



Resilience Plus: Improving Rural Food Security & Livelihoods

RESULTS

- More than 1,750 vulnerable households received **complementary rations of hulled rice and/or millet to meet immediate food needs** over a period of five months. Beneficiary households are in communities that have been directly affected by conflict or displacement in 2013.
- More than 4,900 vulnerable smallholder producers received **animal feed supplements or rice seed production inputs and training**, helping them move from being recipients of emergency assistance to guarantors of their own self-sufficiency through **livelihoods recovery**.
- **8 varieties of rice seed** are under production and seed storage facilities damaged in the conflict have been rehabilitated.
- Working in **coordination** with local stakeholders, Resilience Plus is educating 23 communities about the dangers of unexploded ordinances (UXOs) by providing **safety messages** to those at risk.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR FUTURE RESILIENCE

- The **Resilience Plus** project is a regional intensive, **multifaceted** approach to meeting immediate cash needs and building long-term resilience in Niger, Burkina Faso and Mali.
- Resilience Plus is responding to critical food shortages to meet **immediate needs** and reduce dependence on debt or sales of productive assets, thereby strengthening local smallholder producers' resilience to **future emergencies**.
- Training smallholder farmers in **improved rice production practices**, rehabilitation of rice irrigation canals and equipping producers with **production inputs** is enabling them to **cope with and recover from socioeconomic stresses and shocks** in a way that is consistent with the **protection of local natural resources**.
- Re-launching local certified rice seed multiplication **will increase sustainable access to high-quality seed** suited to local preferences and production practices.



QUICK FACTS

The recent Sahel food crisis and outbreak of armed conflict in Mali have resulted in a complex emergency. Resilience Plus is responding to the emergency needs of 7,450 households affected by these crises in Mopti and Ségou regions by:

- Providing complementary food rations
- Equipping smallholder producers with livelihood inputs and training
- Educating communities about UXOs

Since 1986, LWR has worked extensively in the Mopti and Ségou regions of Mali. Collaborating with farmers' organizations, financial institutions, local research institutions and decentralized state services, LWR's programs focus on improved health and livelihoods through increased agricultural yields, revenues and awareness raising. The Mali portfolio has included funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and USAID.

In 2012, 49,329 individuals in Mali benefitted from LWR health and livelihood programming through access to healthcare, improved food security, increased agricultural harvests and incomes or access to credit. In addition, all of the organizations with whom LWR partners have enhanced organizational capacity – a critical achievement in promoting sustainable positive change.

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