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## PROJECT OVERVIEW

# Sini Niè Sigui

## Emergency response and agricultural recovery

### PROJECT GOAL

To strengthen the capacities of vulnerable households to recover from shocks affecting their food and nutritional security in the in the Ségou region of Mali.

Barely emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic, Mali was hit with sanctions in early 2022 that contributed to high inflation and prices throughout the country. Russia's invasion of Ukraine further increased food prices in Mali as both countries involved in the war were major suppliers of fertilizer, grain, and fuel. Particularly in the Baraoueli district of Ségou, the cost of agricultural inputs/fertilizers increased by 22%, livestock feed by 60% and fuel by 64%.

To cope with the rapidly growing needs, Lutheran World Relief collaborated with our long-term local partner Union of Cooperative Societies of Tamani Breeders (USCET) to provide emergency response to vulnerable households as well as recovery interventions to support their 2022-2023 agricultural season. Lutheran World Relief also partnered with Wizall Money to support the project's e-voucher system and low cost pricing efforts.

The Sini Niè Sigui project was implemented across 7 municipalities and 62 villages in Baraoueli and focused on providing emergency food assistance and agricultural inputs, subsidized pricing for millet, rice and fertilizer, market gardening, livestock support, nutritional education and Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs).

### EMERGENCY RESPONSE RESULTS

- **3,121 households and 18,726 indirect beneficiaries** (80% of vulnerable households and 260% of project targets) received food assistance and agricultural inputs
- **50 kgs of millet, 50 kgs of rice and 2 bags of urea and NPK** sold to each household at the subsidized price of 59,000 FCFA (compared to the 128,500 FCFA



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market price)

## RECOVERY RESULTS

- **1.96 million FCFA given to 28 women** to begin poultry farming
- **140 chickens purchased**, which had 53 laying cycles and 633 chicks by the end of the project
- **27% of women** said they had given some of their chicks to other women
- **100% of women** who received chickens considered their savings to have been strengthened because of the intervention
- **41 women** trained in VSLA operations and reported more women wanting to join
- **4 animal feed production units** established in the municipalities of Somo, Tamani and Boidiè, brining in 225,000 FCFA in profits over 6 months of activities
- **Farmer Field Schools taught 20 farmers modern composting techniques**, and these farmers trained around a hundred more learners in modern composting and manure spreading techniques

## OVERALL IMPACT

- **Food availability increased** from 3 months to 12 months
- **Agricultural production increased** by 47% (from 21,450 kg to 44,300 kg) thanks to the use of improved seeds and fertilizers
- **Livestock feed production unites** facilitated access to livestock feed and enabled project participants to practice livestock fattening in remote areas
- **Project participants say** that social cohesion and solidarity have improved



*Sixty-five year-old Oukrokiya holds her 12 month-old grandson Yaya after purchasing subsidized grain and fertilizer for their family as part of the project.*



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