



“Strengthening the livelihoods and the resilience of vulnerable crisis-affected households in the Diffa region”

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- Objective:** To improve the resilience of vulnerable crisis-affected households in the Diffa region.
- Key partners:** Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock; Ministry of Environment, Urban Health and Safety and Sustainable Development; and non-governmental organizations.
- Beneficiaries reached:** 4 548 households.
- Activities implemented:**
- Distributed a total of 30 tonnes of improved quality seeds (millet, sorghum, cowpea) to 2 000 households.
 - Distributed a total of 300 tonnes of animal feed to 2 000 pastoralist and agro-pastoralist households.
 - Distributed a total of 6 tonnes of maize and vegetable seeds to 4 000 beneficiary households.
 - Provided XOF 34 810 000 (approximately EUR 53 050) through *cash+* activities to 3 481 households of the 4 000 who received agricultural inputs.
 - Built 150 km of firewalls and rehabilitated 100 ha of pastoral land through the construction of 31 300 water retention structures (half-moon farming techniques) thanks to cash for work activities, benefiting 548 beneficiaries who received a total of XOF 21 206 900 (approximately EUR 32 320).
- Results:**
- Produced a total of 3 350 tonnes of cereals.
 - Improved food coverage of beneficiary households for a period of two to three months.
 - Protected pastoralists' livestock from fodder deficits thanks to the distribution of animal feed.
 - Strengthened food security as well as improved dietary diversity of beneficiaries, especially on irrigated cropland.
 - Improved the productivity of 25 528 tropical livestock units (TLUs) and of 20 000 head of cattle thanks to *cash+* activities, which enabled beneficiaries to maximize the value of distributed inputs.
 - Secured 5 000 ha of pasture equivalent to 1 985 tonnes of fodder thanks to firewalls, covering the feeding needs of about 2 600 small ruminants (390 TLUs) for three months.
 - Improved households' food availability and access to commodities thanks to the rehabilitation of degraded land.