

Programme Overview: Economic and Social Resilience of Populations in Eastern Chad to Conflict and Climate Change (RESPECCT)

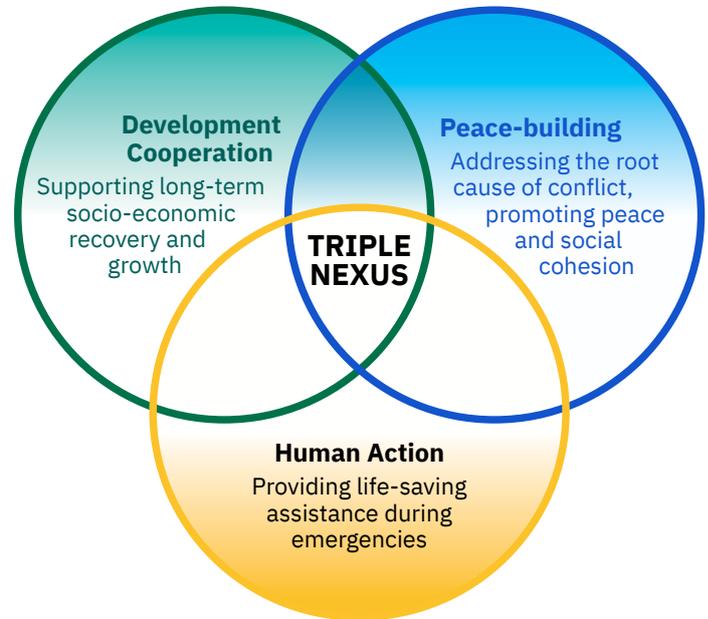
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The RESPECCT programme (February 2023–January 2028) is funded by the European Union (EU), the French Development Agency (AFD) and the Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC). Building on lessons learned from Concern’s Inclusive Development Program for Host Areas in Eastern Chad (DIZA-Est) (November 2018–January 2023), RESPECCT adopts a Triple Nexus Approach¹ combining humanitarian action, development and peacebuilding.

The programme aims to strengthen the resilience of communities affected by forced displacement, climatic hazards and community conflicts in Eastern Chad. Specifically, the programme helps to improve the living conditions and resilience of host populations, refugees and returnees in host areas, through support for inclusive local development, to minimise the factors contributing to tension between communities, instability and the risk of increased forced displacement and conflict.

RESPECCT is being implemented in 76 villages across three provinces of Eastern Chad: 28 villages in Ouaddai, 25 villages in Sila and 23 villages in Wadi Fira. The programme targets a total of 123,102 direct and indirect participants:

- 54,000 individuals receive eight rounds of multipurpose cash assistance (MPCA) to meet immediate needs while receiving additional income generating activities (IGA) trainings and financial support and access to savings and credit facilities via 365 village savings and loans associations (VSLAs).
- The most vulnerable will additionally receive livestock to support household nutrition and economic recovery (7,800 participants) and professional training targeting young people (9,000 participants).
- 73,848 individuals are reached indirectly via 47 community infrastructure projects.
- The communities also benefit from the early warning system and emergency response, environmental and agricultural trainings, awareness raising on gender equality, and community peacebuilding activities.



Triple Nexus Approach

The programme works in communities directly hosting refugees or located next to refugee camps as many NGOs are already operating in these camps, leaving the host communities to feel abandoned, in turn resulting in inter-community tension and conflict.

The programme is implemented through a consortium of three international organisations: Concern Worldwide as the lead, International Rescue Committee (IRC) and Search for Common Ground (SFCG). Each organisation is focused on one outcome with interlinking activities to maintain the nexus logic of the programme.

Three national organisations – BCI, Ecocitoyen and OHDEL – also joined the consortium in November 2025, playing a key role in the peace building and social cohesion activities in the targeted communities.

- **The most vulnerable have access to resources to meet their basic needs in crisis situations.** (Led by IRC).
- **Households' economic and environmental resilience is strengthened.** (Led by Concern).
- **Capacities and systems for the management, prevention and transformation of inter- and intra-community conflicts are strengthened, taking specific account of GBV and gender inequalities.** (Led by SFCG & supported by the local organisations).

1. The Nexus refers to the Humanitarian-Development-Peace (HDP) Nexus, a strategic way of working in fragile or crisis-affected contexts that aims to enhance the coordination and coherence of three 'pillars'. The overall goal of the Nexus approach is to address the immediate impacts of crises and their root cause, reducing people's needs, risks and vulnerabilities in the long-term.