

# CEO's Message for August



Greetings to you all

I hope you are all well from wherever you are.

As you are all aware, one of our Country Programs, Niger, has experienced a coup d'état. While the situation in the country is relatively calm, a lot has been affected including a rise in food prices, closure of the air space, rise in air tickets, power shut down, and failure to transfer funds among others. This is all due to the effect of ECOWAS' sanctions.

This situation is likely to further deteriorate the humanitarian context but we can only hope for the best.

Our top priority during this time is the safety of all staff and we are doing everything possible to ensure that they are supported in all ways and no one is in harm's way. I encourage all staff to stay vigilant at all times and continue to be updated by the CPD through the safety & security plan as well as the situation report that is shared from time to time.

On a happy note, I congratulate Burkina Faso on the partnerships they acquired. The first is with UNICEF (2023-2024) and is worth USD 868,051. It will support in strengthening the resilience of IDPs and the host communities of Sahel.

The second is an annual partnership with the West and Central Africa Humanitarian Fund. It is worth USD 600,000 and will support in water, sanitation, and hygiene of AMES IDPs and the host communities of Sahel.

The other is the Solar electrification project worth USD 742,426 for several UNHCR infrastructures in the Sahel region. Also, I congratulate CAR's team for a big milestone, they achieved the first historic award from USAID/BHA. CAR AIRD signed a BHA award of USD 749,960 to Improve Shelter and Sanitary Conditions in Grimari and Bambari.

I appreciate the hard work of all Country Program staff and encourage you to keep building resilient communities of displaced and host societies through sustainable development.

Stay safe in all you do

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