



Resilience Plus: Improving Rural Food Security & Livelihoods

RESULTS

- **Cash-for-work** participants (9,793 including 67% women) recovered 975 hectares of land by building 16 water and soil **conservation structures**, including wire mesh dams and stone retaining walls. Participants earned more than \$67,000 that enabled 78,234 people (including 54% women and girls) to meet immediate food security needs while working to protect arable land from future climate shocks.
- More than 5,500 smallholder producers (nearly 60% women) are equipped to protect their future **food security** as a result of training and enhanced knowledge about **soil and water conservation**, improved **crop production practices** and **post-harvest management**.
- 2 new warehouses (40 MT each) will promote **bulk storage and marketing** for better returns on surplus cereal and legume production.
- 721 farmers (66% women) learned about **household budgets and planning** to increase and optimize their incomes.

EARLY RESPONSE AND FUTURE RESILIENCE

- The **Resilience Plus** project is a regional intensive, **multifaceted** approach to meeting immediate cash needs and building long-term resilience in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger.
- This project provides cash in exchange for work on critical **environmental protection** projects. By planting trees, and constructing water and land conservation structures, beneficiaries are reducing **agricultural production costs, improving future yields**, and protecting their local land and water resources.
- **Gender-sensitive** trainings on production, household budgeting and marketing are providing women with **entrepreneurial opportunities** to improve their families' livelihoods.



QUICK FACTS

2.8 million Burkinabé are facing food insecurity due to the recent Sahel food crisis. Resilience Plus aims to meet short-term food security needs of 29,000 people in Burkina Faso and establish long-term resilience in their communities by:

- Providing immediate access to cash
- Improving crop yields and incomes
- Conserving land and water resources

Since 1986, LWR has worked extensively in the Yatenga, Boulgou, Fada N’Gourma Gnagna, Komandjari and Passoré provinces of Burkina Faso. Collaborating with local farmers’ and herders’ associations, financial institutions and decentralized state services, LWR facilitates increased agricultural yields, connects farmers with credit and improves rural livelihoods. The Burkina Faso portfolio has included funding from the Argidius Foundation and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

In 2011, more than 11,030 individuals in Burkina Faso benefitted from LWR livelihood interventions through improved food security, increased agricultural harvests and incomes or access to credit. In addition, the organizations with whom LWR partners, have reported enhanced organizational capacity – a critical achievement in promoting sustainable change.

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