

## Project Highlights

# THE NIGER

"Urgent assistance to improve the food security situation of households affected by the 2011 food crisis"

**Project code:** OSRO/NER/201/FIN

**Donor:** Finland

**Contribution:** EUR 800 000

**Implementation:** 02/03/12 – 02/03/13

**Target areas:** Maradi, Tahoua, Tillabéri and Agadez regions

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**Objective:** To contribute to the food and nutrition security of vulnerable populations in agropastoral areas of the Niger through the increased production of vegetables and cereals.

**Key partners:** Ministry of Agriculture, in partnership with the regional Departments of Agriculture and non-Governmental organizations.

**Beneficiaries reached:** 77 600 vulnerable families (about 22 600 more than expected).

**Activities implemented:**

- Purchased and distributed 418 tonnes of dry seeds (millet, sorghum and cowpea).
- Purchased and distributed 1 335 kg of vegetable seeds.
- Purchased and distributed 122 tonnes of potato seed.

**Results:**

- Planted 38 400 ha of rainfed crops (millet, sorghum and cowpea), 895 ha of vegetable crops and 122 ha of potatoes.
- Produced a total of 26 500 tonnes of rainfed crops, 4 360 tonnes of potatoes and 32 809 tonnes of fresh vegetables.
- Reduced the food insecurity of poor and very poor households by providing them with enough food for up to four months.
- Increased household income through the revenue generated by the sale of vegetable production, estimated at USD 176 per household.