

PRESS RELEASE – 2025 CALL FOR PROPOSALS Results of the Full Proposals - Selection Phase International Window – Central Sahel & Lake Chad Basin

The **Sahel Regional Fund (SRF)** is pleased to announce the results of the call for expressions of interest launched on **April 9, 2025** for the response in **Central Sahel and Lake Chad Basin**. Following the evaluation process, the following organizations have had their projects pre-selected pending approval of the revised projects.

Pre-Selected organisations (Lead of the Consortium):

- Action Contre la Faim (ACF)
- International Rescue Committee (IRC)
- Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)

As a reminder, the process took place in several stages.

Following publication of the call for expressions of interest on April 9, 2025, **fifty-eight (58) consortia led by international organisations** submitted their concept notes by May 4, 2025. These were evaluated by a multi-disciplinary committee of experts, made up of SRF team members and Technical experts (consultants and DRC staff) with strong contextual expertise. To ensure impartiality, all the member of this committee signed a declaration of non-conflict of interest and commitment to confidentiality. The evaluation was based on a **predefined scorecard**, ensuring both **alignment with national humanitarian priorities and the submission guide**, and a **minimum level of proposal quality**. The anonymised results were then submitted to the **SRF Board**, which approved it on **May 27, 2025**. The results were published on **May 29, 2025**.

Ten (10) organizations were then invited to submit their **full project proposals**, incorporating the **technical comments** of the evaluation committee. The deadline for submission was **June 29, 2025**. These ten (10) complete proposals were evaluated by almost the same **joint evaluation committee**, comprising members of the SRF team, a FCDO representative and technical experts (consultants and DRC staff) under the same conditions as those applied during the review of the concept notes. The evaluation was based on an **evaluation scorecard defined in advance** and completed by the committee's experts. The ratings were then presented anonymously to the **SRF Board** for validation on **July 17, 2025**.

Next steps

The 03 selected organizations are invited to submit their **complete revised project proposals**, taking into account the **technical comments** of the evaluation committee. *Projects can only be funded once the final proposals have been validated by the SRF.* In parallel, a due diligence process will be initiated with the selected organizations.

SRF reserves the right to fund other projects that have been evaluated, following the rating approved by the SRF Board. Lead organizations would therefore be informed in good time to continue the process.

SRF thanks all applicant organisations for their commitment and interest in its funding mechanisms. **Feedback will be sent to unsuccessful organizations.**

We remain committed to supporting NGOs in improving their proposals and to ensuring a transparent and efficient process in the management of SRF resources.

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Dakar, on July 25th, 2025