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The violence linked to the Boko Haram crisis has had an impact far beyond the birthplace of the movement in northeast Nigeria, its combat zones and the areas to which its fighters have withdrawn. The multidimensional consequences of this crisis have affected the entire sub-region of the countries neighboring Lake Chad. The states of emergency and insecurity have seriously hindered trade and agro-pastoral flows and have led to the displacement of millions of people. In 2016, the UN recognized the situation as the most serious humanitarian and food crisis in all of Africa.

The Minka Lake Chad Initiative is Agence Française de Développement's response to this crisis. It seeks to finance projects that mitigate the factors of vulnerability that have fueled the Boko Haram crisis.



In the Lake Chad region, AFD finances projects aimed at strengthening social cohesion by mitigating vulnerability. For example, employment and insertion projects for young people to help guide them towards a stable and formal professional activity.

Minka Lake Chad Initiative at a glance

Countries concerned: **Cameroon, Niger, Nigeria, Chad**

PURPOSE

Curb violence and strengthen social cohesion by mitigating vulnerability factors linked to the Boko Haram crisis.

OBJECTIVES

- Delivery of public services in a fair and inclusive manner
- Strengthened local governance and community mediation
- Protection of women and youth

POLICY GUIDELINES

- Gain a better understanding of conflict dynamics at play so as to help address the root causes of the crises
- Prioritize an integrated and partnership-based approach, in connection with humanitarian and development actors
- Adopt a regional approach to address transborder risk factors
- Foster a dynamic of change and the restoration of trust
- Invest in capacity development and promote more inclusive governance

BENEFICIARIES

- Populations displaced by conflict
- Host communities
- Vulnerable populations (young women and men)

Agence Française de Développement (AFD) set up a dedicated financing instrument for peacebuilding, called the Peace & Resilience Fund or 'Minka'. The Minka Fund is the main financing window for the French Government's 2018-2022 strategy for the "Prevention, Resilience and Sustainable Peace" and SDG 16 agenda. It finances regional, national or local peacebuilding programmes that help promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies, both before, during and after violent conflicts. Depending on the context, peacebuilding may involve restoring trust between social groups or repair relations between State and society, reducing tensions linked to unequal access to natural resources or ensuring equal access to security and justice to all.

Minka is the flagship of AFD's commitment to supporting conflict prevention as well as transitions from war to peace. The Minka Fund finances structural medium-term interventions, focusing on the drivers of peace and conflict. This approach ensures the causes as well as effects of crises are targeted with the dual aim of achieving rapid initial results, visible for local population from the first six months of implementation, and rebuilding trust over the longer term.

Minka is divided into four regional 'Initiatives', targeting critical conflict basins: the Sahel, **Lake Chad**, Central African Republic, Syria/Iraq.

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