

Ayuda en Acción Sahel: Where do we work?

Since 2018, Ayuda en Acción has established a strong presence in Niger, with headquarters in Niamey and a regional office in Tahoua. implementing representative projects such as “Nex4Food New opportunities for development, peacebuilding and resilience to crises” and “Capacity building to increase food security, sustainable production and productivity” demonstrate our commitment to food security and sustainable development, building resilience to food and nutrition insecurity in the region. About half of our in-country portfolio is supported by institutional donors, and we are proud to be a member of Alliance 2015.

In Mali, we started working in 2021, with headquarters in Bamako and a regional office in Ségou. Our presence focuses on key projects such as “Assistance to improve food and nutrition security for displaced populations and host communities in the Ségou region” and “Resilience in the face of food and nutrition insecurity”, which address crucial challenges in the country. As in Niger, around half of our portfolio in Mali receives financial support from institutional donors. This ongoing commitment in both countries reflects our dedication to improving the living conditions of vulnerable communities in the region.



More on our projects in Africa

Lines of work in Africa



Social inclusion



Humanitarian action



Climate change and sustainability

Networks



Partners



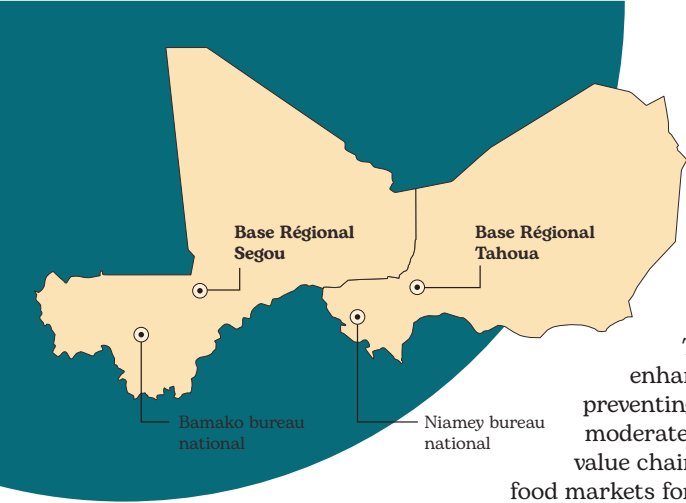
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Food security and sustainable livelihoods in Sahel



Innovation in food safety: the Nex4Food program

The NEX4FOOD program enhances nutritional resilience by preventing and managing acute and moderate malnutrition. It strengthens the value chain and improves access to fortified food markets for children under five, revitalizing the millet and groundnut sectors while supporting the private agri-food industry. Guided by “more innovation for better nutrition” and multi-stakeholder partnerships, the program anticipates and mitigates risks, linking stakeholders and humanitarian organizations.

Our initiatives in food security, nutrition education, economic recovery, and social cohesion address displacement impacts. We foster peace, solidarity, and civic engagement through psychosocial support for displaced and host populations. A capitalization study confirms the program’s success, with millet yields rising 41% and a marked reduction in moderate acute malnutrition, previously affecting 92% of children and women of reproductive age.

Support for survivors of gender-based violence and increased business income further reinforce the program’s lasting economic benefits. NEX4FOOD contributes to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Mali, notably SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), SDG 5 (Gender Equality), SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure), and SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions).



14326 Women 15213 Men 1499 girls 1601 boys
18920 Tons of flour produced

Nex4Opportunities: Economic development, sustainable livelihoods and job creation

Nex4Opportunities helps promote sustainable economic development and job creation in the Sahel. The program aims to increase economic opportunities and job creation for women and youth, and improve food security for vulnerable populations by supporting high-potential value chains. The objective is to strengthen all value chain processes and their various links: production, processing and marketing, in order to consolidate additional sustainable sources of income and, at the same time, create employment

opportunities for youth and women. The program uses an inclusive market systems development approach, supporting initiatives such as the organization and structuring of sector agents, the involvement of universities to encourage the development of business creation initiatives for young people, vocational training, the development of market niches (mainly organic and fair trade markets), the involvement of the private sector and research. In addition, the promotion of agricultural techniques and innovative approaches to climate change.

Finally, the fourth pillar of the program focuses on research and innovation, involving multiple partners. The objective is to develop innovative food fortification and enrichment processes along the value chain, fostering continuous innovation in the production of nutritious foods while creating employment opportunities in research and development.

Jobs created

184 Women 389 Men

Economic improvements

621 Women 1.265 Men



Emergency response and resilience building

Since 2019, we have responded to all major humanitarian crises in the areas of drought, floods, conflict, forced displacement and the covid-19 pandemic. By focusing on direct intervention, we contributed to restoring livelihoods and integrating child protection, gender-based violence prevention and equal opportunities.

Since 2019, the emergency response and resilience building program responds to the needs of the population:

6394 women 6363 men 492 girls 541 boys

Cross-cutting themes

Ayuda en Acción’s strategies in the region for the period 2023-2025 are structured around three cross-cutting areas that are integrated into the three programmatic priorities. Gender equality and equity take center stage, focusing on interventions that prevent and reduce gender inequality through systemic change and social transformation. This priority underscores our commitment to promote the equitable participation of women and men in value chains, fostering sustainable market linkages for the benefit of smallholder farmers. Climate change adaptation is another important priority. We are committed to increasing resilience to climate change and mitigating its adverse effects on vulnerable communities. Our approach includes promoting climate-smart agriculture and disseminating good agricultural practices, including community-based seed production.

Finally, innovation is at the core of our national strategy, with a strong preference for interventions that promote the adoption of new technologies and social innovations adapted to the rural context. We aim to increase efficiency while promoting the inclusion of marginalized social groups. We promote a system of protection and care: all phases of our projects include a series of actions aimed at protecting people, helping to mitigate violations of the fundamental rights of vulnerable populations (displaced persons, refugees and host populations), in particular women and minors.

