INVITATION

LOCALLY-LED RESPONSES

Key to achieve effective and sustainable change and upholding dignity for vulnerable populations in the Central Sahel

Online Side event to the Ministerial Roundtable on Central Sahel in October 2020

14 October 2020, 18:00 – 19:30 pm CEST/ 12:00 – 13:30 EST / 17:00 – 18:30 pm GMT+1

The event will be conducted in FRENCH

REGISTER FOR THE EVENT: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/t1ApcOipgjqwpG9wfC4BEK2reRqs1ATY3j-YA

The side event focuses on the role of national, local and hyper-local organizations in locally-led and people-centered crisis responses in the Central Sahel. At a moment where the number of people in need of assistance is sharply increasing, locally-led responses have been demonstrated to offer better contextual understanding, stronger focus on people’s actual needs and priorities, better access to marginalized groups and a faster response that delivers more effective, sustainable and dignified support.

The panel of the side-event brings together perspectives of three locally-led responses: Community radios and women’s groups in Liptako-Gourma, promotion of social cohesion through inter-cultural and inter-religious dialogue and humanitarian response. Panelists showcase, data-driven methods, videos of their work, good practices and lessons learned from locally led efforts and discuss current challenges and opportunities, with input and questions from online participants, in implementing locally-led responses as well as proposing innovative and people-centered ways to address the current crisis. The side-event and recommendations will remind the ministerial roundtable, donor and humanitarian community that locally led responses are essential in the current context but insufficiently funded across the three countries.

The side event is co-hosted by Caritas1, Oxfam IBIS and International Media Support (IMS) who support locally-led responses in the Central Sahel.

Moderated by Ms. Rahama Nantoume
Project manager for the Sahel Peace Initiative (SPI) at Catholic Relief Services Mali. Ms. Nantoume specializes in preventing radicalization and is a journalist by training. Her motto is “Leave No One Behind”.

Panelists:
Mr. Abbé Constantin Sere
Secretary General of OCADES - Caritas Burkina, representing the Caritas International working group of the Sahel (GTCIS)

Directeur M. Oumarou
Radio Communautaire Sahel, Burkina Faso together with a female leader of a local listening club.

Mr. Constant Zango
Président de l’ONG Alliance Technique d’Assistance au Développement (ATA), Burkina Faso

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1 Co-hosted by Catholic Relief Services and Caritas Denmark in collaboration with members of Caritas Internationalis