Salient One analysis

Humanitarian Implementation Plan 2026 — West and Central Africa

Donor: European Commission — DG ECHO

Reference: ECHO/-AF/BUD/2026/91000

Location: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Togo

Deadline: Application deadlines: Rolling applications — Single Forms may be submitted at any time during the year following HIP publication; allocation-cycle receipt dates are indicative.; Allocation Cycle 1: 2025-12-01; Allocation Cycle 2: 2026-03-16; Allocation Cycle 2, WFP food assistance proposal: 2026-03-23; Allocation Cycle 4: 2026-10-08; Allocation Cycle 5, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger: 2026-11-13

Call description

Target location: West and Central Africa.

Funding and response priorities

The total call funding is EUR 282,454,504.1 (Current HIP total; full implementation is conditional on payment of the Member State contribution.)

Lot funding: Maximum EUR 205,000,000 (Indicative Cycle 1 allocation; amount revised by the second HIP modification without a new allocation cycle.) Applies to: Allocation Cycle 1.

Lot funding: Maximum EUR 30,000,000 (Indicative Cycle 2 allocation for Chad, with a stated reallocation to the CAR envelope.) Applies to: Allocation Cycle 2.

Lot funding: Maximum EUR 1,000,000 (Indicative regional allocation for the Sahel Regional Fund.) Applies to: Allocation Cycle 3.

Activities

Priority activities — West and Central Africa:

- Life-saving multisector response for conflict-affected, forcibly displaced, blockaded and host communities: emergency food and livelihoods, nutrition, primary health care, WASH, shelter and protection.

Priority activities — Allocation Cycle 4:

- Cross-country emergency package: food (including in-kind or cash for blockaded areas), health/nutrition including RUTF pipeline and buffer stocks, WASH, shelter and protection; RRM and multipurpose cash.

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Required activities — Allocation Cycle 5; Burkina Faso; Mali; Niger:

- Strengthen self-reliance and access to quality basic social services for crisis-affected displaced people in accessible areas and people living in blockaded areas, through a combination of livelihoods support and basic services.

Who can apply

Applicants must meet the following conditions: DG ECHO humanitarian partner.

Non-governmental ECHO partner — required: Audited financial statements submitted on time, unless appropriately justified; Sufficient financial capacity, assessed from liquidity and independence ratios in latest externally audited statutory accounts.

Local and national actor partnerships — required:

- Unless duly justified, partner with local actors and include their participation or leadership in the project cycle and governance.
- Provide an adequate share of overhead costs to local implementing partners.
- Report planned funding implemented by local partners and update it in amendments and reports as needed.

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Conditions that materially affect an application

EU-funded legal commitments: Excluded: Direct or indirect commitments with Hungarian public-interest trusts established under Law IX of 2021, listed entities and their affiliated entities covered by the stated EU conditionality decision; Applies when: Conditionality measures remain in force; Commission may notify their lifting.

Action financing — required: Cofinancing; grant must not fully fund the resources required for the action; Exception: Full grant funding only if indispensable to implement the action and justified in Single Form section 10.4; Stage: Proposal.

Existing partners for additional Cycle 2 funding — priority: Existing partners are prioritized in covered regions given access, community acceptance and capacity for immediate response. Applies to: Allocation Cycle 2.

Submission and timing

Application deadline: Rolling applications — Single Forms may be submitted at any time during the year following HIP publication; allocation-cycle receipt dates are indicative.

Applications are submitted through APPEL.

Application deadline: 1 December 2025 — Indicative receipt date for Cycle 1; the Commission reserves the right to consider later forms where needs or priorities remain uncovered. Applies to: Allocation Cycle 1.

Application deadline: 16 March 2026 — Indicative receipt date; WFP food assistance has a separate stated date; later forms may be considered where needs or priorities remain uncovered. Applies to: Allocation Cycle 2.

Sources

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