



Fund for Regional Stabilisation and Development in fragile Regions within ECOWAS Member States (TC-FRSD)

Project overview



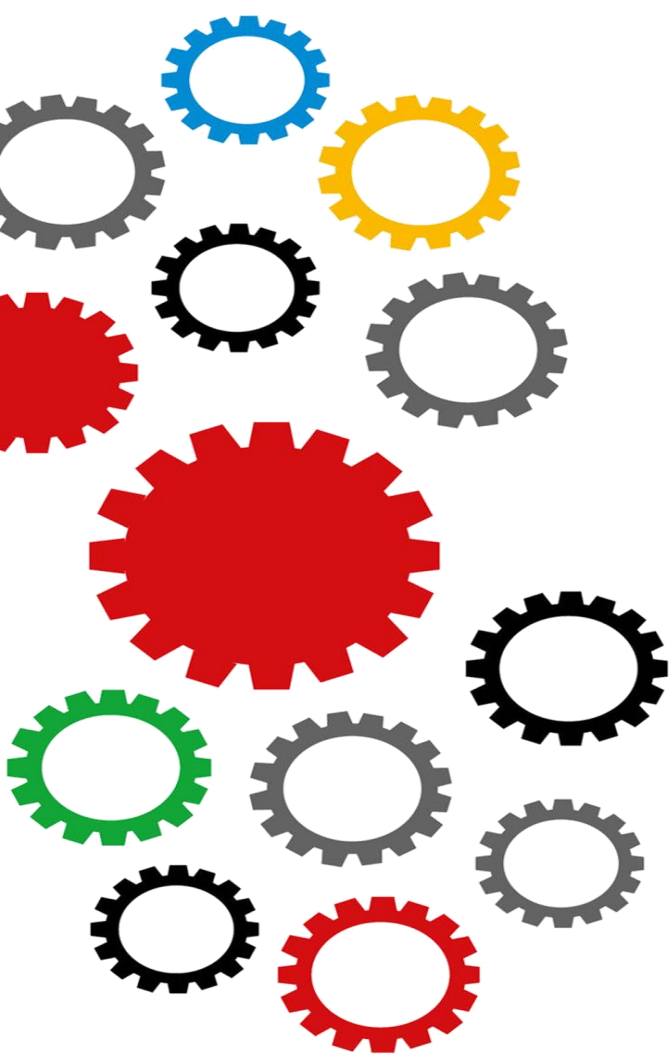
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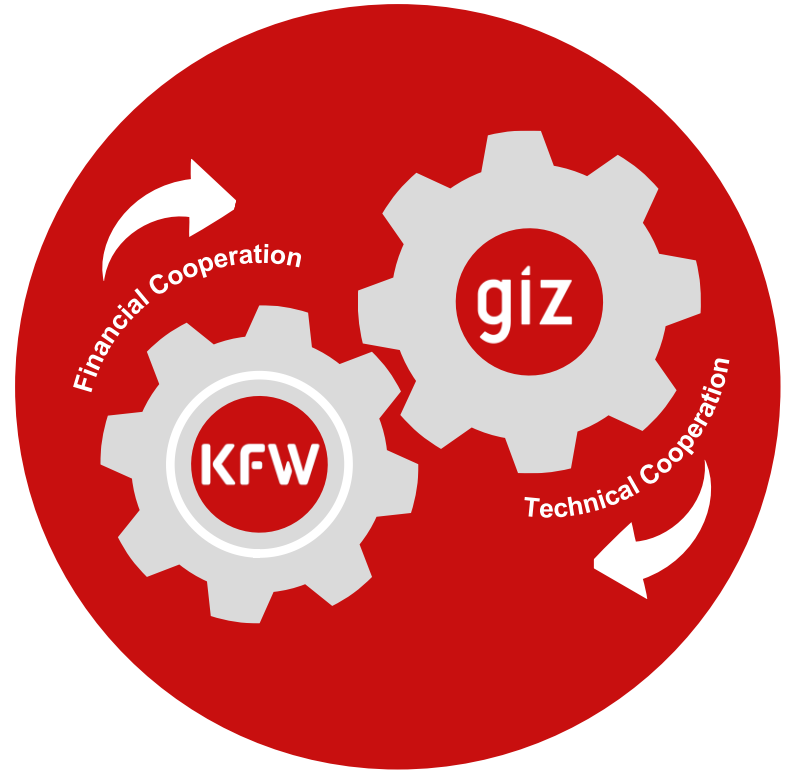
Overview of FRSD

The “Fund for Regional Stabilisation and Development in Fragile Regions within ECOWAS Member States” (FRSD) is an instrument of the ECOWAS Commission which promotes social and economic stability through investments and capacity building.

The Fund which was set up by the Commission of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ, Germany), has two funding windows:

- 1) A Technical Cooperation (TC) window for capacity development of project beneficiaries and partners through GIZ on behalf of BMZ.
- 2) A Financial Cooperation (FC) window for investments funded through KfW Development Bank on behalf of BMZ with implementation supported by GFA Consulting Group.

The two funding windows complement each other to support socio-economic stabilisation needs in the region through a comprehensive approach.





MISSION

To strengthen the ECOWAS Commission to preemptively react to crises, implement sustainability measures, improve the commission's visibility, and buy-in.



Vision

To serve as a sustainable, effective, and efficient tool to prevent and manage socio-economic crises in ECOWAS Member States.

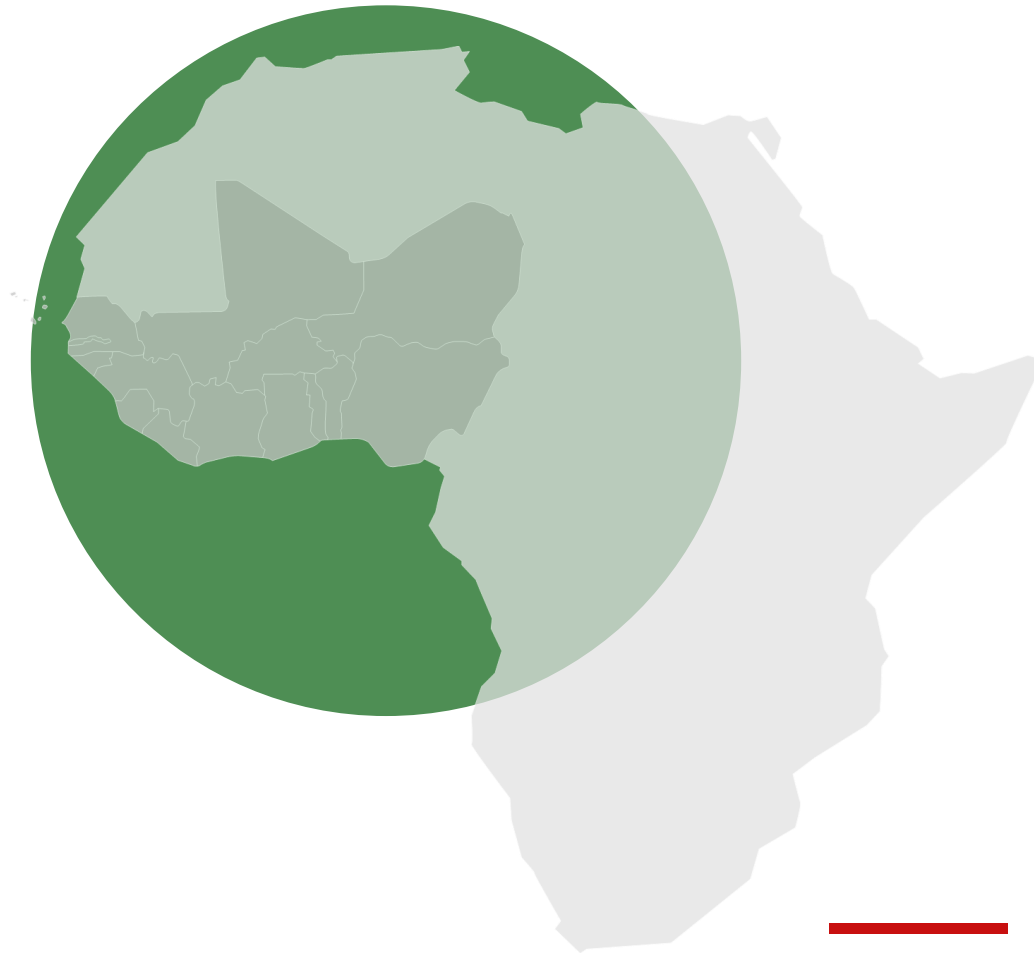


Values

Accountability | Economic and Social Justice | Popular participation in development | Recognition and observance of the rules and principles of the Community | equitable and just distribution of the costs and benefits of economic co-operation and integration

Goal

FRSD aims to prevent and manage the consequences of socio-economic crises through the implementation of tailor-made measures in fragile areas for sustainable development.



Targets

The FRSD is open to all ECOWAS member states. Countries are selected based on a predefined selection process. Intervention context is either early response/prevention or stabilization, recovery, and reconstruction.

The target group consists of the population in the ECOWAS member states, with a focus on youth, women, and the most vulnerable population.

Our work contributes to the following Sustainable Development Goals:

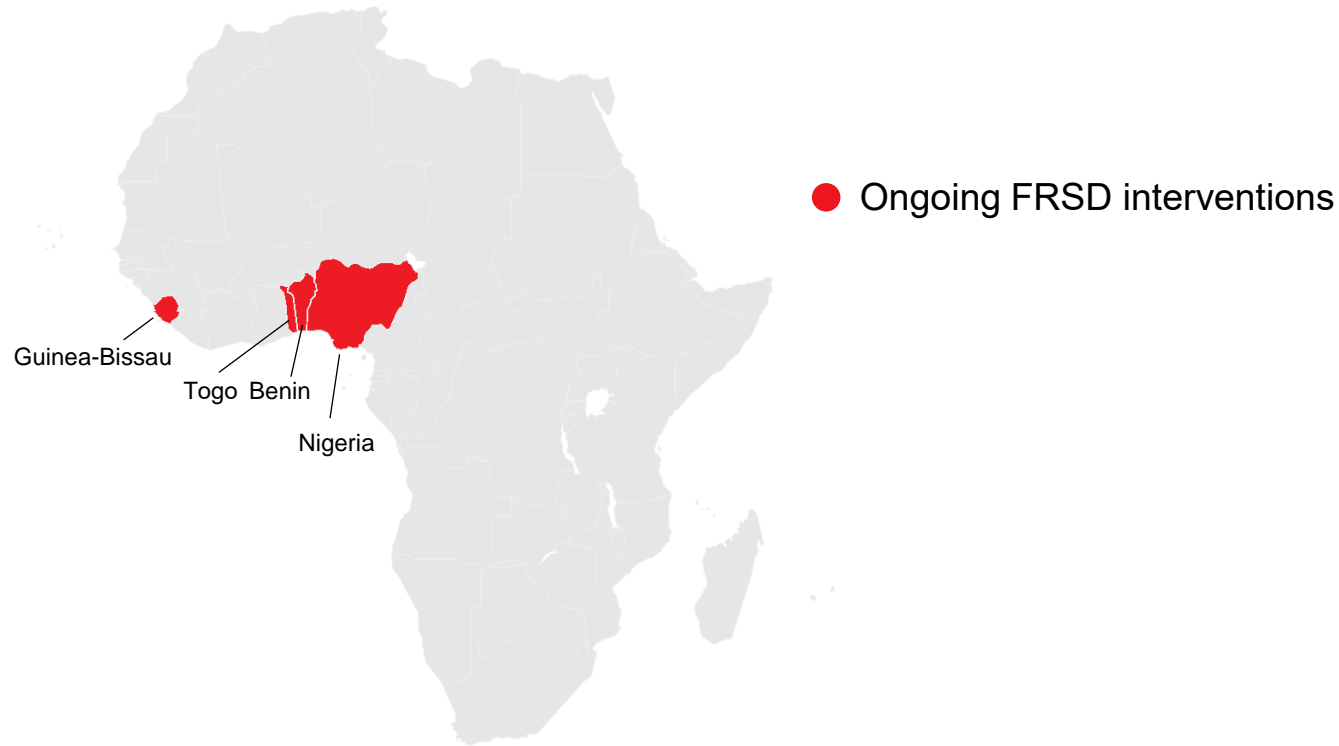
SDG 1: End poverty by improving income and working conditions. We focus on training for youth, women and returning migrants.

SDG 8: Getting a decent job and boost economic growth. Our training assists to build the skills for a better life.

SDG 16: Peace, justice and strong institutions. We support the ECOWAS-Commission in establishing a fund that helps to stabilize peace in the region.



FRSD implementation in the region



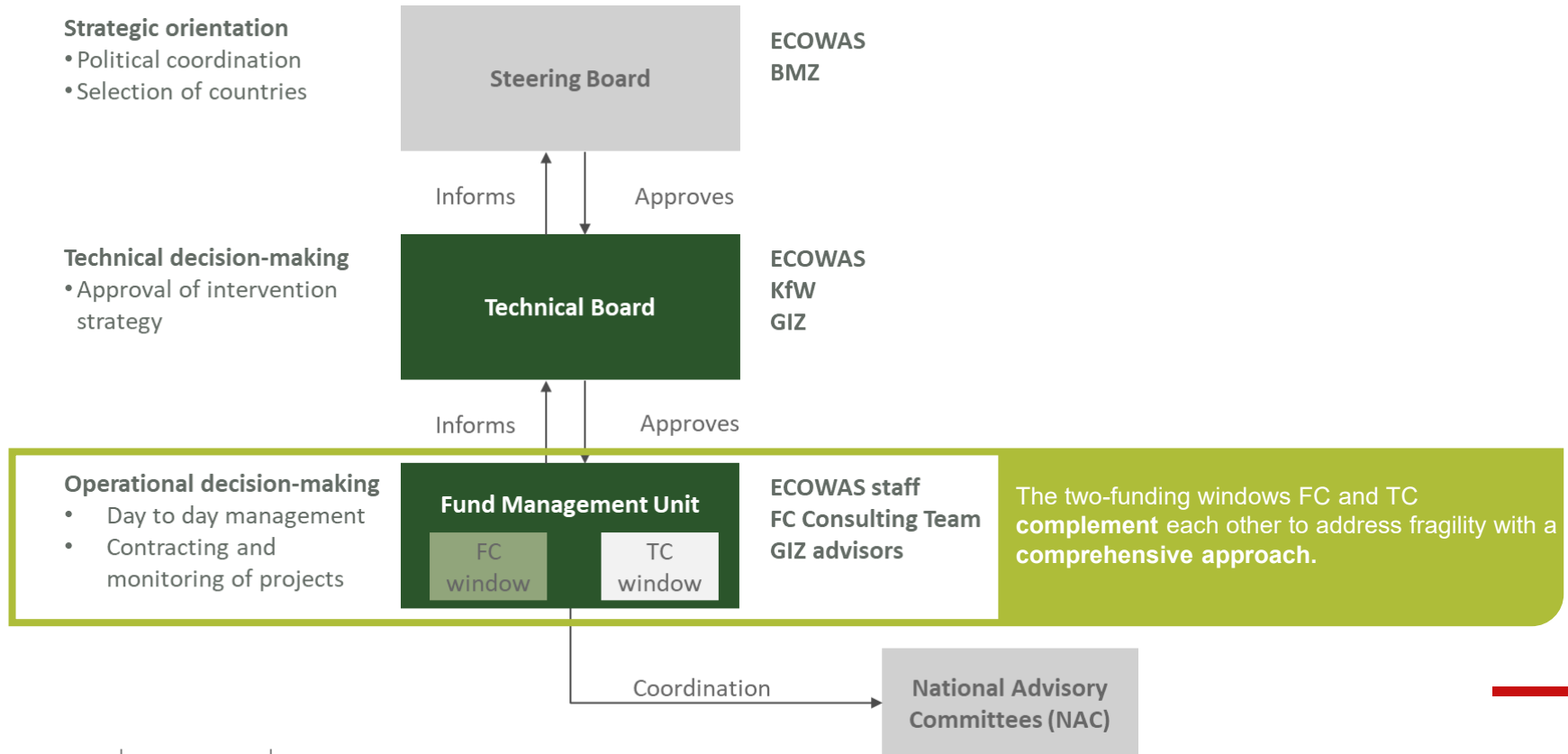
Context and Approach

Strengthening ECOWAS in its own institutional and organisational capacities is an elementary component of the FRSD. The project is facilitating the establishment of a financing mechanism as a sustainable, rapid, effective, and efficient tool to prevent and manage socio-economic crises in ECOWAS Member States. This includes strengthening the organisational and institutional capacities of ECOWAS member states level and local actors as well as implementing sustainable development projects in fragile regions in Member States.



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Governance structure



A photograph of two men standing in a lush green cornfield under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The man on the left is wearing a yellow polo shirt and has a wooden tool, possibly a hoe handle, resting on his right shoulder. He is smiling broadly. The man on the right is wearing a light blue polo shirt and also has a wooden tool on his shoulder. He is smiling more subtly. A semi-transparent white geometric shape is overlaid on the image, and the title text is centered within it.

Areas of Implementation in the Region

FRSD Phase I – The Gambia Pilot Project

- The Gambia Pilot Project Commenced in 2019 and ended in December 2023.
- The focus on value chains made it possible to look at the big picture of income opportunities for the young generation in the Gambia.
- The pilot programme focused on the full range of activities needed to create a product or service from its conception to its consumption: design, production, marketing and distribution on the local as well as regional markets.



Group photograph of trainees and the Pilot Project Implementation team at the Kartong Fish landing site. Image © GIZ.

FRSD Phase I – The Gambia Pilot Project

- The Pilot project successfully carried out skills development activities in horticulture, livestock, and fisheries value chains.
- Courtesy of the project's intervention, the target groups, who are particularly victims of conflicts and socio-economic crises, are benefitting from micro-projects implemented in the fragile regions of the Gambia including Upper River (URR), Lower River Region (LRR) and Greater Banjul Area (GBA).

Fishery



Poultry



Horticulture

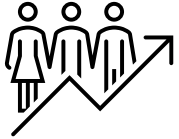




Phase 2: Areas of intervention
Guinea-Bissau, Togo, and Benin
(2021 to 2025)

4. Intervention Focus: Regional Fund for Stabilization through Sustainable Development in ECOWAS Member States (FRSD)

Gender-Transformative Stabilization in Rural Areas of Guinea-Bissau, Togo and Benin.



• Employment Promotion

- Income Generation /Vocational Training
- Entrepreneurship & Financial Literacy
- Renewable Energy



• Climate-Smart Agri-Food Systems

- Food Security
- Agro-processing
- Climate Resilience & Renewable Energy



• Social Cohesion

- Media4Peace/Peace Hackathons
- Community Peace-Dialogues
- Sports4Development etc.



Activities in Guinea-Bissau



Employment Promotion

- Vocational Training
- Support to Small Businesses
- Financial Literacy for Women



Climate-Smart Food Systems

- Agro-Ecology Training
- "Cooling as a Service"
- Provision of Solar-Powered Cooling



Social Cohesion

- Community-based Peace Dialogues
- Training on Gender & Human Rights
- Support to Returnees



 Implementing areas

Activities in Togo



Employment Promotion

- Vocational Training
- Support to Small Businesses
- Financial Literacy for Women



Climate-Smart Food Systems

- Agro-Ecology Training
- Renewable Energy and Cooling



Social Cohesion

- Sport4Development
- Media4Peace



Activities in Bénin



Employment Promotion

- Vocational Training
- Support to Small Businesses
- Financial Literacy for Women



Climate-Smart Food Systems

- Agro-Ecology Training
- Renewable Energy and Cooling



Social Cohesion

- Sport4Development
- Media4Peace



Abbreviations

BMZ	German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
DEI	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
FC	Financial Cooperation
FMU	Fund Management Unit
FRSD	Fund for Regional Stabilisation and Development in fragile regions within ECOWAS Member States
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
INGO	International Non-Governmental Organisation
IP	Implementing Partner
KfW	KfW Entwicklungsbank (EN: KfW Development Bank)
NAC	National Advisory Committee
OM	Operations Manual
TC	Technical Cooperation



Official programme title in different languages

- EN** Fund for Regional Stabilisation and Development in fragile regions within ECOWAS Member States
- FR** Fonds Régionale pour la Stabilisation et le Développement dans les régions fragiles des états membres de la CEDEAO
- PT** Fundo para Estabilização Regional e Desenvolvimento nas Regiões Frágeis dentro dos Estados Membros da CEDEAO
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