

Program for Building Resilience against Food and Nutrition Insecurity in the Sahel (P2RS) – The Gambia Project

Rehabilitation of Degraded Land implemented by DoF

The programme was appraised in seven countries of the Sahel (Tchad, Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso Mauritania, Senegal and Gambia and CILSS Secretariat. The remaining Sahelian countries will be included later. The programme will support the capacity building of the CILSS Secretariat, in terms of both Human and Institutional support to facilitate implementation of the drought resilience initiatives in the Region. A Regional Coordination Unit will be established at the CILSS Secretariat.

At country level, each country of the programme will implement its own identified resilience activities, using the national technical institutions. The Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of the National Agricultural Land and Water Management Development Project (NeMA) is responsible for the implementation of the Project in the Gambia.

The main objective of the project is eliminating the structural causes of acute and chronic food and nutrition crises by helping vulnerable households to increase their productivity, production and incomes, gain access to infrastructure and basic social services and build a heritage that strengthens their livelihoods in a sustainable manner in the project area.

After a series of consultations and meetings between the officials of the project and the Department of forestry, a project proposal was developed by the office and submitted to the office of the project director for consideration. The outcome of these engagements was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoA) which described the partnership for the DOF to implement programme of activities as enshrined in the agreements.

The Gambia Project has requested the support of the Department of Forestry to:

- To raised seedlings of indigenous tree species at 4 Regional Nursery Sites meant for transplanting in projects beneficiary communities. The department shall collaborate with the project for onward distribution of seedlings to selected communities within the project area.
- Conduct and generate report of the geophysical survey report of planted areas with proper sites identification (maps)

- Sensitize the communities alongside the assessment of the objectives and purpose of the Trees
- Training on Forest and Farm Management Techniques
- Training on Processing of Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs)

The specific objectives of these interventions are environmental protection and improvement of livelihoods of forest dependent rural communities through enrichment planting on degraded lands, diversified agricultural production (sustainable agroforestry practices) and enhance/promotion of alternative income ventures for the project beneficiaries.

Summary of Achievements

No.	Activity	Output
1	Seedling Production	• 10,087 seedlings
	Planting Exercise	• 68.7 hectares
2	Forest & Farm Management Training	• 50 participants
3.	Processing of Forest Fruits & Nuts	• 50 participants
	Handicraft Training	• 50 participants
4.	Processing of Forest Fruits & Nuts	

2018 program of activities

After the successful implementation of 2017 program of activities, the Project has requested the support of the Department of Forestry for signing of another Memorandum of Understanding for implementation of 2018 phase.

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- Sensitize the communities alongside the assessment of the objectives and purpose of the Trees
- Support community forest communities in reforestation exercises through enrichment planting

- Training beneficiary communities in Forest and Farm Management Techniques
- Support female groups on Processing of Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs)
- Establishment of village based nursery centers

Summary of Achievements

No.	Activity	Output
1	Seedling Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18,190 seedlings
2	Community reforestation (Enrichment planting exercises)	50 hectares of CF
3	Training of farmers on forest & farm mgt techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 farmers
4	Support women groups for Processing of NTFPs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 female participants from 13 women groups