



HUMANITARIAN AID FOR THE RETURNED VULNERABLE HOUSEHOLDS, INTERNAL DISPLACED AND RETURNED AND HOSTS AFFECTED BY THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN THE COMMUNES OF DIFFA AND GUESKÉROU IN THE DIFFA REGION

Objectives

The objective of the project is to contribute to improving the living conditions of refugees, internally displaced persons, returnees and host communities in the communes of Diffa and Guéskerou, through an intervention strategy based on humanitarian assistance and the promotion populations resilience.

Duration	From March 20 th , 2019 to April 19 th 2020 (13 months)
Financial Partner	Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)
Financing	800.000,00 EUR 524.765.600 FCFA

Area of Intervention

The intervention area includes 16 villages in two communes of Diffa, namely Diffa and Gueskérou.

DEPARTMENT	COMMUNE	VILLAGE
Diffa	Gueskérou	13
	Diffa	3

Target groups

The project's target groups are composed of 3,500 households¹ living in the targeted villages and communes, in particular:

- 1,060 refugees, displaced, and returned households
- 2,440 host families.

¹ A household is made up of an average of 7 people. So to have the number of people supported, the number of households is multiplied by 7

Results

1. Improve and diversify the agricultural production of target households
2. Improve the income of target households.

Project's description

The project is focused on:

The supply and improvement of food production through:

- Cash for work (CFW) for the benefit of 1,000 vulnerable refugee households trained in techniques for recovering degraded land and receiving in return cash allowances of FCFA 32,500 per household per month.
- Biological recovery of degraded land (BDL): 200 women are trained in BDL techniques and supported for the establishment of production sites.
- The distribution of rain-fed seeds and fertilizers for the benefit of 1,000 vulnerable households with support in agricultural production activities in order to guarantee their food self-sufficiency.
- Construction of water infrastructure: two drillings equipped with a submersible pump powered by a solar system are built in two villages in the commune of Guéskerou in order to perpetuate the activity of BDL sites.

Improving revenues through :

- The distribution of food (food coupons) amounting to 32,500 FCFA distributed to 1,000 households already beneficiaries of the distribution of rain seeds, in order to increase food availability during the lean season.



- Funding Income Generating Activities (IGAs) of 1,000 IGAs in 10 villages financed with the objective of sustainably increasing family incomes.
- The establishment of Bag Gardens for 1,000 households who have received seeds, equipment and training with the aim of facilitating production for populations without access to land (mainly refugees and displaced persons) and contribute to household food diversification.



Indicators

1. At least 80% of beneficiary households have reduced their adaptation strategy index.
2. At least 80% of beneficiary households report an increase in their income at the end of the project

Stakeholders

The stakeholders are:

- decentralized technical services of the state (Agriculture, Livestock, Hydraulics, Health, Environment, and Regional Chamber of Agriculture, and Rural Engineering) ;
- the local agency of Microfinance N'gada;
- local site management committees (COGES);
- the ICRISAT research institute ;
- local and customary authorities ;
- the national NGO ALMAF
- and the beneficiaries