

## **Reactivating agriculture, improving emergency health and education facilities in the Koro 'cercle'**

Since 2012 Mali has been mired in a political, military and humanitarian crisis, defined as a 'complex emergency' due to the cross-cutting nature and multiplicity of factors involved. The worsening violence, the creation of a vast northern region under the control of armed groups, and the internationalisation of the conflict has led to a large part of the northern population fleeing to seek refuge in neighbouring countries and in the central regions of the country. Humanitarian agencies estimate that there are over 140,000 refugees in camps in Burkina Faso, Niger and Mauritania, and over 230,000 internally displaced persons. Furthermore, in a feedback loop that has exacerbated the drop in living conditions, in recent years Mali has been faced with: drought, an Ebola epidemic, loss of purchasing power given price volatility for cereals, combined with the chronic poverty of rural areas.

### **Project beneficiaries**

800 heads of farming households (8,400 people including the members of their families) will be provided with seeds and other farming tools, accompanied by technical assistance on the ground to support sowing and make up the food deficit, and to support the use of local plants with high nutritional value.

Moreover, around 450 women of childbearing age, particularly pregnant women and/or those breastfeeding newborn babies, will receive packages with nutritional supplements, while 700 children between 0 and 5 years old will receive ad hoc food packages, as well as screening and care for acute, severe or moderate malnutrition.

Demonstrations of nutrition and cooking will be given for around 1800 women, and meals provided for around 4000 primary and secondary school pupils.

### **Aims**

The project intends to strengthen the resilience of local communities (in particular those more vulnerable sections of the community that may be more receptive: farmers, women of childbearing age, children) and improve basic health and education facilities in the Koro 'cercle'.

### **Location**

Koro 'cercle', Mopti region.

### **Duration**

9 months (planned start date March 2016)

### **Partners**

ISCOS (consortium project leader), Terra Nuova, RE.TE., *Promotion pour le Développement Communautaire* (PDCo), *Association Mólibemoe*, *Fédération des Associations des Thérapeutes Traditionnels du cercle de Bandiagara* (FATTB).

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