

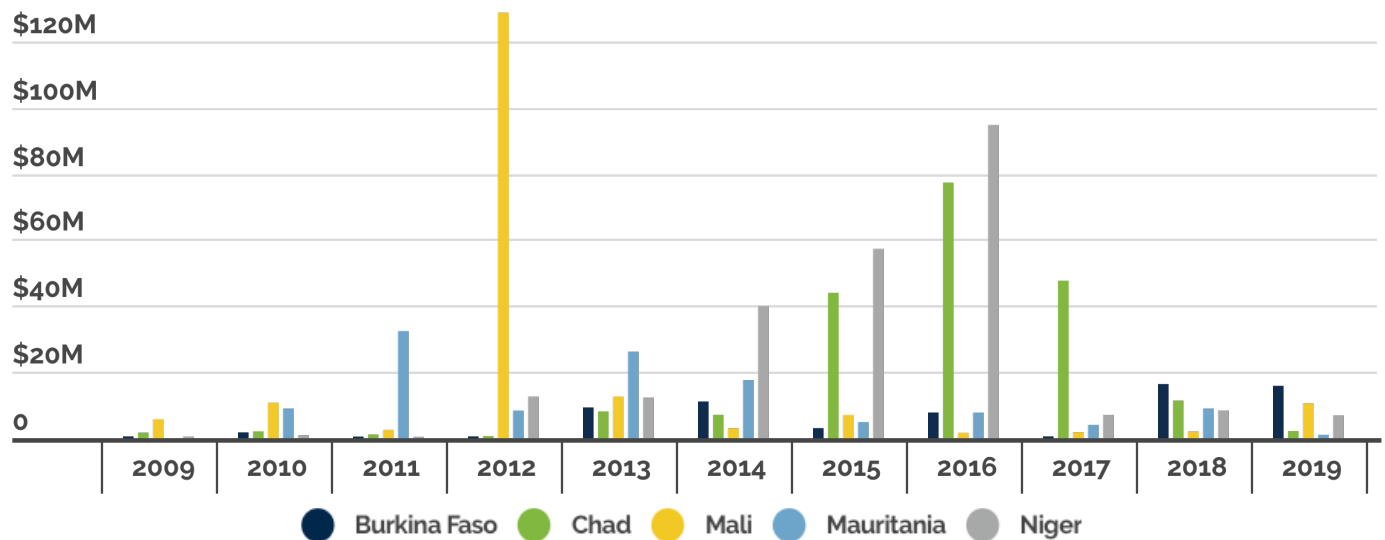


A German Armed Forces instructor coaches Mauritanian soldiers during Flintlock 20. Photo taken on Feb. 12, 2020. Source: SGT Wheeler Brunschmid/DVIDS

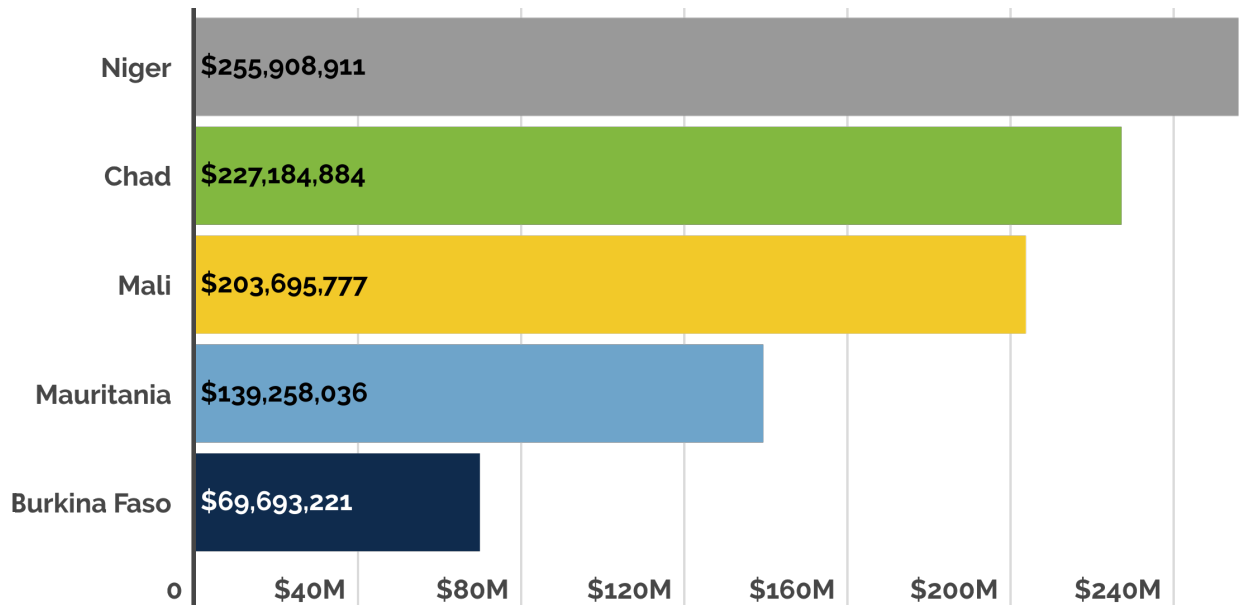
AID TO THE SAHEL IN CONTEXT

The U.S. counterterrorism policy in the Sahel led to a substantial increase in military aid, equipment, training and operations over the past decade. It has, however, been followed (not preceded) by an actual increase in violent extremist activity in the region. Analysts argue that the policy is failing because it overlooks context-specific drivers of militancy. In 2020 alone, the region saw a 44% increase in violence involving Islamist militant groups, with 1,170 [violent events](#) being recorded.

SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO THE SAHEL FY2009-FY2019

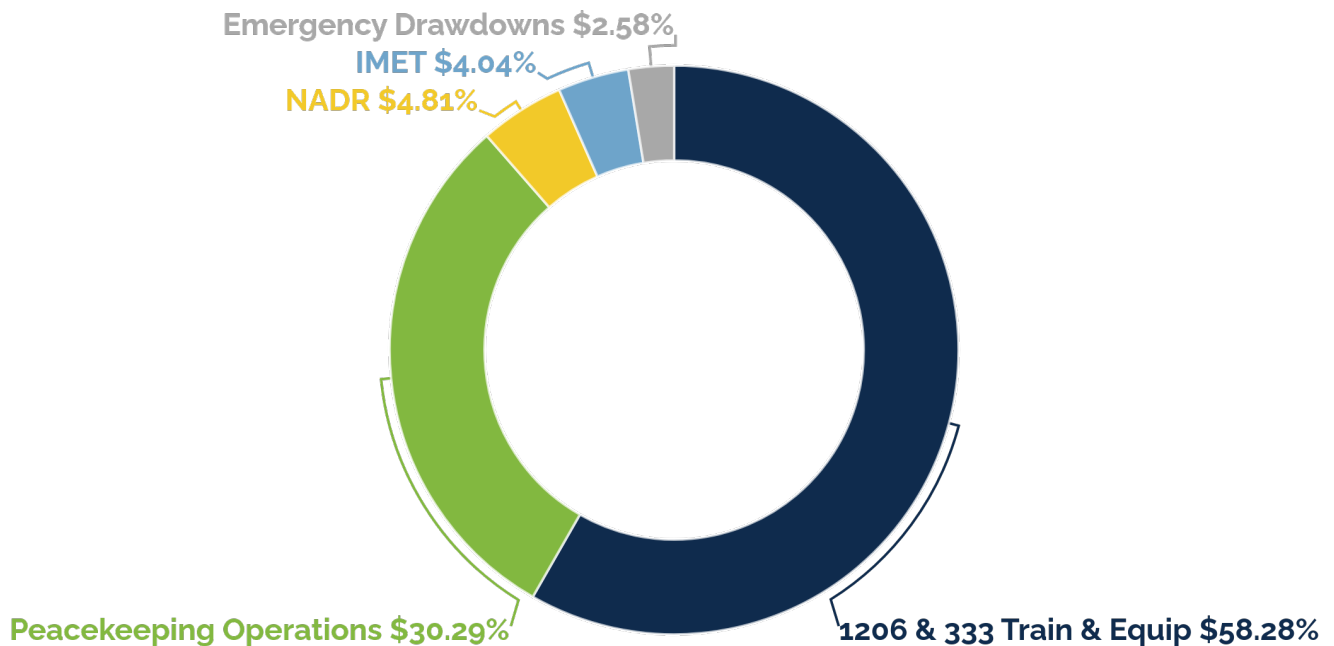


SHARE OF U.S. SECURITY ASSISTANCE IN THE SAHEL BETWEEN FY2001-FY2020



* Acronyms used in this section: NADR (Non-proliferation, Anti-Terrorism, Demining and Related Programs), IMET (International Military Education and Training),

TOP 5 SECURITY U.S. ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO THE SAHEL FY2001-FY2020

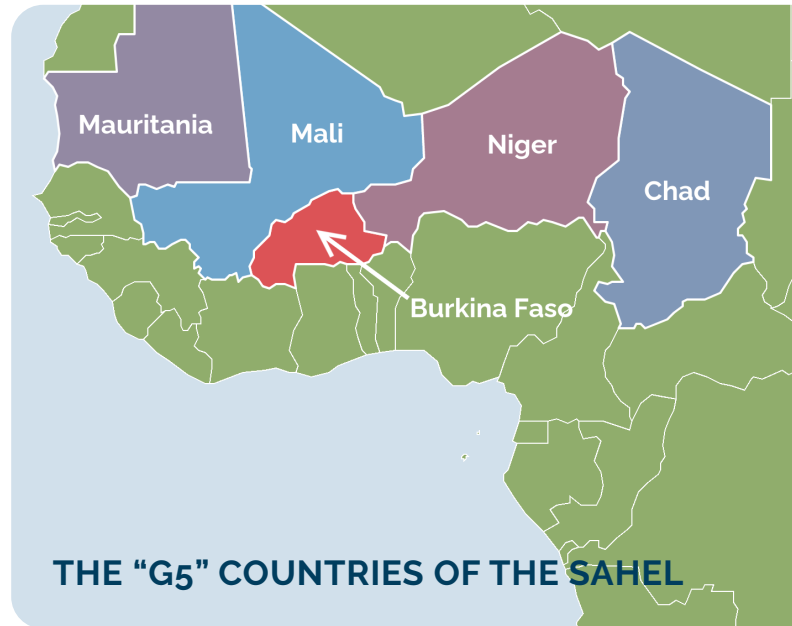


U.S. TRAIN AND EQUIP IN THE SAHEL

U.S. security assistance to the Sahel has been criticised for a lack of proper assessment and oversight in regard to human rights. Despite Burkina Faso, Chad, and Mali exhibiting critical governance and corruption issues, and reports of serious human rights violations by their security forces, the United States continues to provide millions of dollars in security assistance to these countries.

Since FY2001 the U.S. has provided nearly half a billion dollars in train and equip funding, including \$28.4 million in FY2019. That includes:

- \$7.5 million for Burkina Faso’s Counterterrorism Company
- \$8.5 million for Mali’s Groupement Speciale d’Intervention Gendarmerie Nationale (GSIGN), including \$1.75 million in arms and ammunition
- \$4.4 million in intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance assistance to Niger



SAHEL SECURITY PERSONNEL TRAINED BY THE U.S. BETWEEN FY2009-FY2019

