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Project Highlights THE NIGER

Appui à la coordination des interventions d'urgence et de réhabilitation agricole et pastorale au Niger

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Implementation: 1/3/11 - 1/3/12

Target areas: Country wide

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Objective:

To reduce household vulnerability to food insecurity through the coordination of emergency response and rehabilitation in the field of food security, and by capitalizing on lessons learned.

Project partners:

The Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Livestock, regional and subregional committees on the prevention and management of food crises, the Food Security Cluster Members as well as international and national non-governmental Organizations (NGO).

Beneficiaries reached:

The Food Security Cluster members, national and international NGOs, the Ministry of Agriculture as well as the Ministry of Livestock.

Activities implemented:

- Facilitated monitoring and assessment missions of the agriculture and pastoral regions in the Niger in 2011.
- Supported and participated in the national survey on household vulnerability, led by the National System for the prevention and management of food crises under the coordination of the Early Warning System.
- Supported training on the identification and monitoring of dietary diversity scores.
- Facilitated Food Security Cluster meetings to increase the awareness of humanitarian partners on the food situation in the Niger.
- Developed and disseminated the "Who does What Where" matrix.
- Trained "pastoral field school" facilitators.

Impact

- Developed recommendations from the monitoring and assessment missions, to better plan future activities in the Niger, and prepare responses to crises.
- Improved the coordination of actions against food security on the ground.
- Established common Plans of Action for the next agricultural season, as well as a zoning scheme.
- Reinforced the technical capacity of 30 livestock extension workers and technicians, on the improved technical management of animal production and intensive rearing.