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SCALING-UP CAPACITY, PARTNERSHIPS AND INVESTMENT TO ACCELERATE AGRIFOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION IN THE SAHEL



Hand-in-Hand
Initiative

SPECIAL SESSION on the SAHEL

OVERVIEW



Burkina Faso



Cameroon



Chad



Gambia



Guinea



Mauritania



Mali



Nigeria



Niger



Senegal

Source: U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

- **Vast semi-arid region of Africa** (from the Sahara Desert to the north and tropical savannas to the south).
- Total area: **3,053,200** square kilometres, spanning 5,900 km from the Atlantic Ocean in the west to the Red Sea in the east.

- **Annual rainfall** ~100–200 mm in the north, ~700–1,000 mm in the south.
- Abundant **human, cultural** and **natural resources**, offering tremendous potential for rapid growth.



CHALLENGES

- Extreme Poverty
- Widespread Hunger and Malnutrition
- Land, Soil degradation and Water scarcity
- Climate change Vulnerability
- Insecurity and conflict Internal dislocation and displacement
- Low productivity, limited access to markets for farmers, little value addition
- Small, family-run farms that lack access to inputs

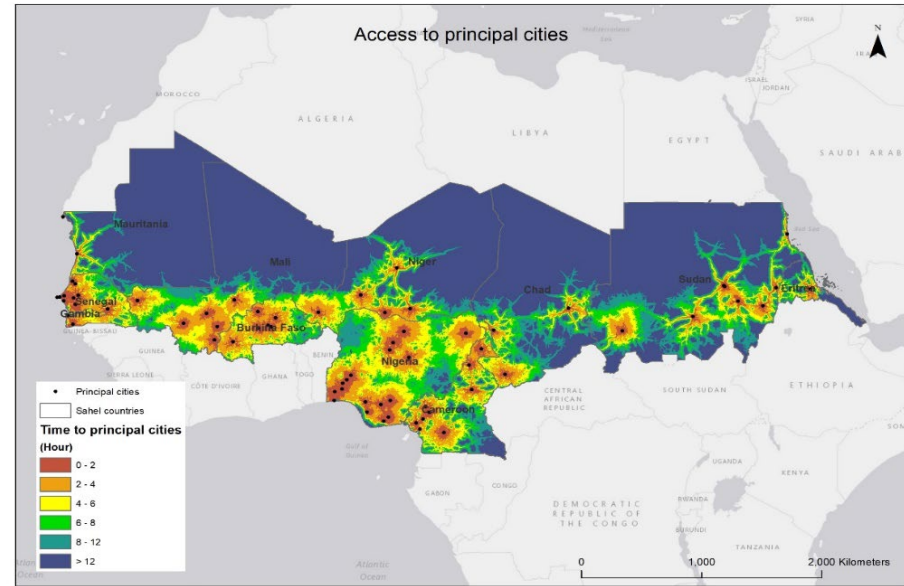




OPPORTUNITIES

- ❑ Abundant water resources
- ❑ Regional food economy expected to reach \$480 billion by 2030 (OECD)
- ❑ Rapidly rising food demand
- ❑ Young population (65% less than 25)
- ❑ Business opportunities in food production, infrastructure and trade
- ❑ Food economy value more than doubled since 2010 (OECD)
- ❑ ~90% of jobs expected to be created by 2030 in agrifood sector (OECD)

Transportation infrastructure



Source: HiH-GIS analysis

Water resources in the Sahel

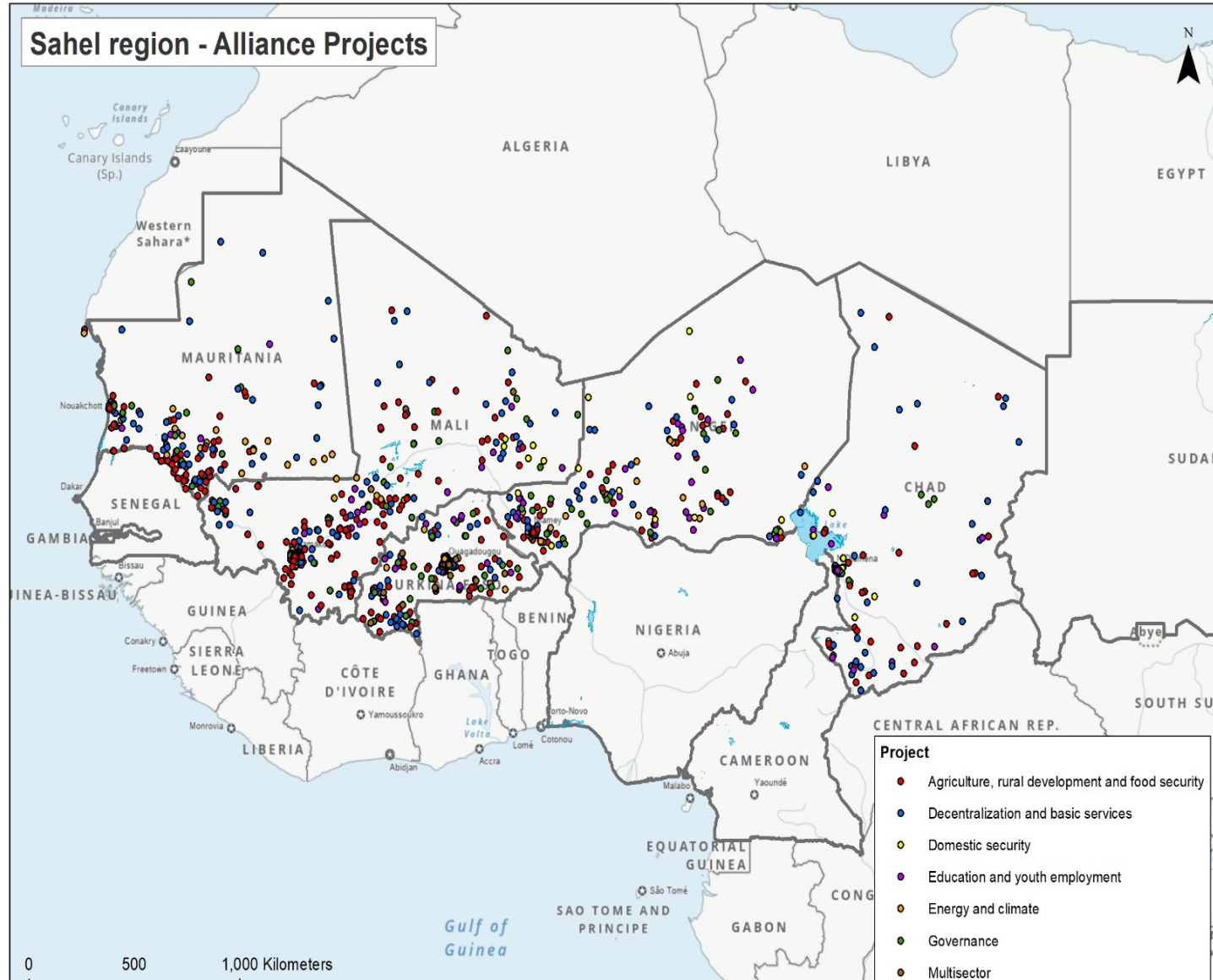


Source: CILSS/BGR



HAND-IN-HAND TO CAPITALIZE AND COMPLIMENT ONGOING EFFORTS

- The African Union Commission
- ECOWAS
- CILSS
- United Nations Integrated Strategy (UNISS)
- FAO
- G5 Sahel Joint-Force
- Coalition for the Sahel
- IFAD Hub for Sahel countries
- GCF AND GEF (7/8)
- World Bank
- Akademiya2063
- and many more!





THE VALUE ADDED OF THE HAND-IN-HAND INITIATIVE

HIH is an **approach** – a **way** of using innovative digital and better analysis to scale-up and sustain dynamic and ambitious partnerships for transformative change.

Six pillars create a robust enabling environment for sustained, focused action:

1. Improved **access to data and information** – geospatial, productivity, livelihoods
2. **Tools and analysis** to support better policy and investment decisions and improve capacities for implementation
3. A **territorial approach** to implementation, differentiating to improve efficiency and effectiveness
4. A flexible and **innovative “match-making”** approach to partnership
5. A commitment to scaled-up, **public and private investment** as a driver of transformation
6. State-of-the-art **monitoring and evaluation** to ensure dynamic programme adjustment

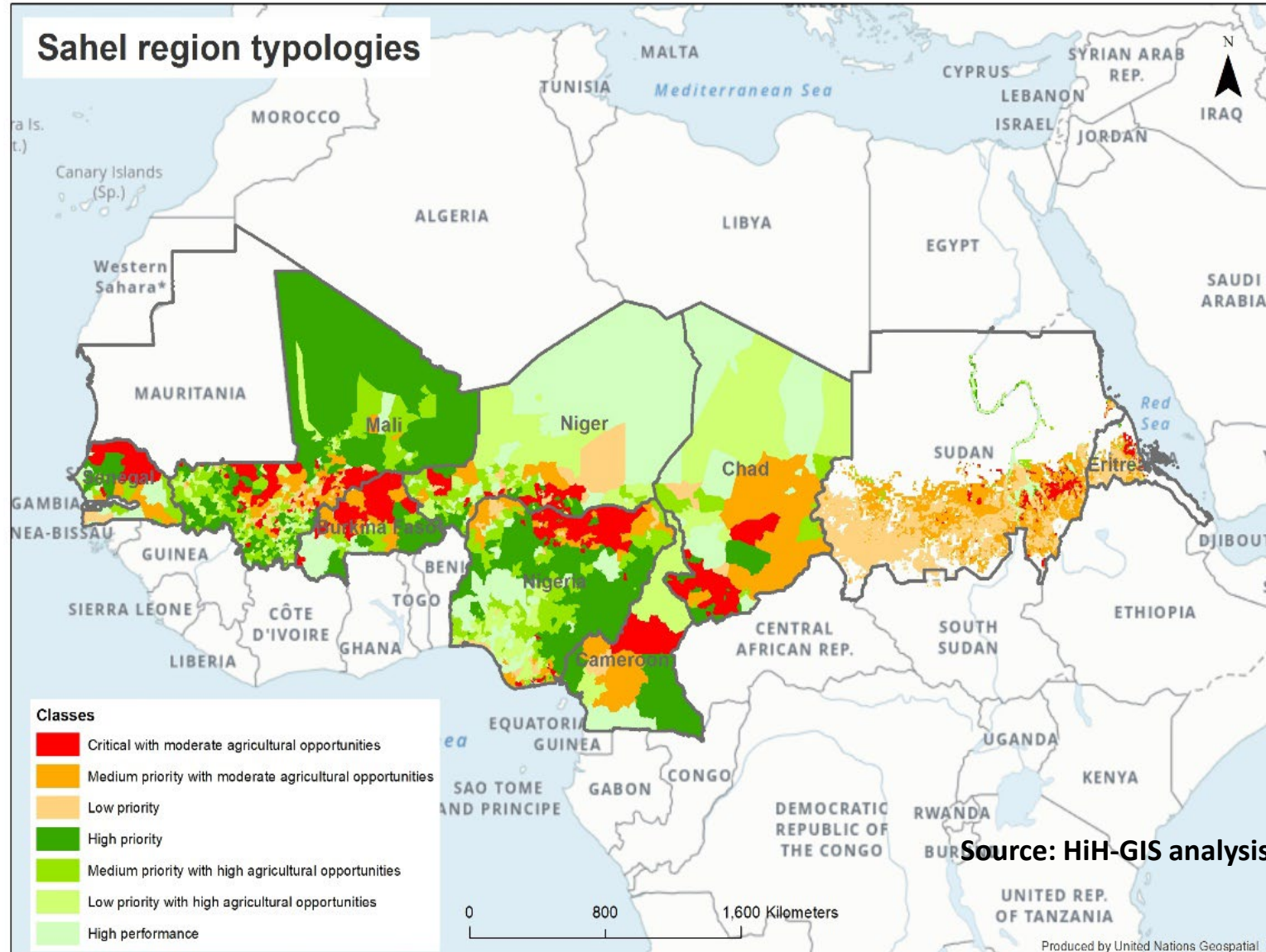
ONGOING HAND-IN-HAND WORK IN THE SAHEL

➤ Hand-in-Hand current support in 9 countries:

- Burkina Faso,
- Cameroon,
- Chad,
- Gambia,
- Guinea,
- Niger,
- Mali,
- Nigeria,
- Senegal

➤ Investment priorities identified for direct support in

- Burkina Faso
- Niger
- Mali





COUNTRY LEVEL HAND-IN-HAND IN THE SAHEL

Country	Entry points	Targeted regions	Selected Value chains
Burkina Faso	✓ Analyses PNIASP-HiH	4 regions: Centre-Est, Centre-Ouest, Est et Sud-Ouest	Rice, Corn, Peanut, Cowpea, Sesame, Bovine, Ovine, Porcine, Goat
Guinea Bissau	✓ Twin-track approach (national strategy for value chain & diversification of food systems)	3 regions: Gabu, Oio and Biombo	Cashew, fishery, local agriculture, forestry, fishing small livestock
Mali	✓ Support the implementation of two pilot Agricultural Growth Zones	2 regions: Koulikoro and Kayes	Polyculture market gardening; livestock and meat sector
Niger	✓ Agriculture value chain development ✓ Digital Villages Initiative (pilot)	2 regions: Tahoua and Dosso	Onion and Dairy
Nigeria	✓ Twin-track approach - (i) resilience building for emergency; and (ii) priority VCD ✓ Digital Villages Initiative (pilot)	10 States: Katsina, Borno, Zamfara, Sokoto, Yobe, Kano, Ogun, Kwara, Osun, Oyo	Rice, Sorghum, Soybean, Maize, Fish, Tomatoes, Cassava, Dairy
Senegal	✓ Digital Villages Initiative	100 villages (focus in Niaye, Senegal river, Anambe)	Fruits and vegetables, grains



ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR INVESTMENT

Burkina Faso



- Existence of a sub-regional demand for animal products (meat);
- Easily accessible market of more than 120 million consumers
- Several tax incentives and facilities for business creation such as exemption over a long period and reduction of customs tariffs on certain capital goods), development of agricultural insurance

Niger



- Potential in irrigable land 11million ha
- Groundwater 2.5 billion m³
- Livestock > 37 million heads, leather and skin with >2.75mn pieces/year
- Recent Presidential Decision to develop a national Programme on Agro-industrial poles (Agropoles)
- Establishment of 8 agropoles based on public-private local community partnerships.

Mali



- Development of Special Economic Zones for Agriculture: Agropoles
- Structuring infrastructure (installment, energy, basic social services)
- High potential in agricultural land
- Important and diversified animal resources
- Strategic political frameworks such as the Investment Promotion Agency

Nigeria



- Zero percent duty tariffs for import of agricultural equipment and agro-processing equipment.
- Exemption of interest from tax on loans granted to agricultural activities
- Income tax relief for a period of three years (extendable to two more)– Pioneer Status Incentives



Three Proposed 'axes for a regional programme'

A photograph of a terraced vegetable garden on a hillside. The garden is divided into several rows by concrete or stone walls. The soil is reddish-brown, and the plants are young and green. A person is visible in the background, working in the garden.

**Where is more
support and
Investment
needed in the
Sahel?**

**Ensuring sustainable Land and Water
management and governance**

**Transforming of agrifood production, post
production systems and trade**

**Strengthening institutional capacities for
resilience building**



WAY FORWARD

Priorities agreed
with partners at
Rome HIH
Investment
Forum: Special
Session on the
Sahel

Governments,
FAO and
International
partners agree
roadmap (2-3 pp)
as a basis to guide
proposal
development

Review/Revision
of Roadmap
country-by-
country

Technical teams
meet at regional
level to refine
cross-cutting
priorities and
create a regional
hub for joint work

Develop proposal
and secure
GCF/GEF8 (or
other) Funding
based on the
dynamic
programmatic
approach



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Thank you!
