



USAID Strengthening Regional Peace and Stability in West Africa (SRPS) Program

OVERVIEW

USAID SRPS is a five-year program that supports the efforts of West Africans to address the risk of instability from conflict through targeted conflict and violence prevention, peacebuilding, and preventing and countering violent extremism (P/CVE) interventions across the West Africa region. SRPS will build the capacity of critical institutions, and work with willing partners to enhance political will and domestic resources that can enable lasting peace, stability, and ultimately, prosperity. SRPS will also help advance the priorities of the U.S. Strategy on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) such as enhancing women's leadership and participation in all aspects of governance, conflict prevention, stabilization, and peacebuilding.

SRPS will prioritize transnational, transboundary, and multi-country issues that support coordinated, demand-driven programs and services to government counterparts, nongovernmental partners, bilateral USAID missions and offices, and U.S. Embassies. At the regional level, SRPS engages with regional partners, such as the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), among others. Initial bilateral interventions are planned for: Togo, Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Niger and Burkina Faso. For the first two years of program implementation, SRPS will prioritize conflict prevention activities such as strengthening the capacity of regional institutions and of governments to effectively address vulnerability factors and the risks of instability, including governance challenges; strengthening social cohesion across select communities in target countries; women, peace and security interventions; addressing cross-border conflicts such as farmer-herders and transhumance; and strengthening information integrity and resilience (IIR).

ANTICIPATED RESULTS

- **Government:** Increased efforts of regional institutions (ECOWAS) and of governments to effectively address vulnerability factors and the risks of instability through implementation of select priorities identified in coordination with regional, national, and local counterparts.
- **Social Cohesion:** Empowered community members, including youth, women, girls and other marginalized groups, especially in communities most affected by crisis and conflict, working together to build peace, resolve conflicts and prevent/counter violent extremism.
- **Women, Peace and Security:** Enhanced social and professional skills of women and youth (built through education, mentorship, workforce development, and civic participation) harnessed to address local grievances and factors that contribute to radicalization, marginalization and exclusion.
- **Civil Society:** Increased capacity and efforts of regional, national and local civil society, youth and women organizations to prevent conflict, counter violent extremism and contribute to a more stable region.
- **Information integrity and resilience:** Enhanced access of targeted populations to accurate and timely information, increased capacity to critically evaluate the quality of information and respond to information threats, and strengthened information ecosystem including media organizations, regulatory bodies, and policy environment.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Goal: SRPS supports partners to build durable mechanisms to resolve conflicts, enhance social cohesion, and deliver crucial services.

Life of Program: 2023-2028

Total USAID Funding to date: \$17 million

Geographic Focus:

- Regional: ECOWAS
- Bilateral: Togo, Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Niger and Burkina Faso

Implementing Partner: DAI