TAKING AID FURTHER
SOLIDARITÉS INTERNATIONAL’S LOGIC OF INTERVENTION
2020-2025
SOLIDARITÉS INTERNATIONAL is a humanitarian organisation that works to provide assistance and support to the most vulnerable people affected by a humanitarian crisis. The quality of the humanitarian action that SOLIDARITÉS INTERNATIONAL strives to implement is characterised by direct interventions that are tailored to populations’ needs and co-built with them in a relation of trust. The aid is adapted to local contexts and respects and reinforces the dignity of the men, women and children in the areas where SOLIDARITÉS INTERNATIONAL intervenes.

This Logic of Intervention defines the organisation’s programmatic identity: its overall coherence and places humanitarian impact at the centre of its action. Alongside its partners, SOLIDARITÉS INTERNATIONAL’s local actions in the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Food Security and Livelihoods and Shelter sectors enable the most vulnerable people affected by a crisis to cope with shocks and pursue their life prospects.

Resolving a humanitarian crisis does not occur in a linear fashion from emergency to development responses. Our intervention logic reaffirms the fact that vital aid and activities that support basic needs are insufficient to provide a quality response and to reduce the impact of the crisis on most vulnerable people. SOLIDARITÉS INTERNATIONAL is therefore engaged in three different phases of intervention in degraded contexts: shock absorption, early recovery, and risk preparedness and adaptation. The organisation is committed to adapting its operational modalities according to the context dynamics and in a non-linear manner. In order to always be reactive and adaptable, SOLIDARITÉS INTERNATIONAL builds its work on regular situational analyses and a holistic understanding of issues, and resorts to participatory approaches, governance support and capacity building of the populations.

SOLIDARITÉS INTERNATIONAL interventions are guided by three outcomes: (1) people are safe and protected from disease and malnutrition, (2) their livelihoods are strengthened, (3) they are better prepared to face new shocks. They complement the work other stakeholders do in order to create sustainable and multi-sectoral solutions to maximise their weight and impact. This is particularly the case with medical actors to protect people from malnutrition and water-borne diseases, or with protection actors to focus on people or groups with very high vulnerabilities and specific needs.

As a humanitarian actor and in order to ensure proximity and front-line action, SOLIDARITÉS INTERNATIONAL strives to reach crisis-affected populations, particularly in the most remote areas. By analysing the risks and mainstreaming protection in all its programmes, SOLIDARITÉS INTERNATIONAL aims to create a virtuous cycle of community acceptance that enhances access and maximises humanitarian impact. SOLIDARITÉS INTERNATIONAL thus ensures that its interventions do not create additional risks for the targeted populations, and that particularly vulnerable groups or individuals are able to access assistance and services.

The main principles on which SOLIDARITÉS INTERNATIONAL bases its interventions, such as proximity, reactivity, authenticity, professionalism and innovation, reinforce the organisation’s specificity and added value.
SOLIDARITÉS INTERNATIONAL’S STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE RESPONSES

Si’s work is guided by one main ambition and three intervention principles that define the organisation’s identity.

**OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO SUPPORT MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE AFFECTED BY CRISIS TO BETTER HANDLE SHOCKS AND PURSUE THEIR LIFE PROSPECTS**

People are safe and protected from diseases

Peoples' livelihoods are strengthened

People are better prepared to face new shocks

**Our strategy for sustainable action**

**Preparation and adaptation to risks**
Empower people to better address shocks and epidemics

**Recovery**
Allow people to get back to their initial living conditions and to maintain them if no new shock occurs

**Shock absorption**
Help people to cover their basic needs

**Our intervention principles**

**Collaborate and share**
Build partnerships and share our expertise to create sustainable solutions

**Be audacious and inclusive**
Innovate to develop tailor-made solutions; be participative while remaining authentic dare to challenge the status quo

**Be frontliners**
Go where the need is acute and be the first to help and to advocate

**PROTECTION, PARTICIPATION, ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNANCE**

The safety, dignity, participation and access to assistance of crisis affected populations are strengthened and their basic rights

Functioning processes are in place to ensure case referral and follow up with competent entities, local solidarity mechanisms and

People mitigate protection risks in their communities: early warning systems are functional, disaster risks are monitored.

**WASH & HEALTH**

People adopt safe hygiene practices and use sustainable & safely managed WASH services; they are able to prevent & address outbreaks; they have access to diversified & sustainable livelihoods to ensure food & economic security their housing is safe & disaster resilient.

People safely access quality WASH services that maximise user acceptance & satisfaction, and the adoption of adequate hygiene practices; they are prepared to cope with and to control possible outbreaks of water borne diseases.

People access safe and dignified shelters that meet minimum standards. and close by basic services.

People have access to basic safe water & sanitation facilities; they are protected from waterborne disease outbreaks through prevention & control measures.

People have access to shelter.

**ECONOMIC & FOOD SECURITY**

People are able to cover their immediate food needs; children and pregnant and lactating women (PLW) are protected from acute malnutrition.

People reach food and economic security by accessing livelihood assets in a stable economic environment.

People are better prepared to face new shocks

**SHELTER**

People mitigate protection risks in their communities: early warning systems are functional, disaster risks are monitored.
SOLIDARITÉS INTERNATIONAL’S VISION OF CHANGE IN DEGRADED CONTEXTS

SOLIDARITÉS INTERNATIONAL carefully and knowingly designs its interventions by analysing context dynamics and access conditions and risks. With partners when relevant, its teams provide a mosaic of integrated activities that address the immediate needs of most vulnerable people, strengthen their livelihoods and help them prepare for potential future shocks.

Risk Management

- Level 1
  - Minimal access by humanitarian actors to populations is possible
  - Minimal access to humanitarian services and assistance is possible without major health risks to individuals
  - Humanitarian principles and the Do no harm principle are respected

- Level 2
  - Continuous humanitarian access to populations is possible for SI or its intervention partner(s)
  - Humanitarian needs are not withheld by the authorities in place

- Level 3
  - Administrative and political interference does not significantly affect SI programming
  - The political and social context is stable
  - Staff and humanitarian resources are not subject to violence

Expected Living Standard

- Expected Living Standard without Government and External Help
- Expected Living Standard with Intervention of SI + Other Actors
- Expected Living Standard with Intervention of SI

Protective, Participatory, Accountability & Governance
OUR PARTNERS

WASH & HEALTH PARTNERS
- Global WASH Cluster
- French Water Partnership (PFE)
- Coalition Eau
- Baby WASH Coalition
- Sustainable Sanitation Alliance
- pS-Eau
- Global Task Force on Cholera Control

SHELTER PARTNERS
- Global Shelter Cluster

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS PARTNERS
- Global Food Security Cluster
- French DRR network (REPR)

EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION
- SYNERGIES
- Alliance Urgences

CROSS-CUTTING PARTNERS
- ALNAP
- Start Network
- CaLP
- Bond
- European Interagency Security Forum (EISF)
- Bioforce