 1.8 million in Burkina Faso alone).



The crisis is mainly due to weak or absent governance structures, disenfranchisement and the breakdown of the social contract between communities and the state. These factors are exacerbated by the negative effects of climate change, which increase pressure on resources pitting neighbouring communities against each other – communities that had once worked and lived in harmony. Extremist groups often capitalize on this by manipulating and exploiting communities, undermining already weak state structures.

Stabilization enables people in communities to return to their homes, rebuild their lives and create a future for themselves and their families.

Stabilizarion efforts rekindle the trust between communities and government authorities, leading to opportunities to lay the foundation for long-term peacebuilding, recovery and development.

## The overarching aims of stabilization include:

#### Promoting security and safety by working closely with communities, local government administrations and police and security forces

Rebuilding basic essential services such as schools, clinics and government infrastructure

The Facility is bringing stability back to communities. All intervention locations are governed by Community Stabilization Committees (CSC), comprised of local community members, public authorities and security forces. CSCs build trust and reinforce the social contract by formulating Joint Action Plans, governing their implementation and discussing community issues, including security, gender, livelihoods, infrastructure and social service needs.

By fostering economic and other opportunities, the Facility is helping people shift from dependency to independency, restoring hope, lives and dignity.

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We will be able to grow food for ourselves and our children. We are tired of living away from home. I'm happy that I am returning home and getting a house.



**Bintu Guptu** Returnee, Nigeria

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### Lake Chad Regional **Stabilization Facility Outcomes**

Thanks to support from the Regional Stabilization Facility, more than

## 400,000

people (54 percent women) were able to return to their homes and rebuild their lives and livelihoods. These returnees are now better prepared to anticipate, prevent and respond to crises.

### Lake Chad Regional **Stabilization Facility**

Cameroon, Chad, Niger, Nigeria







### Establishing security and justice

**2,260** Street lights have been installed. **36** percentage point increase in safety and security perceptions across target locations in Chad, Cameroon and Nigeria between 2020 and 2022.

> **139** security and justice infrastructures built and rehabilitated for police, gendarmerie, the judiciary and other security and justice institutions.

#### **3,453** security providers have been trained on human rights, gender-based violence and related criminal procedures.

**43** Community Stabilization Committees now use inclusive means to identify priorities, select beneficiaries and monitor activities.

### **Strengthening social services**

essential social service infrastructures have been built, rehabilitated, equipped and handed over to local authorities or communities (including schools, health centres, potable water points, draining canals, ambulances, etc.) **132** of these facilities were equipped with solar power.

## 2,025

permanent housing units have been constructed in Nigeria.

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This new house means a lot to me and my family, you can't compare it with the life we had in the camp. Now my children have a clean environment to live and study in. We are at peace and we feel safer.

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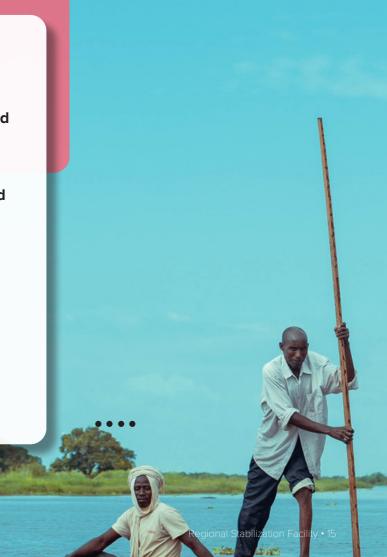
Garba Modu Bale, Nigeria "

I am delighted to be returning to fishing. I have a dozen fish that I was able to catch this morning; each one sells for CFA 2,500! I can't wait to get back on the water to fish more. Thanks to fishing, now we can eat, I can trade, and my children will be able to go to school again!



**Zara Abdullahi,** Chad

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### **Boosting** the local economy

More than **51,000** beneficiaries (42 percent women) have been provided with training, productive assets and business grants (agricultural inputs, fishing tools and business start-up grants)

In Chad, more than 10,000 people were provided with trade and job opportunities

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More than **14,000** People (23 percent women) generated income from cashfor-work schemes (in construction, waste management and other trades).

Cross-border interventions resulted in the resumption of economic activities between Cameroon and Nigeria

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income-generating activities were created for youth

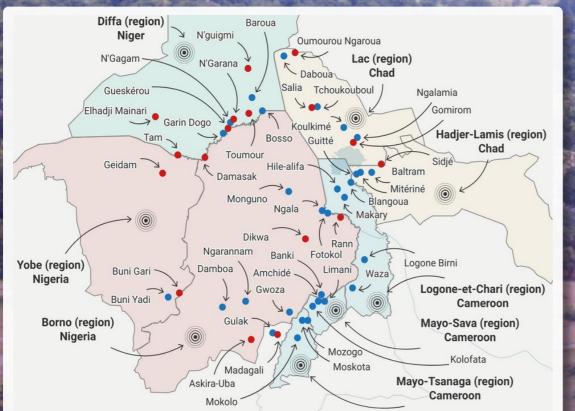
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More than 21,000 people (55 percent women) have been provided with business training (farmers, breeders, fishers, solar photovoltaic mounting, etc.)

## In Cameroon, 1,500

**139 productive** infrastructures have been constructed or rehabilitated (markets, lock-up shops with market stalls, agricultural storage buildings, etc.)

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Number of localities across Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Nigeria that the Reginal Stabilization Facility is active in Number of additional localities where interventions are planned

### Lake Chad Regional Stabilization Facility Financing Partners



- AfDB
- Denmark
- European Union
- France
- Germany
- Japan
- Netherlands
- Nigeria
- Sweden
- United Kingdom
- UNDP
- UN Women

**\$111,428,832** mobilized for phase II

**\$193,057,242** financing gap

### Liptako-Gourma Stabilization Facility

Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger



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Extremist groups often lure unemployed youth, enticing them to join their ranks. The Regional Stabilization Facility's focus on hiring young and vulnerable people, keeps them in their localities, generates incomes and supports livelihoods thus contributing to the fight against banditry.



Ankoundia, known as Baba Napo, Municipal Councillor, Bandiagara, Mali

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Frequent power outages made working conditions difficult, especially at night. Thanks to the installation of solar panels, we can now care for our patients 24 hours a day.

**Salimata,** Midwife at the maternity hospital of Seytenga, Burkina Faso

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### Liptako-Gourma Stabilization **Facility Outcomes**

Strengthening security and justice to lay the foundation for a durable state presence

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The National Guard and the governorates of Tahoua and Tillaberi are now better equipped with 64 vehicles, enabling them to better secure areas (Niger).

170 streetlights were installed along almost 7 kilometres of roads throughout five locations (Bandiagara, Dandoli, Doucombo, Dourou and Pignari-Bana)

#### **Essential service infrastructure has been** constructed or rehabilitated

A school and a multifunctional community centre were constructed in Ingui Igoubeytane (Tillaberi region, Niger)

5 boreholes and human-powered pumps were rehabilitated in Falagountou and Seytenga (Burkina Faso)

### **Livelihoods strengthened** to revive local economies

**1,328 people** (50 percent women) were employed in cash-for-work programmes (Bandiagra Region, Mali)

**300 youths** were employed in cash-for-work programmes (Falagountou, Burkina Faso)

**110 people** (from the five intervention localities, mali) were trained in enterprise management, networking, marketing, communications and leadership

2 markets and 2 agro-pastoral farms are being rehabilitated (Tillaberi region, Niger).

### **Strengthening regional and** cross-border cooperation

The Liptako-Gourma Authority is leading the development of the Regional Stabilization Strategy for the Liptako-Gourma Region, which will anchor all stabilization interventions in the region.

The Strategy will be based on continuous conflict analysis that examines the root causes of crises, current conflict dynamics and emerging trends in the Liptako-Gourma region.





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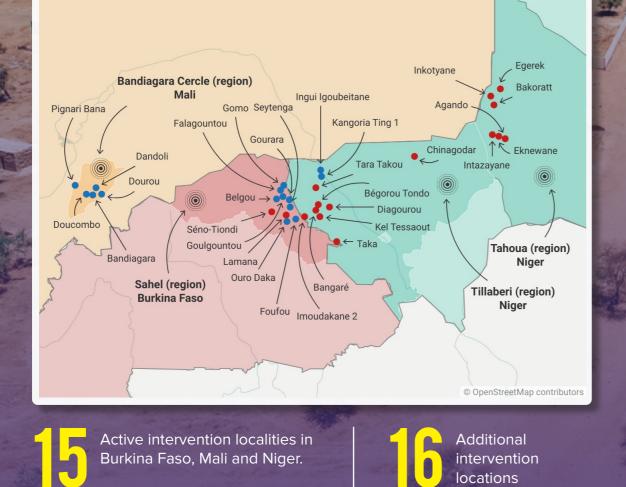
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\$74,806,826 mobilized

\$261,007,737

financing gap



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