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## **USA ANNOUNCES \$152 M IN NEW HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN THE CENTRAL SAHEL**

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With this new funding, the U.S. Government is providing life-saving aid to internally displaced people, refugees, and the communities that generously host them. This humanitarian assistance includes emergency food; emergency shelter; access to primary health care, vital medical supplies, pharmaceuticals, and drinking water; support for livelihoods; and urgent protection interventions. In addition, the U.S. Government is working with our non-governmental and United Nations partners and other international organizations to improve water infrastructure within displacement camps, provide hygiene kits, and ensure people have access to proper latrines. Because women and children are often the most vulnerable people during conflicts, the U.S. Government also is funding nutrition assistance aimed at ensuring childre half of U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in under five years of age have enough food to stay healthy and safe.

The United States is the largest donor of humanitarian assistance in the Central Sahel, and remains committed to helping people affected by the ongoing conflicts in the region. We urge other nations to do the same. SOURCE U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

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