

CONSOLIDATED APPEALS 2008: WEST AFRICA

PROPOSALS: FAO EMERGENCY AND REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE

Total funding required: US\$ 24 592 550

Rapid Response Fund to assist farmers affected by natural and human-made disasters	
Objectives:	Restore food production capacity of most vulnerable agricultural households affected by food insecurity.
Activities :	Act as a Rapid Response Fund to meet the needs of food-insecure vulnerable agricultural households by supplying 5 to 20 kg of millet, sorghum or maize seeds to enable 300 000 farming families to cultivate 0.3 to 1 hectare; 2.5 kg of cowpea seeds to enable cultivation of 0.125 hectares; 40 g of vegetable seeds to 100 000 households to cultivate 400 m ² of vegetable gardens; and seed and tool kits to set up vegetable gardens in 100 supplementary feeding centres and/or schools supported by UNICEF; and implement a voucher-based cash-for-work scheme to establish quality seed production at the community level.
Beneficiaries :	300 000 households (approximately 2 200 000 individuals).
Implementing partners :	Ministries of Agriculture and international and local NGOs.
Duration:	January – December 2008.
Funds requested	US\$8 426 000.

Rapid Response Fund to assist stockbreeders affected by natural and human-made disasters	
Objectives:	Protect, save and restore the livelihood assets of the most food insecure pastoral households.
Activities :	Providing supplementary feed, protecting livestock against parasites and reinstating destitute herders through livestock restocking. Activities are likely to include supplying cotton grain, wheat grain, oil cake and mineral blocks for 40 000 cattle, 200 000 small ruminants and 15 000 dromedaries belonging to 70 000 stockbreeders; supplying deworming pills and external anti-parasite medication for 40 000 cattle, 200 000 small ruminants and 15 000 dromedaries weakened by parasite infestation; providing information, training and awareness on disease and animal health; and livestock reconstitution with small ruminants for 30 000 vulnerable households.
Beneficiaries :	100 000 stockbreeder households (approximately 700 000 individuals).

Implementing partners :	Ministries of Animal Resources and international and local NGOs.
Duration:	January – December 2008.
Funds requested:	US\$6 325 000.

Assistance for the rehabilitation of flooded areas and sustainable livelihood recovery for food insecure populations in the Niger	
Objectives:	Rehabilitate the agricultural production capacity of flood-affected areas and reinforce sustainable livelihoods of vulnerable populations.
Activities :	Supply 500 tonnes of improved food crop seeds and 2 000 tonnes of fertilizers to 40 000 most vulnerable households to cover 35 000 hectares; facilitate quality seed production (of millet, sorghum, cowpea and groundnut) on 1 200 hectares for an estimated production of 900 tonnes of improved seeds; rehabilitate flooded vegetable gardens by constructing wells and irrigation networks for 10 000 households; provide vegetable seeds, cassava cuttings, fertilizers and phyto-sanitary products to nearly 65 000 households; develop 200 hectares of vegetable gardens, benefiting 20 000 households; set up 50 vegetable gardens in schools or nutritional centres; and capacity building for extension workers.
Beneficiaries :	136 000 vulnerable households (approximately 952 000 individuals – 70 percent women and 2 500 schoolchildren)
Implementing partners :	Ministry of Agricultural Development, WFP, UNICEF, international NGOs (including Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team International; ACF - Spain; Oxfam - Great Britain; Catholic Relief Services; Africare and Care) and farmers' associations.
Duration:	January – December 2008.
Funds requested:	US\$5 060 000.

Rehabilitation and reinforcement of sustainable livelihoods of vulnerable agro-pastoral households in Niger	
Objectives:	Secure small stockbreeders' animals from health risks and consolidate household safety nets.
Activities :	Restock small ruminants for 6 000 households, including those that recorded animal losses as a result of floods; pasture protection through the construction of fences in order to improve feeding of small ruminants; sanitary protection (vaccination and deworming) of 1.5 million small ruminants (1 million goats and 500 000 sheep); sanitary protection (vaccination against Newcastle disease and deworming against coccidiosis) of 1 million birds in Zinder and Maradi; provide training in poultry techniques to improve the productivity of traditional poultry; poultry restocking for 3 000 households; and development and production of 12 vaccines against Newcastle disease.

Beneficiaries :	259 000 households, including at least 9 000 vulnerable households .
Implementing partners :	Ministry of Animal Resources, local and international NGOs (including Africare, ACF, VSF - Belgium and Association pour la redynamisation de l'élevage, among others).
Duration:	January – December 2008 .
Funds requested:	US\$3 784 000.

Strengthening the capacity of humanitarian actors to respond to food insecurity in West Africa, in particular in the Sahel (joint project with FAO and WFP)	
Objectives:	Improve food security and vulnerability analysis and consensus building for coherent, coordinated emergency actions .
Activities :	Collaboration with regional and national entities to strengthen early warning system's institutional mechanisms; demand-driven support to methodological development to enable regional and national institutions to track the food security, nutrition and vulnerability situation in target countries; ensuring broader participation and consensus in the regional Food Security and Nutrition working group, including regional actors, and supporting the establishment or expansion of such groups at the national level; identifying actions for rapid response to severe food insecurity of vulnerable groups; and providing technical support to humanitarian agencies intervening in the food security sector to ensure consistency and coherence with regionally-led actions .
Beneficiaries :	Decision-makers in governments, donors, UN partners and NGOs; vulnerable rural households (e.g., victims of floods, IDPs, refugees).
Implementing partners :	Concerned governments and national and regional institutions .
Duration	January – December 2008 .
Funds requested:	US\$997 550.