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Recipient of cash distribution in Banikossey, Filingue



Distribution of agricultural materials in Kochilang Touareg, Filingue



Post-training monitoring with health workers in Filingue health center

Sector: NUTRITION

Sub-sector: Management of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)

Indicator	Baseline	Target (by end of project)	Achieved Q2	Cumulative
Number of health care providers and volunteers trained in the prevention and management of SAM, by sex and by age	60 health workers; 400 Community Health Workers (CHW) trained in the prevention and management of SAM	104 additional health workers and 600 additional Community Health Workers trained in the prevention and management of SAM	42 additional health workers (3 female and 39 male) trained in the prevention and management of SAM	42 additional health workers (3 female and 39 male) and 600 additional CHWs (128 female and 472 male) trained in the prevention and management of SAM
Number of sites established/rehabilitated for outpatient care	30 sites (health posts) established/ rehabilitated for outpatient care	49 sites established/ rehabilitated for outpatient care	10 sites established/ rehabilitated for outpatient care	49 sites established/ rehabilitated for outpatient care
Number of beneficiaries treated for SAM, by sex and by age	14,147 treated for SAM, 6,932 female (49%) and 7,215 male (51%), age 0-59 months	7,185 additional treated for SAM, 3,521 female (49%) and 3,664 male (51%), age 0-59 months	3,257 additional treated for SAM, 1,872 female (57%) and 1,385 male (43%), age 0-59 months	6,417 additional treated for SAM, 3,219 female (50%) and 3,198 male (50%), age 0-59 months

Rates of admission, default, death, cure, relapse, non-response/transfer and length of stay	31.8% or more children found to be severely malnourished admitted to OTPs; default rate of 7%; death rate of 0.21%; cure rate of 91%; relapse rate not available; nonresponse-transfer not available; length of stay of 5 weeks; coverage rate of 31.8% children with SAM	50% or more children found to be severely malnourished admitted to OTPs; default rate of 15% or less; death rate of less than 10% (SC) 5% (OTP); cure rate of 75% or above; relapse rate of 5%; nonresponse-transfer rate of 0%; length of stay less than 6 weeks; coverage rate of 50% (in rural areas as outlined in Sphere)	<i>Percentage of children found to be severely malnourished admitted to OTPs available by end of project; default rate of 9.31%; death rate of 2.05% (SC) 0.23% (OTP); cure rate of 89.74%; relapse rate of 7.93%; non response-transfer rate of 0.72%; length of stay 5.82 weeks; coverage rate available by the end of project</i>	<i>Percentage of children found to be severely malnourished admitted to OTPs available by end of project; default rate of 8.63%; death rate of 1.60% (SC) 0.21% (OTP); cure rate of 90.08%; relapse rate of 6.8%; non response-transfer rate of 1.07%; length of stay 5.21 weeks; coverage rate available by the end of project</i>
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Sub-sector: Infant and Young Child Feeding and Behavior Change

Indicator	Baseline	Target (by end of project)	Achieved Q2	Cumulative
Number and percentage of infants 0-<6 months of age who are exclusively breastfed	Data not available	40% of infants 0-<6 months of age are exclusively breastfed	<i>To be completed in the next quarter after KAP survey on IYCF</i>	<i>To be completed in the next quarter after KAP survey on IYCF</i>
Number and percentage of children 6-<24 months of age who receive foods daily from 4 or more food groups (to achieve minimum dietary diversity)	Data not available	30% of children 6-<24 months of age who receive foods daily from 4 or more food groups (to achieve minimum dietary diversity)	<i>To be completed in the next quarter after KAP survey on IYCF</i>	<i>To be completed in the next quarter after KAP survey on IYCF</i>
Number of people receiving behavior change interventions, by sex and age (0-11 months, 1-4 years, 5-14 years, 15-49 years, 50-60 years, and 60+ years)	0 people receiving behavior change interventions	16,887 people receiving behavior change interventions, by sex and age (0-11 months, 1-4 years, 5-14 years, 15-49 years, 50-60 years, and 60+ years)	6,417 people receiving behavior change interventions (5,775 women, 642 men; 6,096 aged 15-49 years, 321 aged 50-60 years)	6,417 people receiving behavior change interventions (5,775 women, 642 men; 6,096 aged 15-49 years, 321 aged 50-60 years)

Notes on Nutrition sector activities:

- Total beneficiaries treated for severe acute malnutrition (SAM) include 6,417 children from 0 to 59 months, with 3,219 females and 3,198 males. Data was recorded from September, October and November 2014; December data will be available in the next report. Note that rates of default, death, cure, relapse, and length of stay have not improved since quarter 1, as quarter 2 is during the harvest season and caretakers are less likely to be available to take their children to health centers due to increased workload. Only relapse rates and non-response transfer rates have not reached their targets this quarter; however, they are expected to improve as the harvest season ends and sensitizations and staff training increase in the next quarter.
- A SLEAC survey was conducted in December 2014 to find admission and coverage rates with the support of coverage monitoring network (CMN). The report will be published in February 2015.
- 42 health agents were trained in the prevention and management of SAM, with trainings continuing next quarter to reach the targeted 104.

- Ten outpatient treatment program (OTP) centers were established. All centers were provided with the necessary equipment and materials for proper management of malnutrition, bringing the total number of OTP centers supported by IRC to 49 in the Filingué health district and meeting the target.
- All health centers were equipped with behavior change communication (BCC) tools for infant and young child feeding (IYCF), so health workers may sensitize all caretakers bringing their children in for treatment of SAM.
- A knowledge, attitudes and practices (KAP) survey consultant has been identified and the survey protocol developed, which is being validated in January 2015 by the ethics committee of Niger Government. Data collection will begin in February 2015.

Training on IYCF with midwife of in Filingué



Sector: WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH)

Sub-sector: Hygiene Promotion

Indicator	Baseline	Target (by end of project)	Achieved Q2	Cumulative
Number of people receiving direct hygiene promotion (excluding mass media campaigns and without double-counting)	0 people receiving direct hygiene promotion	16,887 people receiving direct hygiene promotion (excluding mass media campaigns and without double-counting)	6,971 people receiving direct hygiene promotion (excluding mass media campaigns and without double-counting)	6,971 people receiving direct hygiene promotion (excluding mass media campaigns and without double-counting)
Number water and hygiene committees active within three to six months after reactivation/creation	0 water and hygiene committees active	49 water and hygiene committees active within three to six months after reactivation/creation	0 water and hygiene committees active within three to six months after reactivation/creation	0 water and hygiene committees active within three to six months after reactivation/creation
Number and proportion of health facilities with soap and water at the hand washing stations	7 (18%) of health facilities have soap and water at hand washing stations	35 (90%) of health facilities have soap and water at the hand washing stations	1 (2.5%) health facility has soap and water at the hand washing stations	40 (100%) of health facilities have soap and water at the hand washing stations

Sub-sector: Sanitation Infrastructure

Indicator	Baseline	Target (by end of project)	Achieved Q2	Cumulative
Number of people directly benefitting from this sanitation infrastructure program	0 people directly benefitting from this sanitation infrastructure program	24,170 people directly benefitting from this sanitation infrastructure program	12,932 people directly benefitting from this sanitation infrastructure program	12,932 people directly benefitting from this sanitation infrastructure program
Number of hand washing facilities present within the target population	38 hand washing facilities are present within the target population	39 hand washing facilities are present within the target population	1 hand washing facility is present within the target population	40 hand washing facilities are present within the target population
Number and proportion of health facility latrines completed and clean	No data available	39 (100%) of health facility latrines are completed and clean	18 (45%) of health facility latrines are completed and clean	25(62%) of health facility latrines are completed and clean

Notes on WASH sector activities:

- 6,417 people benefited from awareness sessions on hand washing, including caretakers of children with SAM and recipients of cash distributions. The number of awareness sessions given will be increased in the next quarter to ensure the target is reached.

- A supply of soap was delivered to one health facility and a hand washing station was set up. A regular supply of soap for all health centers has been maintained and will continue into the next quarter, benefitting 12,932 people. Water and hygiene committee members will be identified and committees will be activated early in the next quarter.
- The selection process for construction of 8 latrines blocks (2 latrines per block, including separate latrines for men and women with a hand washing station) was completed in 3 health facilities. Construction will begin next quarter to ensure sanitation infrastructure targets are reached.



Sector: ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND MARKET SYSTEMS

Sub-sector: Livelihoods Restoration

Indicator	Baseline	Target (by end of project)	Achieved Q2	Cumulative
Number of people assisted through livelihood restoration activities, disaggregated by sex	0 people assisted through livelihood restoration activities	500 women assisted through livelihood restoration activities	500 women assisted through livelihood restoration activities	500 women assisted through livelihood restoration activities
Percent of beneficiaries reporting their livelihoods restored within three to six months after receiving support	0 beneficiaries reporting their livelihoods restored within three to six months after receiving support	85% of beneficiaries reporting their livelihoods restored within three to six months after receiving support	0% of beneficiaries reporting their livelihoods restored within three to six months after receiving support <i>(to be completed in the next quarter)</i>	0% of beneficiaries reporting their livelihoods restored within three to six months after receiving support <i>(to be completed in the next quarter)</i>
Total USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities	0 USD channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities	\$111,000 USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities	\$0 USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities <i>(to be completed in the next quarter)</i>	\$0 USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities <i>(to be completed in the next quarter)</i>

Sub-sector: Microfinance

Indicator	Baseline	Target (by end of project)	Achieved Q2	Cumulative
Number of people, disaggregated by sex, or MSEs newly receiving financial services or continuing to receive financial services due to USAID/OFDA support	0 people or MSEs newly receiving financial services or continuing to receive financial services due to USAID/OFDA support	500 women newly receiving financial services or continuing to receive financial services due to USAID/OFDA support	887 women newly receiving financial services or continuing to receive financial services due to USAID/OFDA support	887 women newly receiving financial services or continuing to receive financial services due to USAID/OFDA support
Percentage of financial service accounts/groups supported by USAID/OFDA that are functioning properly	0% financial service accounts/groups supported by USAID/OFDA that are functioning properly	90% of financial service accounts/groups supported by USAID/OFDA that are functioning properly	100% of financial service accounts/groups supported by USAID/OFDA that are functioning properly	100% of financial service accounts/groups supported by USAID/OFDA that are functioning properly
Total USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities	0 USD channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities	\$0 USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities	\$0 USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities	\$0 USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities

- 500 cash transfers beneficiaries were selected in 8 targeted villages using the household economy analysis (HEA) approach, which divided the population into four categories of socio-economic groups of households: very poor, poor, average and wealthy. To facilitate the cash transfers operations, one micro-finance institution (MFI) was selected as a sub award contractor. A request to include the MFI as a sub awardee was sent to OFDA in December 2014 and the IRC awaits feedback. The 500 beneficiaries have meanwhile received two transfer payments through funding from a complementary project. The OFDA funds will be used in the next quarter after approval of the MFI sub awardee.
- 30 Village Saving and Loan Associations (VSLA) with 887 women participants were established in 15 targeted villages. All members voluntarily self selected after informational sessions on VSLA took place in each village. Each VSLA group received a toolkit to start the activities. In December 2014, 30 community members were trained in the VSLA training curriculum and to be group facilitators. All groups have begun regular saving meetings and will beginning the loan process in the next quarter.



VSLA meeting in Toukounous

Sector: AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

Sub-sector: Improving Agricultural Production/Food Security

Indicator	Baseline	Target (by end of project)	Achieved Q2	Cumulative
Projected increase in number of months of food self-sufficiency due to distributed seed systems/agricultural input for beneficiary households	0 increased months of food self-sufficiency prior to distributed seed systems/agricultural input for beneficiary households	2 increased months of food self-sufficiency due to distributed seed systems/agricultural input for beneficiary households	0 increased months of food self-sufficiency due to distributed seed systems/agricultural input for beneficiary households <i>(available by end of project)</i>	0 increased months of food self-sufficiency due to distributed seed systems/agricultural input for beneficiary households <i>(available by end of project)</i>
Number of people benefiting from seed systems/agricultural input activities, disaggregated by sex	0 people benefiting from seed systems/agricultural input activities	500 women benefit from seed systems/agricultural input activities	500 women benefited from seed systems/agricultural input activities	500 women benefited from seed systems/agricultural input activities
Number and percentage of beneficiaries demonstrating knowledge of appropriate crop protection procedures	Data not available	400 (80%) of beneficiaries demonstrate knowledge of appropriate crop protection procedures	328 (66%) of beneficiaries demonstrated knowledge of appropriate crop protection procedures	328 (66%) of beneficiaries demonstrated knowledge of appropriate crop protection procedures

Notes on Agriculture and Food Security sector activities:

- An agricultural training was conducted for 500 very poor women with children under 5, reaching this target. Training sessions were provided by agents of the Ministry of Agriculture of Niger to groups of 25 to 30 women. After this training, the women were provided with vouchers for seeds and agricultural tools to increase food production and consumption in the household.
- 328 women demonstrated improved knowledge of appropriate crop procedures. Weekly post-training monitoring and follow-up visits were completed in each village to note the establishment of crops and to reinforce aspects of the training as needed in order to reach the target of 400 beneficiaries demonstrating knowledge of appropriate crop protection procedures as well as the 2 increased months of food self-sufficiency.
- In the next quarter, all remaining untrained members of the 30 VSLA groups will also receive the agricultural training without receiving vouchers.



Follow up visit in Egrou during the establishment of a nursery for seedlings