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## SAHEL ADAPTIVE SOCIAL PROTECTION PROGRAM

### OUR MISSION

The Sahel Adaptive Social Protection Program (SASPP) supports the design and implementation of adaptive social protection programs and systems in Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, and Senegal.



### OUR APPROACH

Adaptive social protection helps build the resilience of poor and vulnerable households by investing in their capacity to prepare for, cope with, and adapt to shocks, with a specific focus on climate change. SASPP's strategic objective is to systematically strengthen adaptive social protection systems to enhance household resilience and expand the reach of shock-response cash transfer programs.

### OUR FOCUS

SASPP focuses on both regional and country-level activities with the majority of SASPP financing being disbursed as direct grants to governments for piloting innovative adaptive social protection programs. These programs are embedded in the ongoing World Bank projects supported by the International Development Association. The remaining resources are used for technical assistance and for creating and disseminating knowledge and good practice lessons across the region.

### REGIONAL LEVEL

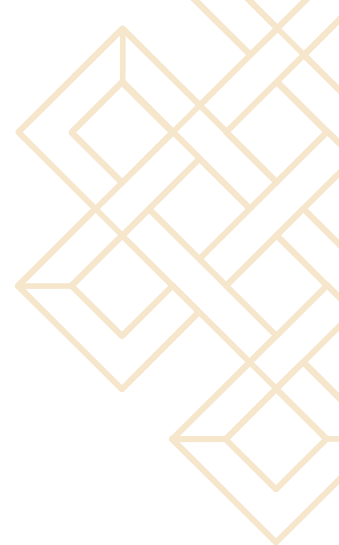
At regional level, SASPP focuses on the following five thematic areas:

- 1 Poverty, vulnerability, and resilience**  
Deepening the understanding of the nature of climate-related shocks and their impacts on poverty.
- 2 Climate-shock responsive delivery systems**  
Informing the design and supporting the delivery of shock-responsive social protection.
- 3 Productive inclusion and women's empowerment**  
Informing the design and implementation of new waves of economic inclusion interventions.
- 4 Fragility and forced displacement**  
Supporting social protection operations in navigating increased fragility and forced displacement.
- 5 Adaptive social protection and human capital**  
Understanding how programs can enhance investments in human capital and protect households from divestments in the face of climate shocks.

### COUNTRY LEVEL

At country level, SASPP focuses on four adaptive social protection building blocks:

- 1 Data and information**  
Ensuring information on household vulnerability informs adaptive social protection programs, including through dynamic social registries.
- 2 Programs and delivery systems**  
Putting in place programs and systems responsive to shocks.
- 3 Finance**  
Putting in place risk financing strategies that promote proactive response planning to limit delays in response.
- 4 Institutional arrangements and partnerships**  
Supporting government leadership in the coordination of actors, based on clear articulation of roles and responsibilities.



## WHAT WE DO

SASPP provides technical assistance and capacity building, and finances pilot interventions, including the following:

**Adaptive safety nets programs** that help poor households meet basic needs and diversify their livelihoods, while enabling an easy scale up to respond to shocks.

**Productive inclusion** interventions (e.g., community savings, loan groups, or life skills and entrepreneurship training) for beneficiaries to reinforce their adaptive capabilities.

**Delivery systems** (social registries, digital payments, grievance redress mechanisms, etc.) as critical foundations for social safety nets to reach affected people.

**Early warning and climate information systems** to design effective emergency response and adaptation programs.

**Contingency (risk) financing mechanisms** to ensure timely and efficient financing of adaptive social protection interventions.

**Targeting mechanisms** to identify ex-ante those most vulnerable to natural hazards and climate-change related risks, and quickly scale up a program when needed.

“ **Countries in the Sahel region are among the poorest in the world— and they are highly vulnerable to shocks.** ”



## OUR IMPACT

Since its inception, the multi-donor trust fund has allocated US\$165.45 million to investment projects alongside International Development Association engagement. Key results include financing responses to various shocks – from COVID-19 to droughts, floods, and population displacement – and supporting the establishment of core adaptive social protection systems that are critical to rapid and efficient responses to shocks.

## A FEW OF SASPP ACHIEVEMENTS

### 1.13M BENEFIT FROM COVID-19 RESPONSE

SASPP COVID-19 emergency support reached 1.13 million households as part of broader government responses.

### 14,000 REFUGEES SUPPORTED IN CHAD

In Chad, in the context of the support to refugees, SASPP supported the Government emergency response to assist 14,000 Cameroonian refugee households, providing a one-time cash transfer to help improve access to food and other basic items.

### 86,000 HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVE SUPPORT FOR LEAN SEASON

As part of the response to the 2021 lean season, SASPP financed the vertical expansion for 50,000 regular safety net beneficiary households in Burkina Faso (providing them with two additional monthly transfers per household) and to 36,500 households in Mauritania.

### 19,000+ TRANSFERS TO FLOOD-AFFECTED HOUSEHOLDS

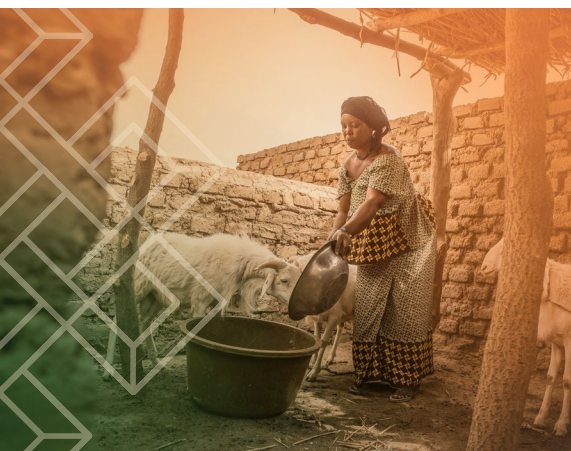
As part of the governments' responses to floods, SASPP supported cash transfers to 13,200 households in Niger and over 6,000 households in Senegal, based on a rigorous assessment of damages and with a differentiated compensation depending on the inclusion of households in the national registry.

### 46,500 BENEFICIARIES OF ECONOMIC INCLUSION INTERVENTIONS

To contribute to the resilience of households to future shocks, SASPP supported economic inclusion programs benefiting over 46,500 beneficiaries (30,000 of whom were women) and their households.



SASPP investments have contributed to the development of adaptive social protection systems, ranging from improvements in social registries (which included over 2.75 million households as of June 2022, equivalent to about half of the poor households in the region) to improvements in payment systems (23 percent of payments were mobile payments in 2022).



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