



OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:

- Mali and Burkina Faso are landlocked West African nations grappling with a **complex multidimensional crisis including persistent insecurity**.
- Insecurity remains a key driver of **mass population displacement**, both internally and across the borders.
- According to OCHA-led Humanitarian Response Plan for 2025, **6.4 million and 5.9 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance in Mali and Burkina Faso respectively**.
- **Climate change is among the key challenges** affecting both countries. Its effects are putting additional pressure on the populations, especially those who rely on natural resource-based livelihoods. Meanwhile, insecurity hampers the implementation of effective mitigation and adaption measures.

WHAT WE DO:

Humanitarian Mine Action: This sectoral focus aims to strengthen national and local capacities on HMA activities, improve people's safety, provide lifesaving and integrated protection assistance and prevent risks of injury or death and support socioeconomic development. Key activities include education on the risks of explosive ordnance, first aid, non-technical surveys, psychosocial support, medical referrals, emergency medical assistance and socioeconomic support for victims.

Food security and livelihoods, climate change, community-led emergency response: This pillar addresses the immediate food needs of people affected by natural and man-made disasters including conflict and climate change while enhancing their resilience to pre-empt or confront future shocks. Key activities include climate change adaptation technique training (agroecology), circular economy, sustainable waste management and natural resource management, resilient agropastoral livelihoods and businesses, multipurpose cash distributions and group cash transfers, community loans, and village saving and loans.

Conflict prevention and peacebuilding: DCA promotes multidimensional resilience of communities by supporting inter- and intra-community collaboration while identifying local connectors and peace-making opportunities for a sustainable peaceful coexistence. We also support equitable access to resources, inclusive decision-making processes, and participatory local conflict resolution mechanisms. Key activities include gender and conflict sensitivity analysis, training on conflict resolution, supporting the planning and implementation of peace-focused community actions, encouraging non-violent communication, facilitating dialogue and advocacy.

FACTS:

- **Beneficiaries:** 290,330 men and 280,029 women, making a total of 570,369 people reached.
- **Year since mission started:** 2013
- **Active partners – In Mali:** AVENIR, AAPPOR, TASSAGHT, FEJEDENOM; In Burkina Faso: SOLIDEV
- **Donors:** DANIDA, Swiss Development Cooperation, PATRIP Foundation, Facility Sahel Foundation, UNOPS, USAID, DG ECHO
- **Number of employees:** 45 staff
- **Turnover:** 35,767,635 DKK

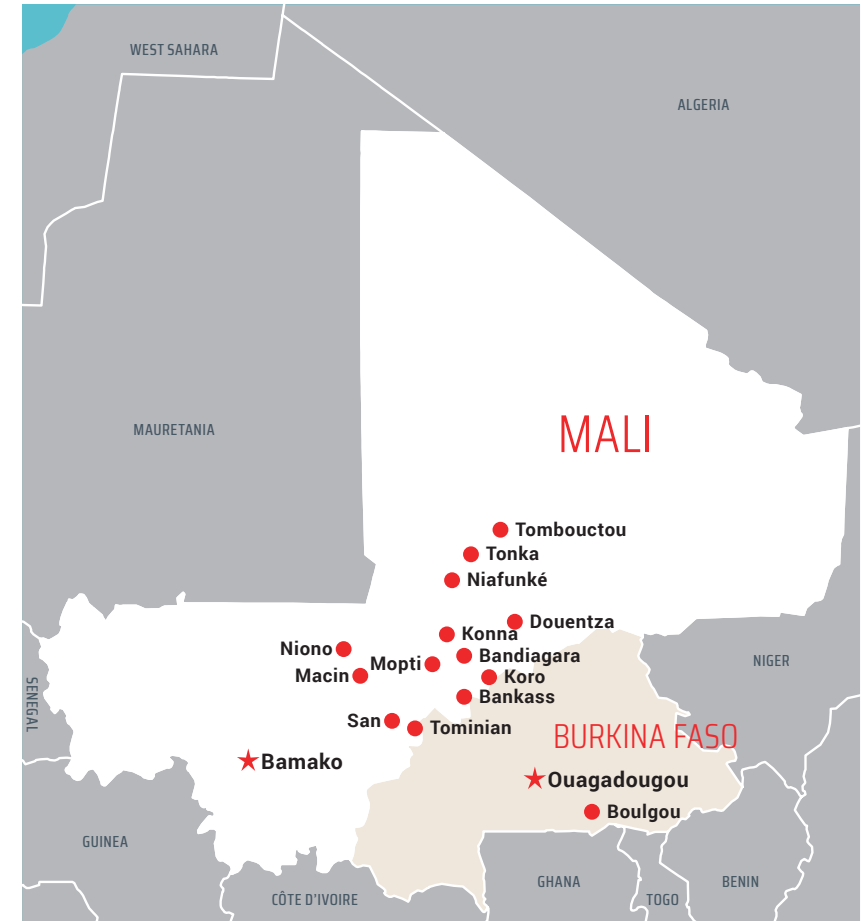
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HOW WE WORK:

In Mali DCA works to save lives and alleviate the immediate suffering of vulnerable men, women and children while strengthening the resilience capacity and systems to catalyse long term change. We apply a nexus approach to interlink our programmatic pillars (humanitarian assistance, development, and peacebuilding) and create a strategic continuum of work in the communities we support. Our interventions are informed by a strong community-based approach with localization being at its core. DCA works directly with affected communities and vulnerable populations by supporting local partners, CSOs and community groups, government structures, community leaders/focal points, host and internally displaced communities including children, youth, vulnerable households, victims of explosive ordnance and small arms/light weapon-related accidents, rural farmers and herders, youth and women-led cooperatives and businesses. Around 70% of our portfolio is implemented through local partners. This helps access communities with the greatest needs, to enhance local ownership-taking, improve chances of scale-up of successful program models and develop local institutional capacity including in networking and resource mobilization.



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