

Project Evaluation Series

**Final evaluation of the project
“Integrating climate resilience into
agricultural and pastoral production for
food security in vulnerable rural areas
through the farmer field school
approach”**

**Project code: GCP/NER/043/LDF
GEF ID: 4702**

Management response

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<p>Recommendation 1.</p> <p>The design of research-action-pilot projects and support projects for climate change adaptation (CCA) policies must incorporate conditions that provide sufficient incentives to promote scaling up and the generation of effects and impacts.</p>	Accepted	<p>The recommendation is relevant. The support needs of producers are real. FAO Niger should contact the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock and the Ministry of the Environment to ensure that the lessons learned from the project can be implemented in new initiatives to come or underway. Measures favorable to the adoption of technologies or innovations (access to inputs, relationship with research) must feature prominently in the major actions of future programmes.</p> <p>The search for a better institutional support formula to promote the integration of CCA strategies into policies and programmes and planning of agro-sylvo-pastoral sectors (support the implementation of existing national strategies, better implications of regional and municipal councils).</p>	Programme manager	2021	Yes
<p>Recommendation 2.</p> <p>FAO Niger should integrate into its project planning and implementation mechanism adequate measures to timely and diligently anticipate and address capacity weaknesses and constraints in human resources, partnerships and the project enabling environment.</p>	Accepted	<p>FAO Niger will take greater care in recruiting personnel, both in quantity and in quality. The conditions for collaboration and participation in the implementation of a future project will be clarified, accepted by all and recorded in the project document. The expected results per partner will also be specified. SOPs have already been prepared in certain areas (preparation of missions, recruitment, purchasing, etc.) to facilitate and accelerate activities.</p>	FAONE Programme and Administration	2021	Yes

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Recommendation 3. FAO needs to improve its project management and co-financing mobilisation mechanisms and strengthen the capacity of stakeholders in this regard, taking into account context-specific constraints and needs.	Accepted	FAO Niger will ensure that the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, MINESUDD and the Ministry of Planning get involved in the issue of co-financing in order to create a better climate of trust between donors. A strengthening of the monitoring of partners' commitments will be put in place in the event of co-financing.	Programme manager	2021	No
Recommendation 4. FAO should promote and strengthen the capitalisation and appropriation of the project's achievements by PASEC and other resilience support projects.	Accepted	FAO Niger will get in touch with the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock to disseminate project experiences and promote the tools developed with other partners. (projects, NGOs, agency for agricultural advice). Activities already initiated.	Programmes	2021/22	No
Recommendation 5. In order to better generate effects and impacts and ensure their sustainability, FAO should develop a long-term partnership with the farmers' umbrella organisations (FOs), and integrate in the design of future CCA projects several elements, including activities, incentives to truly strengthen the capacities of partners and beneficiaries and empower them.	Accepted	FAO Niger will move towards a long-term partnership with NGOs and umbrella organizations and technical services on the basis of specific results. FAO Niger will work for a professionalization of NGOs in agricultural extension.	Programmes	2021/22	Yes