

## Counterpart International: Niger

From July 2009 to February 2010, through the USAID MYAP, Counterpart International in Niger has assisted 73,450 direct beneficiaries and 36,341 indirect beneficiaries in agriculture, environment, livestock, small businesses, disaster risk mitigation, and health/nutrition. In agriculture, Counterpart distributed field crop seeds to 591 farmers, and assisted another 567 farmers to increase production in 13 oases, in some cases tripling the number of hectares and farmers per oasis, and doubling the income per farmer. In environment, the MYAP has protected 10 oases via mechanical sand dune fixation covering 74 hectares of land, and will soon be starting biological fixation in order to complete the protection package. In livestock, we provided impoverished women with 675 goats, thereby giving them access to milk and a coping mechanism for shocks. In small businesses, we set up 10 flour mills for 500 impoverished women, thereby providing them with a nominal amount of monthly income. In disaster risk management, we rehabilitated or constructed 100 cereal banks, trained 200 members of the cereal banks management committees, and will soon be capitalizing the cereal banks with 1000 metric tons of millet. And in health/nutrition, we have treated 1263 children under 5 for moderate malnutrition, provided protection rations to 2526 children under 5, treated 305 children under 5 for severe malnutrition, provided medicines to 16,205 children, distributed supplementary food to 1133 pregnant/lactating women, and conducted behavioral change training for 1039 people.

Here are some photos ò



Cabbages in an oasis. February 2010.



Women and their goats (females). August 2009.



Commodity distribution at a health center. July 2009.



A cereal bank to be rehabilitated. July 2009.