



“Productive safety nets as a tool to reinforce the resilience in the Sahel”

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Objective: To increase the resilience to shocks of vulnerable households in food-insecure regions in Mali and Mauritania.

Key partners: Government decentralized services of the Ministries of Agriculture and Livestock in both countries, international and national Non-governmental Organizations and microfinance institutions.

Beneficiaries reached: 1 400 households.

- Activities implemented:**
- Provided: 625 households each with three goats (one male and two females), 50 kg of animal feed and a cash transfer (of USD 35 in Mali and USD 56 in Mauritania); 625 households each with a cash transfer (of USD 160 in Mali and USD 270 in Mauritania); 75 households each with four goats (one male and three females), 300 kg of livestock feed and a cash transfer (USD 32); and 75 households each with a cash transfer (USD 160).
 - Organized trainings on nutrition education, benefiting 74 trainees in Mali where 36 culinary demonstration kits and 16 boxes of soap were also distributed.
 - Carried out nutrition awareness campaigns and two cooking demonstrations reaching 500 beneficiaries.
 - Conducted complementary trainings on good practice of livestock breeding and follow-up missions to assess the conditions of the animals distributed.
 - Carried out technical trainings aimed at helping highly vulnerable, poor and food-insecure households boost their livelihoods and production capacities, and zoo-technical and animal health monitoring missions.
 - Developed a monitoring and evaluation framework to assess how the situation prior to the intervention compared with after.
 - Organized a regional workshop to capitalize on project results and exchange on lessons learned.
 - Carried out a study to scale up cash+ and extend activities to Burkina Faso, Chad, the Niger and Senegal.
 - Produced communication material (e.g. fact sheets, photo galleries, etc.).

- Results:**
- Contributed to improving the food security and nutrition of beneficiary households, while significantly reducing the adoption of negative coping strategies.
 - Increased beneficiary households' income (e.g. in Mali, the percentage of households with an income above USD 119 increased from 17.5 to 40.5 percent, and in Mauritania the average monthly income increased by 29 percent).
 - Improved households' food access, as the average number of households' daily meals increased from 2.01 to 2.91.
 - Increased the number of livestock owned by households, from an average of 2.51 goats to 4.58 (an additional two goats per household).