



“Operationalizing partnerships for resilience building in the Niger”

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Objective: To strengthen the resilience and food security and nutrition of vulnerable communities through a set of complementary interventions focused on ensuring a significant and sustainable impact at community and household levels.

Key partners: The Ministry of Agriculture, the World Food Programme (WFP) and Non-governmental Organizations.

Beneficiaries reached: 21 912 households.

- Activities implemented:**
- Divided 19 640 ha of improved farmland and pastureland into plots which were distributed to targeted beneficiaries.
 - Provided 19 000 beneficiaries with vouchers allowing for each household to purchase 10 kg of cereal seeds (millet/sorghum) and 5 kg of cowpea in selected input shops.
 - Established a revolving mechanism to ensure seed sustainability and availability during the following seasons, and set up a management committee.
 - Selected and provided over 5 tonnes of grass seeds and 42 500 seedlings to plant in 750 ha of improved pastureland for fodder production.
 - Established small-scale irrigation systems around WFP’s water catchment infrastructures which were used for vegetable production.
 - Provided 1 119 beneficiaries with 1 502 kg of vegetable seeds, 50 tonnes of potato cuttings and 20 tonnes of maize to support vegetable production on irrigated lands and food diversification.
 - Trained beneficiaries on vegetable and crop production, on organizing farmers’ associations and on food security and nutrition.
 - Provided 912 households (of which over 70 percent women) with 3 009 breeding goats that were also vaccinated and dewormed.

- Results:**
- Cultivated a total land area of 129 730 ha and produced 107 588.2 tonnes of cowpea, millet and sorghum valued.
 - Produced 841 tonnes of fodder in 2015 enough to support 4 946 goats for a year, and 775 tonnes in 2016 enough to feed 4 560 goats.
 - Cultivated 60 ha of land and produced 442 tonnes of vegetables, potatoes and maize, allowing for beneficiaries to cover food needs for an additional 2 to 3 months and improve their diets thanks to the consumption of vegetables rich in micronutrients.
 - Increased beneficiaries’ sources of income, allowing for 9 out of 10 households to have two different sources of income.