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# Green jobs for rural youth in the G5 Sahel

Can a rural green transition create jobs for rural youth in Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania & Niger?

# Challenge

- Populations of the G5 Sahel countries are growing rapidly
  - Much faster than most of the rest of the world
- Over the next five years > 11 million youth will look for decent employment
- Can a rural green transition make the difference?

# Challenge: method

**MAURITANIA**

**MALI**

**NIGER**

**CHAD**

**BURKINA  
FASO**

- Five countries > W Europe
- 90M people
- Cross sector: energy, farming, environment, climate change
- 3 months, team of 2 ODI + 5 southern partners



# Six axes of transition

# Rural solar power



# Small-scale irrigation

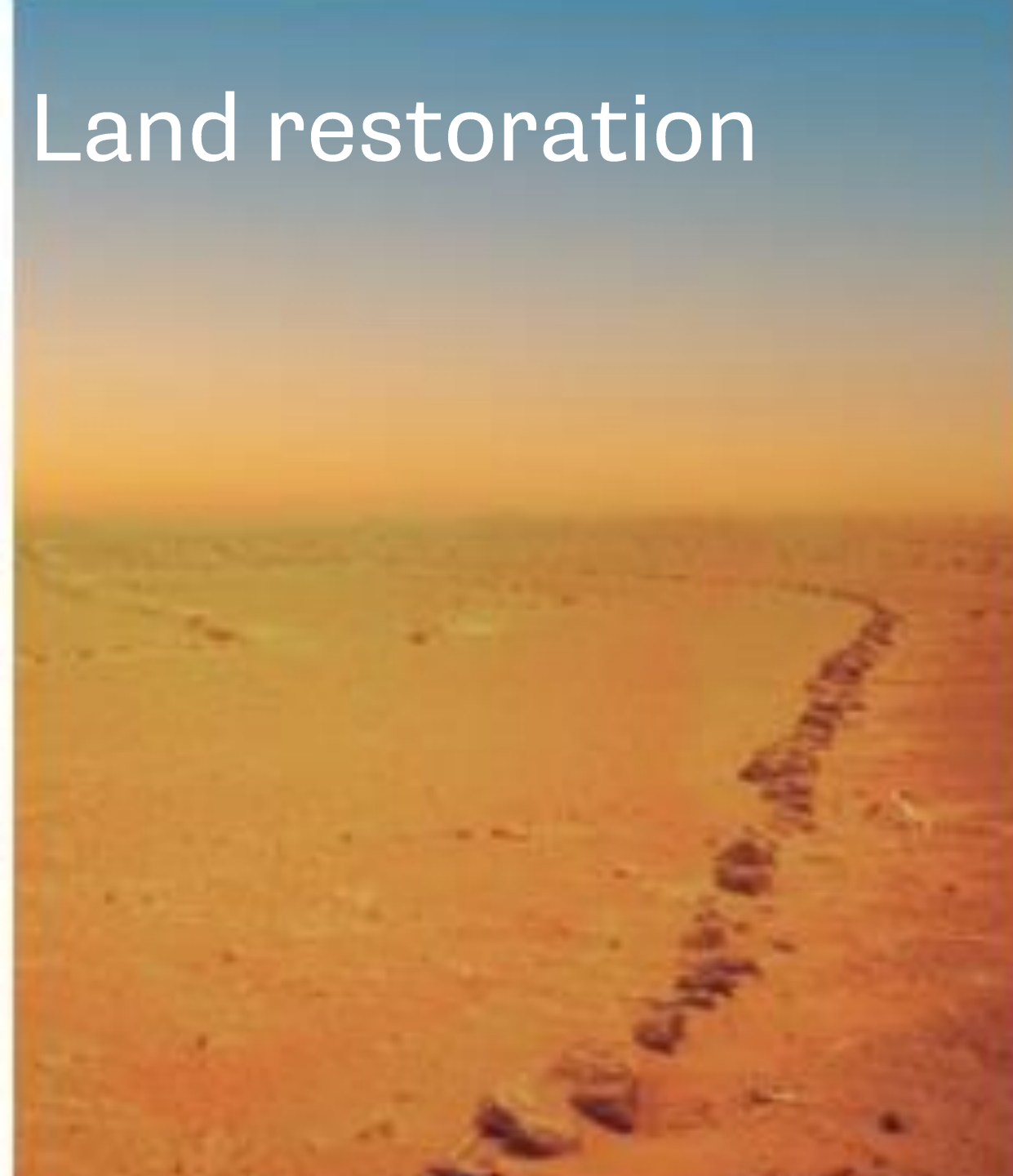


# Green & climate-smart farming





# Land restoration





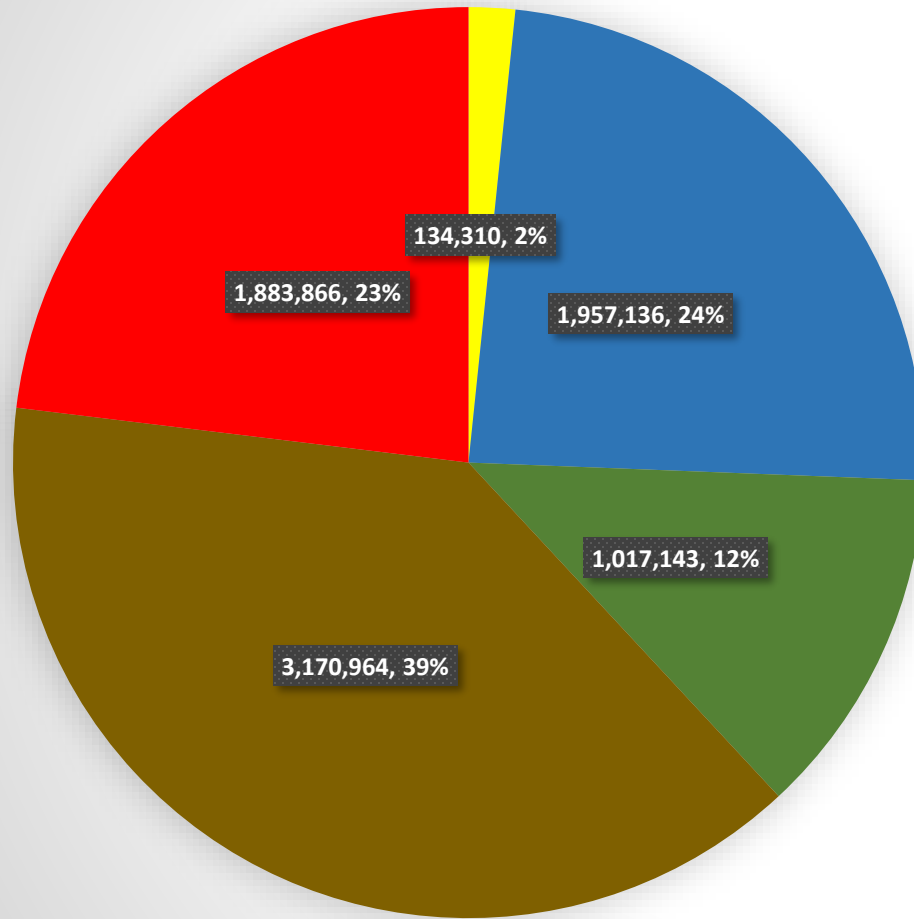
# Fisheries

# Rural recycling



# Findings

## Green jobs



■ Rural solar power

■ Irrigation

■ Environmentally-sustainable & climate-smart agriculture

■ Land restoration

■ Multiplier, 1.3

- Most changes already under way
- Sahel already a world leader in SWC, huge potential in solar
- Private sector drives: most changes do not need central planning, massive public investment .... except for
- Land restoration: (international) public goods

# Recommendations

- [Do not central plan]
- Work with industry, farmers, rural communities
- Decentralise funds & decision-making
- Reorient extension & forestry workers
- Connect vertical climate funds to farmers
  - Africa-wide push
- Monitor rural change

