

Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation

# Addendum to the Humanitarian Strategy 2020-2021

*Sahrawi Refugee Population*

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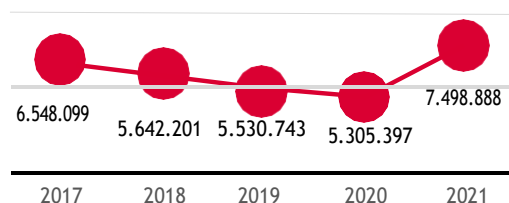
# HUMANITARIAN STRATEGY 2020-2021 (extended)

## Sahrawi refugee population

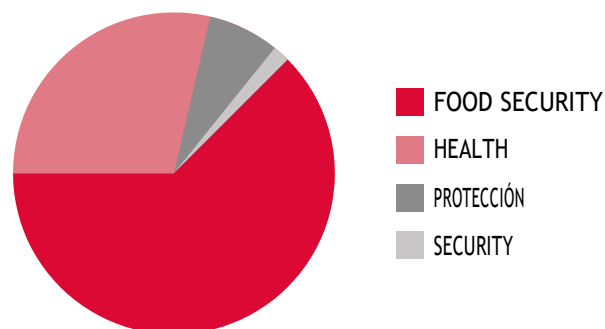
The Covid-19 pandemic and the security conditions in the area have limited access to the Sahrawi refugee camps during the two years of the 2020-2021 strategy, which in turn has made it difficult to carry out a full needs analysis. In addition, the pandemic has had an impact on the vulnerability and isolation of Sahrawi refugees. The situation has been compounded by the possible consequences of the conflict in Ukraine on the global economy and food security. All of this could have further repercussions in this context. The Sahrawi refugee crisis is a forgotten crisis in which thousands of refugees in the camps of Awserd, Smara, Dakhla, Laayoune and Boujdour are mainly dependent on international assistance. Needs analyses by the main humanitarian actors are essential for designing a new strategy. Therefore, **the Humanitarian Strategy 2020-2021 is being extended until these reports are available and the necessary information has been obtained.**

POPULATION IN A SITUATION OF VUNERABILITY	MAIN PARTNERS
133.672 food insecure people (WFP 2018)	UN Agencies:
90.000 other vulnerable refugees /other sectors (UNHCR)	UNHCR
ECHO Vulnerability Index: 2 out of 3	WFP
	UNICEF
	NGO: Algerian Red Crescent and Spanish NGOs




EVOLUTION OF AECID FUNDING 2017 - 2021



FUNDING BY SECTOR 2021



AECID remains committed to the refugee population by implementing essential projects and promoting a **humanitarian response with a focus on gender, age and diversity**, as well as to the **Grand Bargain commitments** and to an **innovative approach** to assistance.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES
<p>SO1: Contribute to covering the needs of the Sahrawi population in the sectors of food security, health and education in emergencies.</p> <p>SO2: Promote and support actions to protect the most vulnerable people and those with special needs.</p> <p>SO3: Promote and encourage coordination of assistance in camps by Spain's Autonomous Communities, local authorities and other actors.</p> <p>SO4: Raise awareness of and advocate for the Sahrawi crisis in the United Nations and the European Union.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mainstream the response to the Covid-19 pandemic in all interventions.</li> <li>- Donor shortage and “donor fatigue”.</li> <li>- The lack of progress at the political level and regional instability result in a complex security context.</li> <li>- Capacity to understand the challenges of the context and its specificities.</li> </ul>
PRIORITY SECTORS	
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <h2 style="margin: 0;">HEALTH</h2> </div>	
<p>Support for access to quality health services by strengthening the Sahrawi health system as regards maternal and child health, chronic diseases, childhood vaccination and eye health.</p>	
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <h2 style="margin: 0;">FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION</h2> </div>	
<p>Support for the WFP basic food basket and fresh produce for Sahrawi families. Delivery of food and hygiene vouchers to people with disabilities, and to pregnant and breastfeeding women. Distribution of food assistance through support for the Transport Base.</p>	
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <h2 style="margin: 0;">EDUCATION IN EMERGENCIES</h2> </div>	
<p>The shortcomings in the education sector reflected in UNICEF's 2021-2025 strategy open up the possibility of entering into collaboration in this sector with interventions defined in the action plan.</p>	

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