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The Resilience initiative

An innovative Canada – Rome-Based
Agencies (FAO-IFAD-WFP) pilot partnership

Background and Context

- **Value:** CAD 50M\$ / 5 years (2017-2022)
- **Locations:** Democratic Republic of Congo, Niger and Somalia
- **Objective:** To address immediate food needs while building and protecting medium- and long-term livelihoods in protracted crisis contexts, ultimately decreasing dependence on humanitarian assistance.
- **Beneficiary reach:** approximately 27,000 households or 168,000 people.
- Four areas of collaboration:
 - Joint design and planning;
 - Gender-sensitive programming;
 - Climate sensitive approach; and,
 - Generating and sharing evidence.

Why is it Innovative?

- In line with the World Humanitarian Summit and Grand Bargain commitments and Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy, the Resilience initiative showcases several innovative traits:
 - Multi-Year funding and planning
 - Addressing Humanitarian-Development gaps
 - Focus on protracted/recurrent crises and fragile contexts
 - Increasing inter-agency collaboration with complementary approaches and activities
 - Multisectoral approach
 - Increasing the gender-responsiveness of humanitarian action
 - Increasing participation of and accountability to affected populations, with a particular focus on women and girls

Environmental sustainability and gender equality

Environmental Sustainability

- Diversification of livelihoods and revenue sources
- Improved access to markets
- Reforestation and agroforestry activities
- Good quality agricultural inputs
- Diffusion of information and training through Farmers Field School and Dimitra Clubs on:
 - Climate change awareness and mitigation possibilities
 - Social equality awareness
 - Income generating activities

Gender Equality

- Active participation of women in the planning process
- Specific needs of women, girls men and boys taken into account
- Increased flexibility in activity planning
- Equal participation of men and women in activities
- Specific activities identified and designed for women through Dimitra Clubs
- Focus on nutrition-specific as well as nutrition-sensitive activities

Current state of the project

- ✓ Signature of a trilateral Memorandum of Understanding between the RBAs
- ✓ Strengthened RBA collaboration at global and field levels, with the adoption of some of each organisation's best tools and approaches
- ✓ Meaningful participation from local communities with an emphasis on women and women's groups
- ✓ Establishment of an annual Canada-RBA dialogue
- ✓ Establishment of improved country-level RBA coordination mechanisms
- ✓ Baselines in the three countries have been finalized
- ✓ Implementation of project activities is now underway

Inception phase - Planning

- DRC, Niger and Somalia are experiencing unique situations to which we have to adapt
- WFP's three-pronged approach, jointly conducted
 - Integrated Context Analysis
 - Seasonal Livelihood Programming
 - Community-Based Participatory Planning
- FAO's Resilience Index Measurement and Analysis (RIMA) integrated within the baselines
- Gender-responsive and transformative participatory approach taking into account the needs of the most vulnerable

Activities in DRC

- Cash transfers, school meals and take home rations
- Food Assistance for Assets/Training
- Technical assistance and provision of quality agricultural inputs
- Purchase for Progress (P4P) approach to improve smallholder farmers capacity and link them to markets
- Increased access to markets and financial services
- Promotion of nutrition sensitive production and consumption
- Gender specific formative and income diversification activities
- Dimitra Clubs to support social cohesion, and improve gender equality and women's empowerment



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Activities in Niger

- Close alignment with the Nigeriens Nourish Nigeriens (3N) national programme
- School meals and complementary activities
- Food Assistance for Assets / Training programmes
- Technical assistance and provision of quality agricultural inputs
- Diversification of the economic potential of beneficiaries
- Prevention and treatment of malnutrition
- Community based participatory planning and Dimitra listening clubs to support social cohesion and gender equality, as well as increase women's leadership in the villages

Activities in Somalia

- Immediate cash and in-kind distribution for the most vulnerable or food insecure households
- School meals programme
- Food Assistance for Assets programmes to rehabilitate land and productive infrastructure, mainly irrigation systems
- Vocational training and technical assistance on sustainable crop and livestock production techniques and on post-harvest management and marketing
- Promotion of safe fuel efficient cooking stoves
- Nutritious food and nutrition education for pregnant mothers attending Mother-Child Health Centres

Conclusion

- We welcome the practical collaboration of the RBAs in the field
- Canada looks forward to the lessons learned and to the scaling up of this initiative to other protracted crises
- Further results will be presented at multiple events throughout the project and after
- Canada welcomes other donors and partners to join our efforts towards truly gender-responsive humanitarian action



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