



## ABOUT THE SAHEL REGIONAL FUND

*The Sahel Regional Fund (SRF) is an NGO-led regional fund, hosted by the Danish Refugee Council (DRC). It provides predictable, flexible, multi-year funding to address the most severe humanitarian needs in the hardest-to-reach areas.*

*SRF promotes localization, builds resilience, and supports coordinated, evidence-based responses, through strong partnerships and risk management systems.*

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## PROJECT UPDATES

The SRF is changing scale: find out the number of projects funded by the Sahel Regional Fund in 2025, representing more than GBP 75M of investments in 4 Sahel countries.

## LOCALIZATION

Concrete progress: more than 30% of operational funding transferred to national NGOs, launch of new dedicated windows, and greater involvement of local actors in governance and implementation.

# PROJECTS UPDATES

## From three founding projects to a strengthened regional dynamic

Between 2023 and 2025, the Sahel Regional Fund (SRF) funded three major projects led by Catholic Relief Services, International Rescue Committee and Mercy Corps and their local partners. These pioneering initiatives, now in the completion phase, have made it possible to test and consolidate the foundations of the mechanism. Building on these achievements, the Fund has relaunched a series of appeals to expand its action and strengthen its impact in the Sahel region.

Since February 2025, SRF has launched 04 calls for expressions of interest to identify and fund sustainable humanitarian projects led by international and local organizations. The calls generated strong interest: nearly 150 submissions, 37 of which were found eligible after documentary verification. Of these, 30 proposals were subject to in-depth analysis, leading to the selection of new projects.

**To date, the SRF has launched the localization window of Burkina Faso with four national NGOs** (Technical Alliance for Development Assistance - Association Nodde Nooto - Burkinabe Red Cross - Catholic Organization for Development and Solidarity), the localization window of Eastern Chad with 03 local NGOs (Women's Association for Integrated Development - Technical Agency for Humanitarian and Social Action - SOS Sahel International Chad), and two other international windows, one in Eastern Chad with four consortium projects, and one for the Sahel Central and the Lake Chad Basin with three consortium projects.

**Today, 15 new projects are added to those already underway, bringing the total number of funded initiatives to 19, representing 47 SRF partners in four countries in the Sahel region.**

Together these projects represent a global amount of nearly £76 million (GBP) and will cover key sectors such as nutrition, health, protection, livelihoods, as well as water, sanitation and shelter.

A dynamic towards sustainable and localized financing...

This expansion marks a strategic turning point for SRF. By increasing the number and diversity of its projects, the Fund demonstrates not only its growing funding capacity, but also its desire to establish a sustainable presence in the region.

## NGOs/L now at the heart of the system with direct funding now possible

National and local organizations, already present within the governance of the SRF, now occupy a central place in funding.

This approach, focused on the localization of humanitarian action, aims to strengthen the resilience of communities, to enhance the value of national actors and to ensure a response closer to the realities on the ground.

The SRF thus confirms its ambition: to build a sustainable and inclusive financing mechanism capable of reaching, by 2027, more than 2 million beneficiaries throughout the Sahel.



# LOCALIZATION

## Advances in Localization: A Progressive and Structured Approach

The Sahel Regional Fund (SRF) pursues a gradual and structured approach to localization, placing national and local actors at the heart of its system. This approach is based on three pillars: supervised implementation, continuous learning, and adaptive management.

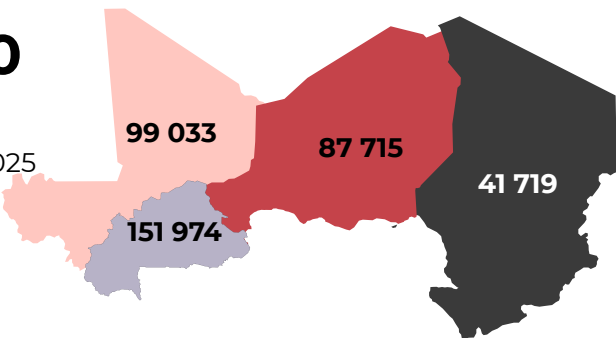
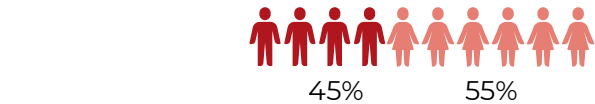
### SOME FIGURES ON LOCALIZATION

To date, 31.21% of SRF's operational budget is already allocated to local actors, either through direct funding or through mandatory transfers within consortia

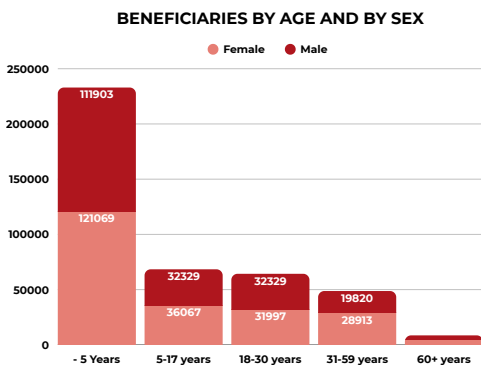
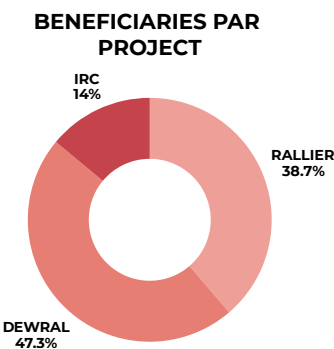
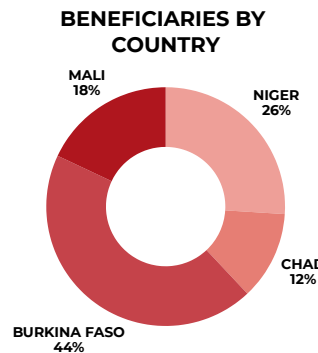


- 25% of funds allocated to international projects donated to NGOs/L
- 7% of management fees redistributed in proportion to the activities of NGOs/L, Capacity building actions that aim at structuring and sustainable support.

### SOME RESULTS 2024 - 2025



NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES BY COUNTRY IN 2025  
NIGER - BURKINA FASO - CHAD - MALI



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