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“Without action, more than 80% of the world's poorest will be living in fragile contexts by 2030.”⁽¹⁾

As crises become longer and more complex, AFD Group has made a key commitment to sustainable peace, to the climate and to social cohesion. This commitment is part of France’s “Prevention, Resilience and Sustainable Peace” strategy aimed at minimizing States’ and societies’ vulnerabilities. This comprehensive “**3D development thinking**”⁽²⁾ relies on France’s blend of strengths and resources in the areas of diplomacy, defense, development and humanitarian action.

France established the Minka Peace and Resilience Fund as a means to finance its efforts to tackle the root causes of crises and take action to benefit local communities quickly. The Fund, implemented by AFD, is dedicated to financing operations only in regions affected by crisis or violent conflict. The Minka Fund is part of France’s peacebuilding efforts.

In volatile environments enveloped in crisis, many challenges were met to obtain results. These challenges include hard-to-access areas, the need to increase coordination among stakeholders and systematically prioritizing initiatives that support the most vulnerable: refugees, displaced persons and guest populations. “Leaving no one behind” is a central concern for Minka financed projects. Using an approach that is tailored to unstable areas and aims at supporting governments and local communities, Minka has anticipated these difficulties in the four crisis areas it covers: the Sahel, Lake Chad region, the Central African Republic and the Middle East.

Minka, one approach, four initiatives

Leading projects with the Minka Fund



Why?

Peacebuilding.



With whom?

The Minka Fund finances projects led by **institutions, local stakeholders and civil society organizations**.



How?

By financing (often multi-sector) projects which respond to the needs of local populations and challenges on the ground, with the aim of **fostering social cohesion** and **restoring confidence** between those in government and the people they govern. These projects are conducted within a regional framework.



For whom?

The most vulnerable populations, by prioritizing inclusive initiatives, with a concern **for youth and gender equality**, as well as the forcibly displaced.



When?

Action taken **before, during and after a crisis**: addressing weaknesses likely to cause crises, building resilience among societies and institutions, and supporting post-crisis recovery.



Where?

- Minka Sahel Initiative
- Minka Lake Chad Initiative
- Minka CAR Initiative
- Minka Middle East Initiative

Minka, one approach and several projects supported by the entire AFD Group

Since 2018, the group's subsidiary, Proparco, has been implementing ARIZ TPE Minka, a program that supports the private sector in crisis situations. Expertise France, a public agency in charge of implementing projects, plays a major role in the implementation of Minka projects, and is involved in all four initiatives.

⁽¹⁾ Source: OECD (2018), States of Fragility.

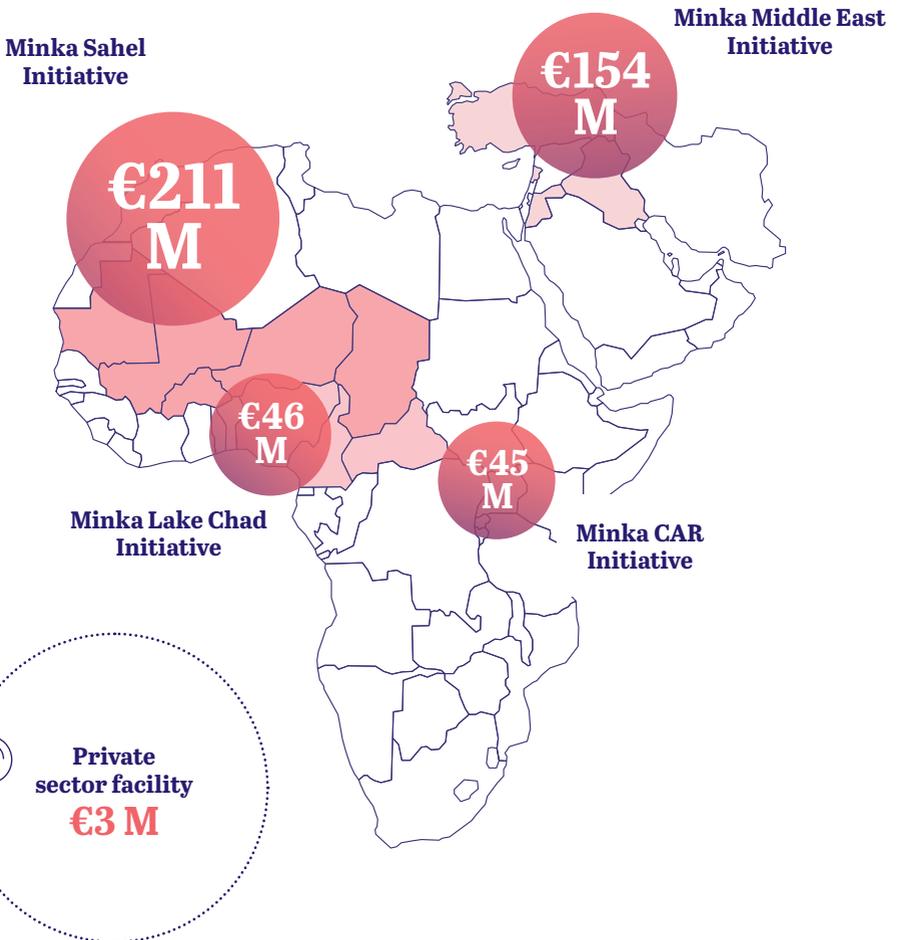
⁽²⁾ "3D" refers to Defense, Diplomacy and Development: a coordinated approach jointly implemented by the Ministry of the Armed Forces, the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs and AFD, which is charged with delivering overseas development aid.

AFD Minka commitments

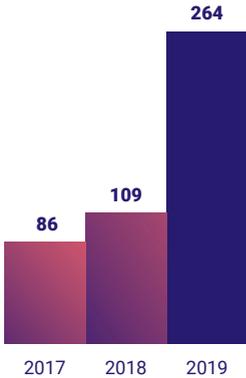
€459 M

committed over 3 years

○ BREAKDOWN OF COMMITMENTS
BY INITIATIVE: 2017-2019

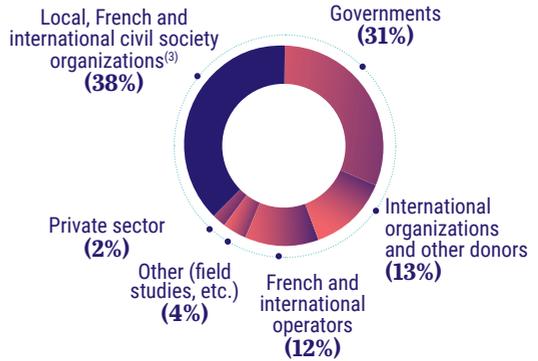


○ TREND IN COMMITMENTS: 2017-2019
(IN MILLION €)



OVER THREE YEARS, MINKA INVESTED €459 MILLION IN 61 PEACEBUILDING PROJECTS.

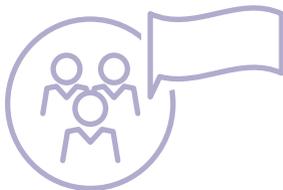
○ BREAKDOWN OF COMMITMENTS BY CONTRACTING AUTHORITY: 2017-2019



A DIVERSE RANGE OF CONTRACTING AUTHORITIES TO RESPOND MORE EFFECTIVELY TO SPECIFIC LOCAL NEEDS AND REALITIES.

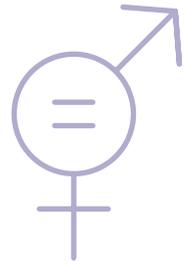
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the amount of previous commitments promoting democratic governance for the 2017-2019 period rising from €5 million to €48 million (project for decentralization, building media capacity and civic participation)



75%⁽⁴⁾

of projects promoted gender equality (inclusive projects, projects combating gender-based violence, etc.)



MINKA PROJECTS ARE PART OF FRANCE'S "WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY" NATIONAL ACTION PLAN.⁽⁵⁾

⁽³⁾ French organizations receive nearly half of overall funding for civil society organizations.

⁽⁴⁾ Percentage of projects rated DAC 1 or 2.

⁽⁵⁾ Plan based on UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on "Women, Peace and Security".

The Minka Sahel Initiative

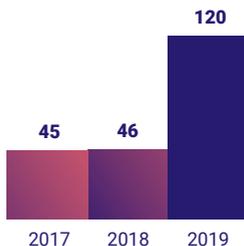
BURKINA FASO, MALI, MAURITANIA, NIGER AND CHAD

The security, humanitarian and socio-political situation in the Sahel continues to deteriorate. To date, more than 2.3 million civilians have fled their homes because of violence.⁽⁶⁾ In this priority area for official French development assistance, AFD Group maintained its commitment in 2019, increased investment and accelerated its implementation. Sixteen new projects were granted under the Minka Sahel Initiative, with three objectives: fair and inclusive access to natural resources and equitable access to essential services; socio-economic integration of vulnerable groups; and support for fair and transparent institutions for citizens to have improved access. At the same time, AFD further strengthened its ties with other donors in order to become more efficient, and coordinate their actions through the Sahel Alliance.⁽⁷⁾ In addition, during a summit in Pau,⁽⁸⁾ the G5 Sahel countries and France agreed to increase the coordination of their efforts in the area.

○ TOTAL COMMITMENTS: 2017-2019



○ TREND IN COMMITMENTS: 2017-2019 (IN MILLION €)



In 2019, more than a quarter of AFD grants to G5 Sahel countries came from Minka Funds.



FEATURED PROJECT: STRENGTHENING HEALTH FACILITIES



544,014

beneficiaries
(women, young children, victims of gender-based violence).



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health facilities
supported in the Timbuktu region, with a special focus on family planning activities.

Health Facility Project in Northern Mali, Phase II, in place for two years with an NGO consortium: €14 M
Reduce maternal and child mortality while improving the functionality and governance of health facilities.

⁽⁶⁾ Source: UNHCR (2019).

⁽⁷⁾ France, Germany, World Bank, European Union, UNDP, AfDB, Italy, Spain, Luxembourg, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Denmark, European Investment Bank.

⁽⁸⁾ Summit held in January 2020.

Minka Lake Chad Initiative

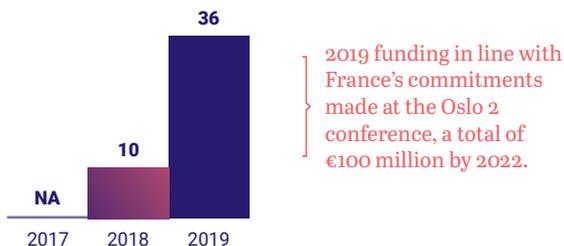
CAMEROON, NIGER, NIGERIA AND CHAD

Violence related to the Boko Haram crisis is affecting the entire Lake Chad sub-region. Civilian populations were the first victims of this alarming humanitarian crisis: the region is home to over 10 million people in need and over two million displaced persons.⁽⁹⁾ The year 2019 was marked by a deterioration of the situation in the Lake Chad region and the rise to power of a branch of Boko Haram affiliated with the Islamic State in West Africa. The Minka Lake Chad Initiative succeeded nevertheless in implementing projects aimed at curbing violence and strengthening social cohesion by dealing with the causes of vulnerability and factors linked to the Boko Haram crisis.

○ TOTAL COMMITMENTS: 2017-2019



○ TREND IN COMMITMENTS: 2017-2019 (IN MILLION €)



FEATURED PROJECT: COMMUNITY RESILIENCE



8,289

vulnerable individuals benefited from information on access to legal identity, **54% of whom were women.**



6,858

children were registered and obtained a birth certificate in less than one year.

IsOLT Project implemented for one year in Cameroon and Nigeria, with the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC): €7 M

Strengthen the governance processes of local institutions to improve resilience and provide access to basic social services.

⁽⁹⁾ Source: OCHA (2018).

The Minka CAR Initiative

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR)

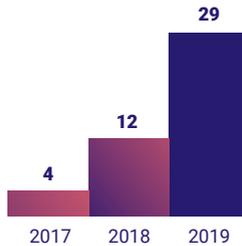
The Central African Republic continues to be affected by extreme violence against civilians. A large part of the country is under the control of armed groups. Despite a new peace agreement in 2019, the security situation deteriorated further over the course of the year. A quarter of the inhabitants of the Central African Republic remain displaced⁽¹⁰⁾ and half of the population is in urgent need of humanitarian aid. The Minka CAR Initiative has provided AFD Group with a key tool for action in supporting crisis recovery and peacebuilding efforts. AFD has therefore been preparing four new projects and reached its objective of an additional €40 million in commitments for the period 2017-2021, two years ahead of schedule.

○ TOTAL COMMITMENTS: 2017-2019



€45 M

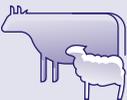
○ TREND IN COMMITMENTS: 2017-2019 (IN MILLION €)



In 2019, Minka represented 50% of AFD's operations in CAR, an increase in support for the country's crisis areas.



FEATURED PROJECT: INCREASING FOOD SECURITY



79,653

animals vaccinated to help protect livestock farmers who own family farms in the region.



70%

of beneficiary households in the Bambari zone gained improved access to food.⁽¹¹⁾

SAMBBA project in Central African Republic, finalized in 2019 in partnership with the French Red Cross: €3,4 M
Support for suburban market gardening in Berbérati and Bambari, and help provide access to food for marginalized groups.

⁽¹⁰⁾ Source: OCHA (2019).

⁽¹¹⁾ Percentage calculated based on their Food Consumption Score (FCS).

The Minka Middle East Initiative

LEBANON, JORDAN, IRAQ AND TURKEY

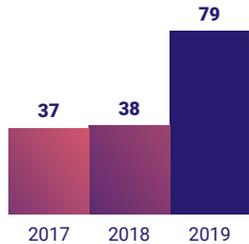
Wars in Syria and Iraq have caused the greatest population displacement since World War II, while fighting and bombing have caused considerable destruction. The year 2019 was marked by continuing crisis (5.6 million Syrian refugees across the region and 6.6 million internally displaced persons). Despite the declaration of military victory over Daesh in December 2017, recovery in liberated territories has been slow. Iraq and Lebanon also faced major protests at the end of the year. To help cope with these crises, AFD funded seven new projects for refugees, internally displaced persons and guest communities, to help them gain in resilience.

○ TOTAL COMMITMENTS: 2017-2019



€154 M

○ TREND IN COMMITMENTS: 2017-2019 (IN MILLION €)



} €150 million were raised from other donors (EU, DANIDA, etc.) in 2019, in addition to Minka commitments.



FEATURED PROJECT: SUPPORTING PRIMARY HEALTHCARE SERVICES



2,934

Syrians and Lebanese

participated in social cohesion activities and received psychosocial care.



46,106

vulnerable individuals

benefited from access to primary healthcare.

The Amel project in Lebanon, in partnership with International Alert and Samusocial International, has been active for 2.5 years: 5 M€

Improve access to primary healthcare services for the most vulnerable Syrian and Lebanese refugees.

Prospects for 2020

○ COMMITMENTS ANTICIPATED



€190 M



Covid-19 crisis: how will Minka projects adapt to this context?

The coronavirus pandemic may exacerbate ongoing crises and is likely to further destabilize weakened States and societies. Due to their living conditions, vulnerable groups, including displaced persons, will be most severely affected by a potential loss of income-generating activities and additional obstacles to access to healthcare services and social protection. Minka projects have been adapted to address this health crisis and to continue to support States in their assistance of vulnerable people.

In Lebanon, for example, Rafic Hariri Hospital was one of the first locations to accommodate Covid-19 patients. The public institution received support from the Minka Fund for renovation and staff training, in partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). In response to the health crisis, funding from AFD helped install 350 beds, supported ICRC teams as soon as the first cases were detected, and provided the hospital with essential supplies for protective equipment for medical personnel (masks, gloves, etc.).

In Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger, the MediaSahel project raised awareness among youth – 65% of the population in the Sahel – about preventing the spread of Covid-19. Beyond the health crisis, this project, in partnership with CFI, promotes the inclusion of youth in public debate. Radio programs are designed by and for youth, providing reliable information and programming that is mindful of gender equality. In 2019, MediaSahel supported 72 community radio stations and broadcast 1,300 shows in nearly 10 local languages.

Towards a world in common

Agence Française de Développement (AFD) is a public institution which finances, supports and accelerates the transition to a fairer and more sustainable world. As the French platform for official development assistance and sustainable development investment, we work alongside our partners to develop shared solutions with and for communities in developing countries.

Our teams are involved in more than 4,000 projects on the ground, in France's overseas territories and 115 other countries, aimed at protecting the climate, biodiversity, peace, gender equality, education and health.

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