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OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:



Mali faces a complex, multidimensional crisis with significant humanitarian needs (**7.1 million of people** in need of humanitarian assistance in Mali and 6,3 million in Burkina, HRP 2024).



Since 2012, Mali has experienced instability and armed conflicts, especially in the North and the Center. Intra and inter-community violence have negatively affected traditional conflict prevention and resolution mechanisms and resulted in an increasing number of civilian casualties, along with population displacements, as communities flee violence and conflicts. As of May 2024, the IOM reported **330,713 internally displaced people (IDPs)** and **122,992 refugees** across the country (IOM DTM, UNHCR, DNDS).



Increasing risks associated with Explosive Ordnance threats and the proliferation of Improvised Explosive Devices and small arms and light weapons significantly impact vulnerable populations in both Mali and Burkina Faso, affecting their access to livelihoods and basic social services, besides constraining the delivery of humanitarian aid, freedom of movement, and efforts to rebuild local economies.



The effects of climate change and related shocks are increasingly more frequent and severe, create additional multisectoral needs (food security, protection, livelihoods), lead to further displacements, and exacerbate existing vulnerabilities.

FACTS:

- **Operational presence:** in Mali since 2013; in Burkina Faso since 2022
- **Offices:** Coordination in Bamako, Field Office in Sévaré, bases in Bankass, Douentza, Niafunké, Koro and Ségou; Office in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.
- **People reached in 2023:** 79,373
- **Turnover in 2023:** 5,115,886 €
- **Project in 2024:** 10
- **Employees:** 54 (5 internationals)
- **Strong national partnerships with:** AAPPOR, AVENIR, FEJEDENOM, SOLIDEV (Burkina Faso), SANUVA, TASSAGHT

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WHAT WE DO:

Complex multi-dimensional crises across Mali and Burkina Faso disproportionately affect civilians, undermining local resilience and sustainable development opportunities. Informed by a nexus approach, DCA in Mali and Burkina Faso seeks to save lives and build safer and more resilient communities by providing urgent humanitarian assistance and contributing to creating sustainable socio-economic opportunities, also conducive to greater social cohesion.

- DCA's goal is to **save lives** by providing urgent emergency assistance, and working with and alongside local communities to improve the living conditions in the short and medium term. Key interventions under this workstream include humanitarian mine action (risk education, victims assistance), cash-based interventions and emergency responses linked to the pre-“Rapid Response Mechanism” via Group Cash Transfers.
- DCA also aims to **build resilient communities**, especially through multisectoral projects at the intersection between community-led early-action, emergency response, food security and livelihoods, climate change adaptation, conflict prevention and peacebuilding. The objective of these activities is to promote medium to longer term opportunities for community resilience and local development.



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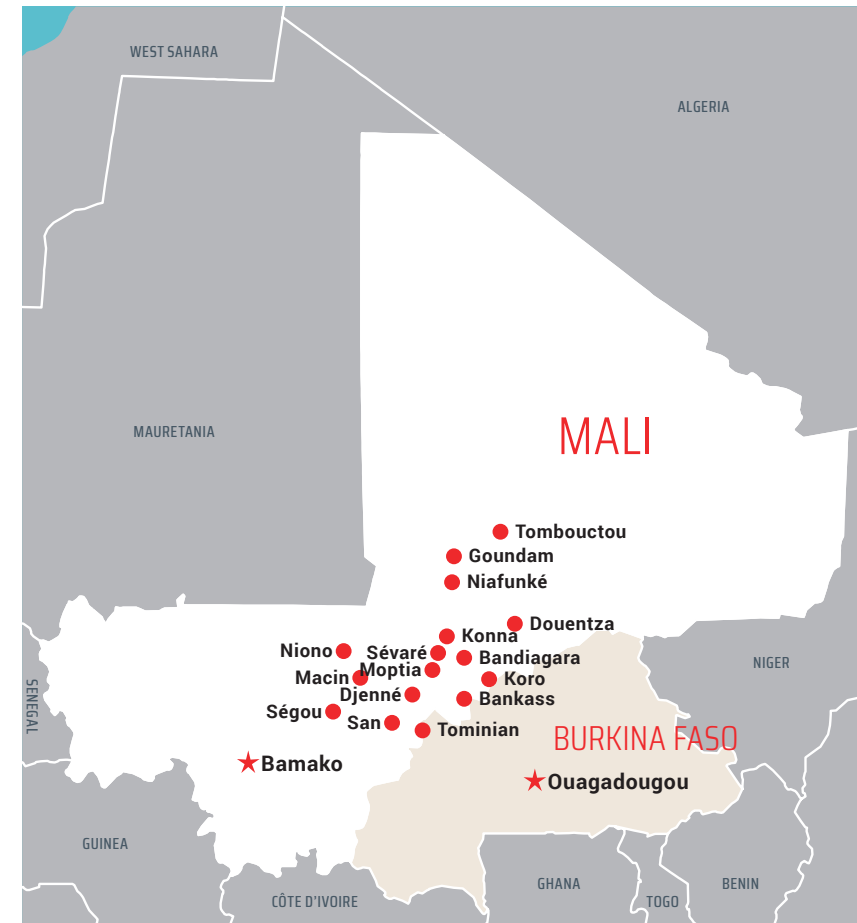
HOW WE WORK:

DCA in Mali applies a **Nexus-oriented holistic approach** linking its programmatic pillars with cross-cutting themes to work towards a coherent, impact-focused, cross-border response.

In Mali and Burkina Faso, DCA's interventions are all informed by a strong community-based approach, based on local, meaningful engagement. Localization is at the heart of this approach, to help secure **humanitarian access** and **community acceptance**.

DCA works **directly with affected communities and vulnerable populations**, by supporting local partners; CSOs and community groups; local authorities; community leaders/focal points; host and internally displaced communities including children, youth, vulnerable households; victims of explosive ordnance and small arms/light weapons related accidents; rural farmers and herders; youth-led and women-led cooperatives and businesses.

- Humanitarian Mine Action:** Projects aim to strengthen national capacities on HMA activities; improve people's safety; provide lifesaving and integrated protection assistance; prevent risks of injury or death; and ultimately enable socioeconomic development. This pillar encompasses activities such as: capacity building and training on explosive ordnance risk education and first aid; non-technical surveys; psychosocial support; medical referrals and emergency assistance (medical costs); individualised socioeconomic support.
- Food Security and Livelihoods, climate change adaptation and community-led early-action and emergency response:** Interventions under this pillar are geared towards providing integrated responses, specifically: strengthen local capacities on FSL activities; improve people's basic rights and socioeconomic development; building community resilience, providing rapid response assistance; supporting community preparedness, climate-resilient action planning and reduction of climate-induced losses and damages. Activities include: capacity building and provision of training on climate change adaptation techniques (agroecology); circular economy, sustainable waste management and natural resource management; resilient agropastoral livelihoods and businesses; multipurpose cash distributions and group cash transfers; community loans.
- Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding:** Promote community "multidimensional" resilience by fostering inter- and intracommunity collaboration and identifying sustainable peace dividends and common ground for peaceful coexistence, whilst supporting equitable access to resources, inclusive decision-making processes, and participatory local conflict resolution mechanisms. This is done by placing an emphasis on the positive role of women and youth as peace enablers, and through capacity building and provision of training on conflict and gender sensitivity analysis; community action planning; conflict prevention; non-violent communication; dialogue facilitation; advocacy.



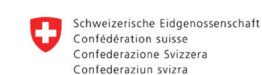
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