

# Contributing to the stabilisation of crisis and conflict areas

Today, almost a billion people around the world are living in fragile environments or conflict situations. These areas of instability are faced with many economic, social, political and security challenges, which are all major barriers to development and the advent of peaceful societies open to all.

Expertise France supports national and multilateral institutions and implements stabilisation and recovery programmes in these crisis and conflict areas. Through its action in the field, the French public agency for international technical cooperation is able to carry out complex operations alongside local authorities and civil society organisations. It aims to achieve tangible results in a short period of time and contribute to restoring people's confidence in the State by providing the first dividends of peace.

## OUR THEMATIC AREAS OF OPERATION

### GOVERNANCE AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

- Supporting the **redeployment of State services** in territories, including for its sovereign functions
- Contributing to restoring **access to basic services for people**
- Facilitating the **opening up of post-crisis areas**

### SOCIAL COHESION AND CIVIL SOCIETY

- Supporting initiatives that aim to **promote dialogue** among the population
- Promoting **alternative modes of conflict resolution**
- **Building the capacities** of civil society stakeholders

### ECONOMIC RECOVERY

- Supporting operators with initiatives for the **revival of the local economy**
- Promoting the **creation of income-generating economic activities**
- Contributing to the dissemination of an **entrepreneurial culture** and the recovery of **sectors and value chains**



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## OUR APPROACH

Our action aims to lay the foundation for a return to democratic life, by launching a civil process for reconstruction and development over the long term. It is based on two main areas:

1. **Restore security and the core functions of the State:** support a State emerging from crisis to ensure it offers its population the **minimum conditions for its functioning and viability**.
2. **Revive the local economy and strengthen civil society:** more directly support populations and civil society, in response to their needs, to help them **overcome the crisis and participate in the reconstruction process for their country**.

Based on our experience in the field, we focus on **multisectoral approaches** and take simultaneous action on several determining factors of the crisis, by following a guiding principle to give greater coherence to our action.



### RESPONSIVENESS

Rapid deployment of our experts and project teams in the field



### EFFECTIVENESS

Intervention of local stakeholders in areas that are difficult to access or high-risk environments



### FLEXIBILITY

Swift operations on crisis situations, marked by high volatility

## OUR PROJECTS



### **Project to open up regions in the Central African Republic**

2018-2021 – EUR 6.8M (EUROPEAN UNION, FRENCH STATE)

This project is part of Expertise France's stabilisation strategy in the Central African Republic.

It is contributing to the **territorial opening up of Central African regions** by rehabilitating transport infrastructure and installing equipment on roads, in particular steel bridges.

These actions aim to help **redeploy State services** at local level and **improve movement** in order to revitalise the local economic fabric and enable job creation.



### **Livelihoods – Improving the livelihoods of the Syrian population**

2015-2019 – EUR 6M (BRITISH DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, DFID – GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA, GAC)

This project is jointly implemented by the German agency for international cooperation (GIZ) and is part of the early recovery strategy in Syria.

It has two main objectives:

- Address the needs of the Syrian population in terms of **income-generating activities**;
- **Build the capacities** of Syrian non-governmental organisations.



### **Shabake – Building the capacities of Lebanese civil society organisations**

2019-2022 – EUR 9M (AGENCE FRANÇAISE DE DÉVELOPPEMENT, AFD – DANISH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, DANIDA)

In the context of the Syrian crisis and the strategy to support refugee-hosting countries, the Shabake project aims to **increase the resilience of Lebanese civil society**, by strengthening its role in crisis prevention and management.

For this purpose, it is helping **build the capacities** of seven Lebanese NGOs and improve relations between stakeholders.

**Expertise France** is a public agency and a key actor in international technical cooperation. It designs and implements projects that sustainably strengthen public policies in developing and emerging countries. Governance, security, climate, health, education... It operates in key areas of sustainable development and contributes alongside its partners to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. **For more information:** [www.expertisefrance.fr](http://www.expertisefrance.fr)



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