Addressing Fragility in Sahel and Coastal West Africa: Gulf of Guinea Northern Regions Social Cohesion Project

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Context and Challenges

- Regional fragility hotspots combining:
  - FCV
  - Climate risks
  - Poor governance
  - Poverty
- Sharp increase in violence in the Sahel since 2012, both in scale and geographic scope, and multiplication of coups since 2020
- Ineffective institutions and lack of trust
- Limited voice and resilience, especially of vulnerable group (youth, women, pastoralists, displaced)
- Perception of exclusion due to lack of opportunities in Development in lagging regions

Violence is increasing...

... and spreading south towards coastal countries...

2021

Regional violence:

- Niger
- Chad
- Mali
- Burkina Faso
- Mauritania

IDPs and Refugees:

- 2018
- 2019
- 2020
- 2021
Regional Community Local Development and dialogue in Lake Chad, Sahel and Northern Regions of the Gulf of Guinea – Think regionally to act locally

- Sahel 3 Borders area (Burkina Faso, Niger and Mali) - $352.5 M
- Lake Chad (Niger, Chad, Cameroon + Nigeria) $170 M +$190 M
- Lagging Northern Regions of the Gulf of Guinea (Cote d’Ivoire, Ghana, Togo and Benin) $450M

People Centered Investments (Community and Local Development – CLD-) at regional scale

Social Cohesion approaches to promote recovery, prevention or remain engaged

Integrated local level resilience action in Lagging Regions

Joint knowledge and Research Agenda for Regional Strategic Coordination

To strengthen regional stability and prosperity, the response needs to be:

1) Regionally Coordinated, and 2) People-centered
Regional project: Ivory Coast, Ghana, Togo and Benin
US$450 million; 2022-2027 → area covering 16 M people
Approved in March 2022
Investing in Community Resiliency and Inclusion
Community and Local Development - CLD infrastructure and services
Local Economic Development (LED)
Youth and vulnerable groups
Building foundation and capacity for inclusive and resilient communities
Regional Coordination Platform and Dialogue
Questions for discussion

1) How to ensure last mile delivery while leaving no one behind in a sustainable manner? i.e. scope and quality of reach & reinforcing country systems

2) How to combine both width and depth on social cohesion, i.e. mainstreaming social cohesion in investments and processes while targeting specific groups

3) How to deploy and leverage knowledge management activities to support the regional dialogue: i.e. monitor evolution and impact on social cohesion?
Thank you