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Introduction

By 2021, the project has reached more than 45,000 beneficiaries, affecting nearly 125,000 people since its inception. Living-together activities, which are essential in the project's intervention contexts, are taking an important place in RESILAC's resilience strategy, representing half of the people reached by our program.

In 2022, the exit strategy, supported by an advocacy strategy, will allow us to focus on the sustainability of our actions in the territories supported at the community level or by local authorities.

Empowerment of beneficiaries, capitalization, accountability and communication will be the key words that will animate the teams throughout this final phase.

The following pages will give you an overview of the main activities carried out during these last 3 months. Do not hesitate to share!

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ACTUALITIES - COUNTRIES



CHAD: a caravan for community peace



High intra- and inter-community tensions, caused in part by unequal access to natural resources, among the populations living in the Lake Chad province are fuelling misunderstanding and spreading violence between communities.

From December 2 to 5, 40 caravaneers traveled to different villages in the townships of Bol, Ngarangou, and N'Guéléa 1 and 2 to deliver messages of peace and promote living together.

Organized by RESILAC, through its partner in Chad, the CSAPR, the "Peace Caravan" on the theme "Let's strengthen community dialogue to consolidate peace, a guarantee for the development of the Lake Province" brought together local authorities, the citizen social movement and communities in a fraternal and convivial setting around plays focused on the associative life in the canton and social cohesion between young people, soccer matches, traditional dances, tales and talks-debates.



CAMEROUN: FOSAM-REN, the first Mental Health Forum

On December 15, in Maroua, RESILAC organized the first Forum on Mental Health in the Far North Region of Cameroon (FOSAM-REN). Under the co-sponsorship of the University of Maroua and the Far North Regional Council, the forum brought together 70 members of state structures, international NGOs, United Nations agencies and local associations to discuss the issue of mental health care and consideration. The various statements made by mental health actors in this region of Cameroon, supported by studies conducted in this field, which is still poorly documented in Sub-Saharan Africa, allowed for reflections on the relationship between psychosocial care and socio-economic resilience of populations.

In order to encourage political and community leaders, health, humanitarian and development actors, working groups were set up during the forum, resulting in the development of ten advocacy messages for the Far North region.



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NIGER: supporting Natural Resource Management



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In order to prevent conflicts related to the distribution and management of natural resources, RESILAC supports the establishment of Conventions for the Management of Natural Resources (GRN). Thus, in October and November, information gathering, exchanges and identification of land to be marked out were organized in the four communes of intervention of the project: Diffa, Mainé Soroa, Chétimari and Nguigmi.

These conventions are established in collaboration with the herders, farmers, communities and local authorities concerned. Workshops to collect existing community rules on natural resource management are organized with administrative and customary authorities, town halls, etc.

NIGERIA: gender based violences dialogue

In Nigerian IDP camps, women and children represent 79%* of the population. Faced with insecurity and a lack of response to their primary needs, gender-based violence is omnipresent in these camps. In addition, the legal system, which is often replaced by customary justice applied by traditional chiefs, does not allow the perpetrators of GBV to be convicted. Violence is trivialized and victims are stigmatized. The "Women and Youth Forum" organized from November 15 to 26 in the IDP camps in Jéré aimed to provide tools to raise awareness and respond to GBV. 265 women and 510 young people participated in the discussions about the accompaniment of victims, the importance of denouncing GBV, the legal authorities available to victims and the healing process.

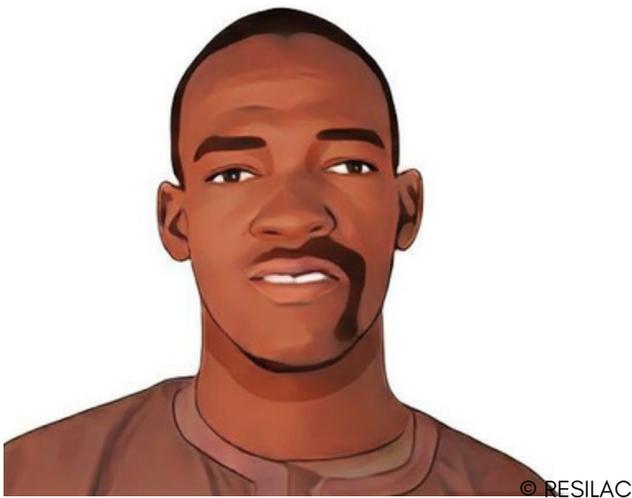
**Source: La situation des droits des femmes dans les camps de réfugiés et les camps pour personnes déplacées dans leur propre pays en Afrique: le contexte de l'AAG et de l'AAPS*



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TESTIMONY



Ismaila, Mainé Soroa's mason



My name is Ismaila, I am 35 years old and I am a beneficiary of the RESILAC project in the commune of Mainé Soroa, in the Diffa region of Niger.

I was selected among 100 young people from my village to participate in the High Intensity Labor Work (HIMO). For four months, we worked on the dune fixation site for a monthly salary of 50,000 FCFA. With this money, I was able to buy the first tools for my masonry activity.

Since 2016, I was working in the commune of Mainé Soroa as an apprentice mason for a boss who owned a company that built classrooms and buildings. I liked this activity but it did not allow me to earn a decent living. I also had to do odd jobs when I could to earn a little extra money. However, even with this additional income, I could not provide for my family.

At the end of the four-month HIMO project, RESILAC offered us vocational training adapted to our needs and those of the market. Sixty of us were selected to participate in various training courses over a period of six months. I was trained in masonry.

At the end of the training, the project gave each participant an installation kit to start his activity.

Two months after I started my activity as an independent mason, many surrounding villages started to call on me for daily services or larger contracts. I am proud to be recognized as a professional in my field!

Today, I employ four apprentices who earn their living thanks to me, I am economically independent and can even help my relatives in case of need!

[The complete portrait of Ismaila is available here](#)

SOME FIGURES FOR 2021



- 132 villages affected by the project activities**
- 120,000+ people reached by the project, including 45,000 in 2021**
- 430 Community Based Organizations supported in their structuring**
- 927 young people trained have set up economic activities with an average capital of 80 000FCFA**
- 6 cereal banks set up**
- 1490+ community leaders trained in psychological first aid**
- 2350+ hectares of agricultural land restored and restituted**

CONTRIBUTIONS

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Multi-country thematic workshop

From November 9 to 12, the multi-country thematic workshop on "youth employment and local development" brought together experts and RESILAC stakeholders by videoconference. The civil society organizations, beneficiaries and local and national experts present addressed the cross-cutting themes of decentralization, governance and cross-border cooperation with the objective of establishing a framework for improving the socio-economic integration of youth in the region.

RCPA annual meeting

The project participated in the 37th annual RCPA meeting held by videoconference from December 6 to 8. Placed under the high patronage of ECOWAS and UEMOA, the meeting brought together the main stakeholders of food and nutrition security in the region. The participants deepened their reflection on the theme "Women, conflicts and food and nutrition issues". As such, the RESILAC regional coordinator was part of the panel of the technical session, which aimed to share the realities on the ground and to reflect on policy solutions.

SOLIWAY

In partnership with CartONG, the project participated on November 5th in SOLIWAY. Organized by the Cité de la Solidarité Internationale in France, SOLIWAY is the cross-border exhibition dedicated to the professions and actors of international solidarity. RESILAC participated remotely in this event by being a member of the panel of the conference on the data culture of NGOs.

Lake Chad Governors forum

During the Governors' Forum held on October 4 and 5 in Yaoundé, the RESILAC project was identified as one of the projects providing a response to the complex crisis currently being experienced in Lake Chad, particularly with regard to socio-economic development, preservation of social cohesion and institutional support to the authorities of Niger, Nigeria, Cameroon and Chad.

The RESILAC project "Inclusive Economic and Social Recovery of Lake Chad" aims to contribute to the economic recovery and the strengthening of the resilience and social cohesion of the territories of the Lake Chad Basin that have been most affected by the security crisis and climate change. RESILAC is implemented by a consortium of NGOs (Action contre la Faim - lead partner, CARE and Groupe URD) and in partnership with CCFD - Terre Solidaire, Search For Common Ground and local organizations in the four countries.

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