



“Strengthening the resilience of vulnerable households affected by cereal and forage deficits in the Niger”

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Objective:

To contribute to food security and improve the incomes of vulnerable farmers and agropastoralists affected by food deficits; and more specifically, to enhance the resilience of the identified vulnerable populations in order for them to better cope with current and future shocks.

Key partners:

The Ministry of Agriculture, the *Haut-commissariat à l'initiative 3N*, the Regional Departments of Agriculture (Zinder) and Livestock (Diffa and Tillabery), the Food Crisis Unit and Non-governmental Organizations.

Beneficiaries reached:

30 833 vulnerable farming households.

Activities implemented:

- Established village committees (three to five people) to define the vulnerability criteria for the selection of beneficiaries;
- identified beneficiary households on the basis of the pre-defined vulnerability criteria;
- procured and distributed 324 tonnes of millet and niébé seeds to 29 100 vulnerable households (each family received 10 kg of millet and 5 kg of niébé to cultivate 1 ha);
- procured and distributed 260 tonnes of animal feed to 1 733 households;
- built a desk marketing to gather and purchase horticultural products;
- organized training sessions on marketing for members of three cooperatives and provided them with three carts to be used in the facility; and
- organized two workshops on seed multiplication, control process and certification of seeds.

Results:

- Obtained a total production of 13 933.7 tonnes of cereal, of which 11 417.5 tonnes of millet and 2 516.2 tonnes of niébé;
- provided animal feed for 8 700 small ruminants for four months during the lean season;
- reinforced the marketing capacities of three cooperatives;
- trained 84 regional, departmental and crop protection inspectors/technicians; and
- reduced post-harvest vegetable losses and improved the commercialization of horticultural products thanks to the construction of the desk marketing.