



Capabilitiy statement 2024

Ayuda en Acción Sahel

Ayuda en Acción is an international organization that fights against the causes and consequences of poverty and inequality in the world. We create opportunities for young people to build a better future for themselves. We have been working for more than 40 years with long-term programs, accompanying thousands of vulnerable people in 19 countries, mainly women, from childhood and adolescence, throughout the key stages of their lives. We work in areas affected by conflict, climate change or humanitarian aid, responding to the most basic needs with a long-term vision and seeking solutions to prolonged crises. We work to ensure safe, equitable and prosperous environments in which communities have the most favorable conditions for their own development, and where migration is a choice, not an obligation.



Funds in 2022
€41,946,743



Beneficiaries
601,767



Donors
25
(Public and international)



Team of
966 people
(594 Ayuda en Acción and 372 local partners)



Private sector partnerships
906

Our programs are structured around four key areas

1

Women and youth

Young people and women are at the center of our work and are the driving force of development in all areas of our programs. They are a target group in education and training processes, and as promoters of the protection of our planet or of their social and economic integration in human mobility. We encourage their protection against violence, especially in situations of vulnerability.

2

Socioeconomic inclusion

We promote socioeconomic inclusion from early childhood, so that they have access to quality education, through adolescence and young people seeking opportunities in the world of work and business. We work to promote inclusive market systems that foster the integration of young people. In humanitarian crises, we protect the livelihoods and education of girls and boys.

3

Climate change and sustainability

We promote environmental protection, especially in threatened protected areas. Similarly, the transition to greener and more sustainable energy is an important part of what we do. In humanitarian crises caused by climate change, we provide humanitarian aid to protect people's lives and livelihoods.

4

Safe human mobility

We promote the right to safe mobility for refugees, migrants and internally displaced persons by addressing the phenomenon of human mobility from the global perspective of the migration cycle, placing people at the center of our intervention. We ensure that people have the opportunity to lead a dignified life and decide their own future, whether they migrate or remain in their country of origin.

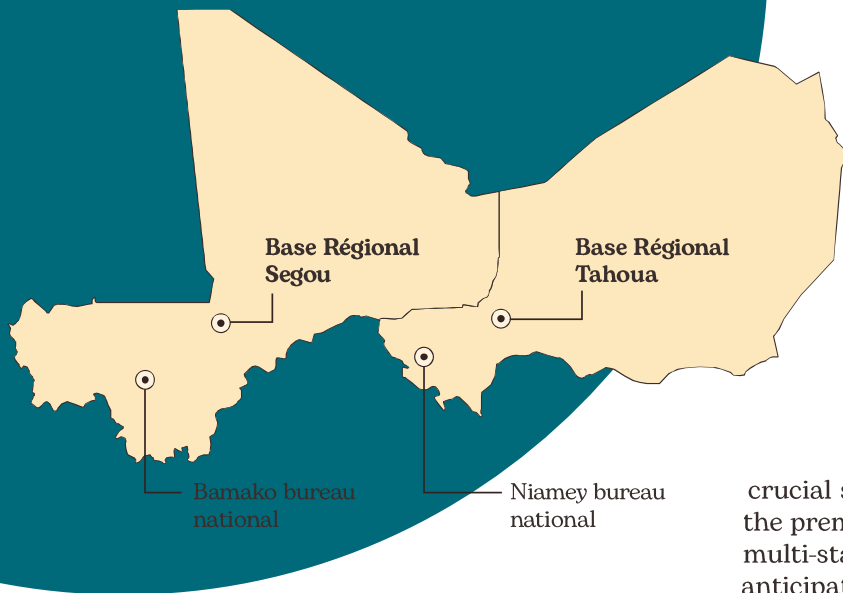
Ayuda en Acción Sahel: Where do we work?

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.



Innovation in food safety: the Nex4Food program



The NEX4FOOD program aims to increase nutritional resilience, with a focus on the prevention and management of acute and moderate malnutrition. This is achieved by strengthening the value chain and improving access to fortified food markets for children under five years of age. These actions are helping to revitalize the economy of the primary millet and groundnut sector, while providing crucial support to the private agri-food sector. Based on the premise of “more innovation for better nutrition” and multi-stakeholder partnerships, the nexus approach anticipates the risks and crises that the beneficiaries of this program will face. To address them, the program

includes a package of actions that minimize the vulnerability of this population, while creating links between stakeholders and humanitarian organizations. Our work also extends to medium-risk areas where people displaced by the conflict have settled.

Through initiatives focused on food security, nutrition education, economic recovery, humanitarian response, protection and social cohesion, we seek to mitigate the consequences of these displacements. To this end, we promote strategies to foster a culture of peace, solidarity and civic engagement: we offer psychosocial support to displaced and host populations, to help consolidate social cohesion and manage conflict. The results of the capitalization study of this program fully confirm the success of NEX4FOOD, highlighting a substantial 41% increase in millet yields, attesting to the positive impact on improving agricultural production. In addition, the significant reduction in moderate acute malnutrition (MAM), which affected 92% of children and women of reproductive age, underscores the project's success in improving nutritional health. These successes are reinforced by the much appreciated support initiatives for survivors of gender-based violence, combined with the positive economic impact reflected by increased business income, thus consolidating the program's positive and lasting contribution to local economic development.

The strategy and results of the NEX4FOOD program are making an essential contribution to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Mali, in particular 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

 389 Men

 184 Women

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:

 6363 Men

 6394 Women

 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.

Networks



Partners

Misola



Donors



Ayuda en Acción Mali and Niger

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