



## Bolstering Resilient Recovery

### RESULTS

- 5,081 men and women participated in **Cash-for-Work (CFW) activities**, enabling them to meet immediate household needs. In total, 59,513 people benefitted from these CFW payments.
- CFW participants recovered 556 hectares of communal land through **soil and water conservation** interventions; communities subsequently planted 133,668 mature tree saplings on this recovered land, as well as sowed 431 hectares with grass seed.
- 2,000 vulnerable households received a 10 kg ration of certified millet seed, enabling them to plant 1 hectare of millet each. 90 highly motivated recipients of this seed were trained as trainers in **improved agricultural production techniques for food crops** and have reached over 2,000 producers with their skills and knowledge through community outreach.
- 168 community-nominated livestock outreach volunteers (all women) benefitted from **training on care and fattening of small ruminants for market** to promote optimization of their communities' animal assets.

### RELIEF TO RESILIENCE

- CFW activities are designed to **restore community assets and promote natural resource conservation and protection**, contributing to improved food security, households' ability to afford essential items and enhancing long-term protection of land assets.
- The project provided certified millet seed (recognized for early maturation, Striga resistance and high expected yields). This seed distribution promotes **sustained benefits to farming households**.
- Certified millet seed rations were complemented by 5kg/household of certified cowpea seed – enough to grow up to 800 kg of cowpeas on 1 hectare of land – and low-cost cowpeas sacks to enhance household-level storage. An excellent companion crop, **cowpeas help capture soil nitrogen to improve soil fertility**.
- Leveraging recent FAO investments in animal restocking in the Tahoua region, trained livestock outreach volunteers spearhead technical support to their local communities to **promote optimal care of animal assets for improved livelihoods outcomes**.



#### QUICK FACTS

USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA), LWR and Union Hadin Kai bolstered food security and livelihoods recovery in Tahoua, Niger, through revitalization of local assets and boosting agricultural production. Key project approaches included:

- Cash-for-Work
- Soil & Water Conservation
- Emergency Seed Provision
- Training for Improved Agricultural Outcomes

*LWR has worked in Niger since 1975, with a concentration in the Tahoua and Dosso Regions. LWR's Niger portfolio includes funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) and the United States Agency for International Development's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA), as well as private resources from LWR's U.S. constituents.*

*LWR's programming in Niger prioritizes strengthening local producer cooperatives and unions. LWR's programming model emphasizes increased community resilience to frequent drought cycles and incorporates elements of natural resource management, improved access to credit and agricultural inputs, nutrition education and behavior change.*

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