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2013 Update on Food Programming with Alliance - CFGB Equity

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Agriculture and Livelihood Programming: We are currently funding two multi-year Agricultural and Livelihood Projects in Niger. Our implementing partner is *Samaritan's Purse*. Joanne Beach visited the project in February 2014 and was greatly encouraged with both projects.

The Ourno Project is located in south central Niger and is assisting 2,630 beneficiaries. 630 farmers (21 Communities, 30 farmers per community). The training with farmers includes farmer-managed

agro forestry farming system, conservation farming technologies, and natural resource management.

2,000 women (100 women's groups of 20 women per group) are learning how to operate credit and savings groups and conduct income-generating activities to increase household economic security.

In addition, all men and women participants are implementing counter-season vegetable gardening to help improve household nutrition and consumption and tree planting through hands-on community gardening and tree nursery plots. We are just completing year 1 of this 3-year project.



The Tillibery Project: In October, we started a second 3-year Agricultural and Livelihood project in west central Niger. 300 smallholder farmers are participating in this initiative (20 of whom will participate in improved seed multiplication). 109 participants will be involved in cash for work flood prevention activities along the Niger River and 600 women will participate in savings groups. These groups are also being trained to cultivate vegetables and cash crops in the off-season, as well as vegetables, trees and cash crops in the rainy season, allowing them to produce and consume nutritious foods all year and earn a consistent income.

As well as the projects highlighted in this update, we will be starting a new food assistance project in the southern part of Niger in May because of the current harvest that is ruined by drought.



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In 2013 we continued our support of four multi-year *World Relief* projects in **Sudan, Tanzania, DR Congo and India**

Pictured: Sudan food distribution



In 2012 we had contributed \$100,000 to a two-year Agriculture and Livelihood project in **Afghanistan** through the Presbyterian World Service and Development (also a CFGB member). In 2013 we gave another \$70,000 for year two.



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