



# Resilience Plus: Promoting Recovery and Reducing Vulnerability

## RESULTS

- More than 1,245 men and women have participated in **soil and water conservation activities through cash-for-work (CFW)**, helping over 9,189 people meet their immediate needs, while also contributing to **disaster risk reduction efforts**.
- More than 1,100 women have participated in **animal fattening or small animal restocking (habbanayé)** activities, facilitating their families' resilient recovery from crisis.
- 76 local, project-trained volunteers have shared their knowledge of improved **livestock rearing** with 352 people. In total, 660 people will receive technical support on improved animal production from these volunteers.
- 353 people have been trained in **improved agricultural production and storage techniques** by 18 local, project-trained volunteers to boost harvest productivity.
- More than 593 members of LWR's local community based organization (CBO) partners have benefitted from organizational governance and leadership training that is helping CBOs **enhance accountability**.

## FROM RECOVERY TO RESILIENCE

- Resilience Plus is **enhancing communities' resilience** by strengthening local organizational structures, increasing crop diversification, improving access to credit and inputs, and establishing networks with external stakeholders.
- Resilience Plus is promoting **environmental sustainability** through soil and water conservation activities, and advancing **organizational sustainability** by strengthening the capacity of existing CBOs. Project beneficiaries' increased access to credit and expanded participation in the agricultural value chain will also promote **economic sustainability**.
- LWR's monitoring and evaluation framework allows for **continuous learning** and adaptation to ensure projects continue to achieve strong results while effectively responding to changing needs within target communities.
- Resilience Plus coordinated a **regional learning event** for CBO partners focused on best practices in facilitating resilient agro-pastoral livelihoods and organizational and financial management. A second, mid-term learning event is planned for 2015.



## QUICK FACTS

Lutheran World Relief is reaching more than 100,000 crisis-affected people in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger by:

- Diversifying, increasing and protecting crop and animal production for the poorest households.
- Increasing households' sales margins and incomes from agriculture.
- Building the capacity of partner community-based organizations (CBO) and their leadership.

*LWR has worked in West Africa since the 1970s. LWR's programming model increases community resilience to future shocks by providing cash-for-work programs that meet immediate needs while investing in long-term solutions; improving agriculture production and natural resource management; and inspiring behavior change in household nutrition.*

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