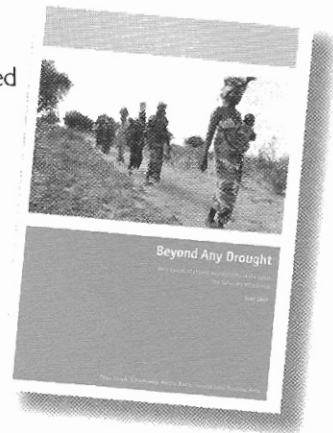


The failures of aid to the Sahel

A blunt critique of the widespread failures of international aid in three countries of the francophone Sahel – Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso – has been published by a consortium of 10 non-governmental aid agencies including Oxfam, Care International and Save the Children-UK.

The report, by a team of experts from the region and from the donor community, says many aid initiatives are based on “shallow analyses” and the divide between emergency

and development work – as evidenced in the 2005 food crisis – has been a major barrier to success. It calls for a new, long-term strategy for the Sahel and budget allocations to support “new ways of working”.



i *The Sahel Working Group, Beyond Any Drought: Root causes of chronic vulnerability in the Sahel, SWG/IIED, London, 2007, 44pp. To download this report, go to www.careinternational.org.uk/livingontheedge or for a hard copy write to sahel@careinternational.org For a summary see also Living on the Edge: Vulnerability in the Sahel, published by IIED and the Sahel Working Group. Download at www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=17008IIED*

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