

GCERF in Burkina Faso

GCERF works with the government of Burkina Faso and the G5 Sahel to **implement joint strategies** by investing in local organisations that design and run programmes that support stability and resilience.

GCERF-funded activities **engage local stakeholders** to support and **strengthen the capacity of communities** to mobilise, organise and effectively engage with their members and local authorities on resilient pastoralism, sustainable economic opportunities, conflict prevention, child protection, and psychosocial support to victims of violent extremism (VE).

Portfolio overview as of January 2023

Union Fraternelle des Croyants de Dori (UFC-Dori)

2022-24 | *Principal Recipient with 2 sub-recipients*

- ❖ Addressing farmer-herder conflicts through local conflict prevention and dialogue mechanisms strengthening, and awareness-raising of land regulations among communities. Improved resilience through the promotion of alternative discourses, the creation of socioeconomic opportunities, and psychosocial support to victims of VE groups.

Réseau Afrique Jeunesse (RAJ)

2022-24 | *Principal Recipient with 2 sub-recipients*

- ❖ Improving the management of natural resources to reduce local conflicts; strengthening local conflict resolution and dialogue mechanisms; IGPs to improve socio-economic opportunities for young pastoralists and IDPs. Monitoring cases of discrimination and early signs of radicalization.

Réseau de Communication sur le Pastoralisme (RECOPA)

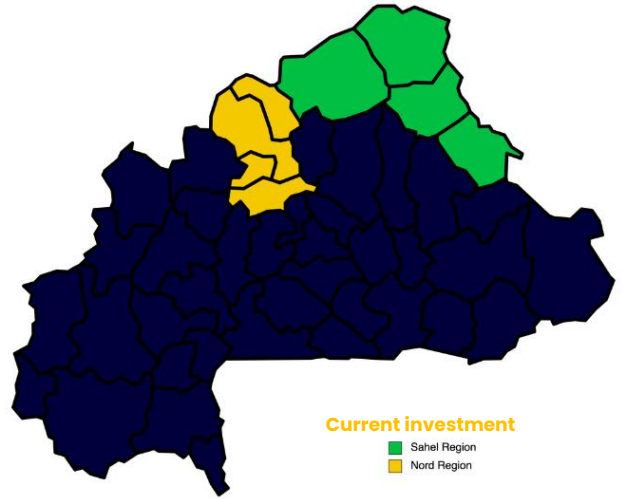
2023-25 | *Principal Recipient with 1 sub-recipient*

- ❖ Support agropastoral communities in the Sahel and the North in the prevention of inter-community conflicts; improving social cohesion through spaces for dialogue and support youth and women in socioeconomic opportunities.

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2023-25 | *Principal Recipient with 2 sub-recipients*

- ❖ Engaging with judicial actors and local leaders to strengthen the protective ecosystem of at-risk children and victims of violence and increase their resilience to violent radicalization; supporting the socio-professional reintegration of girl and boy victims of violence; establishment of communication channels to facilitate children's complaints.



Current investment

■ Sahel Region
■ Nord Region

Investment started: 2022

Investment to date: USD 3.75 million

Current investment: USD 3.75 million

Active grants: 4

Investment Focus



Increase resilience of youth and women to the risks of violent radicalisation and extremism, strengthen local conflict resolution mechanisms



Lorum, Passoré, Yatenga, Zondoma provinces (Northern region)
Ouadalan, Seno, Soum, Yagha provinces (Sahel region)



Pastoralists and farmers, Internally Displaced Persons and host communities, traditional and religious leaders, unemployed men and women (aged 15-25), vulnerable children (aged 7-18)



2021-2025



We work with with the government, through the Country Support Mechanism, and bilateral and multilateral donors to ensure a coordinated approach to prevention of violent extremism in Burkina Faso.

Violent Extremism in Burkina Faso: Drivers

Youth unemployment and radicalisation

Lack of sustainable economic opportunities and radicalisation make children and young people vulnerable to violent extremist groups, which offer alternative material incentives.

Farmer/herder conflicts

These conflicts over land, access and exploitation of natural resources, lead to increased tensions within communities

Governance-related grievances

Violent extremist groups exploit an institutional vacuum resulting from the political context to increase their presence on the ground

4th

On the Global Terrorism Index 2023, with 216 attacks and 732 deaths in 2021

Current Programming in Sahel: Systems Approach

GCERF delineates the Sahel within the context of the Group of Five Countries for the Sahel, also known as G5 Sahel, the intergovernmental body to promote regional cooperation in development and security matters. Our focus is on the central Sahel region covering Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger. Our engagement in the region will directly bolster the implementation of National Action Plans of the five countries working in partnership with local, national, regional and global partners.

GCERF's strategy for engagement in the Sahel region is built around two strategic objectives:

To contribute to improvements in the social ecology to create conditions conducive to prevention and resilience-building.

To facilitate community-led rehabilitation, disengagement, and (re)integration, including people disengaging from criminal, non-state armed, and violent extremist groups.

GCERF will mobilise and invest up to USD 10 million – in the Sahel region – to meet these objectives in a minimum period of three years. GCERF will prioritise resilience and prevention programming, including cross-border projects, that meet these objectives – all within the scope of regional and national NAPs and equivalents in order to achieve its overarching objective of supporting stability and resilience.



Awareness session by delegates.



Awareness-raising radio programmes on social cohesion and living together.

GCERF's Added Value



GCERF focuses on **building institutional capacity** e.g., CSOs, and government agencies.



GCERF invests in building a PVE-focused **community of practice** with CSOs, government agencies, and experts



Communities are at the **forefront of project design and implementation**, and the programme works with existing community structures for sustainability



All project design and implementation are done in coordination with **nationally-aligned**, locally-led programmes



GCERF connects CSOs, communities, and other stakeholders with government and security actors, leading to **better coordination** and relationships



GCERF's consortium model and capacity-building approach enables us to work in **remote areas**

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