



Project Highlights THE NIGER

“Emergency assistance to farmer and herder households affected by the 2011 agropastoral crisis in the Niger”

Project code: OSRO/NER/203/USA

Donor: United States

Contribution: USD 1 100 000

Implementation: 1/5/12 – 30/4/13

Target areas: Maradi, Tahoua, Tillabéri and Zinder

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Objective: To improve the food and nutrition security of the targeted population.

Project partners: Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Extension Services, Lutheran World Relief, SOS, Concern *Croissant Rouge Qatari*, Qatar Charity, Federation Mooriben, national and local community authorities and other NGOs.

Beneficiaries reached: 372 250 vulnerable people, of whom 193 570 are women and 73 780 are children.

Activities implemented:

- Distributed 91 tonnes of cowpea seeds to 18 200 households to cultivate 18 200 ha.
- Procured 180 tonnes of potato seeds, 1 615 kg of vegetable seeds (cabbage, lettuce, tomato, onion, carrot) and 52.5 tonnes of maize seeds for 32 300 households to plant 4 519 ha.
- Procured and distributed 450 tonnes of wheat bran to 3 750 pastoral households.
- Carried out training on vegetable and irrigated crop production techniques including topics such as nurseries and transplanting seedlings, using fertilizers, good watering practices and plant protection for 595 beneficiaries.
- Set up pastoral field schools and carried out training sessions on multi-nutritive block production for 21 trainees.

Impact:

- Produced a total of 6 224 tonnes of cowpea, 25 506 tonnes of vegetables (cabbage, lettuce, tomato, onion, carrot), 10 006 tonnes of potato and 3 465 tonnes of maize.
- Saved livestock herds by providing feed for 18 750 small ruminants.
- Covered household food needs for five to nine months (instead of the usual three to four months).
- Prolonged food availability and diversified household diets, improving food security.
- Generated additional income through the sale of surpluses: households made an average income of USD 176 from vegetable and potato production; and USD 209 when including maize production.
- Improved beneficiaries vegetable production and processing capacity.