



**International Relief and Development  
Emergency Food for Work and Agriculture Assistance Initiative for Affected  
Villages in Eastern Chad  
Annual Performance Report**

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## **BRIEF SUMMARY:**

As stated in the First Program Update submitted previously, IRD received the Pre-Authorization letter on May 26<sup>th</sup> 2005 while the actual Agreement Letter was received June 24<sup>th</sup> 2005. IRD had already begun recruitment of a Country Director and a Finance Manager to expedite the startup of the program. IRD Rapid Response Team arrived in Chad on May 15<sup>th</sup> 2005 to begin to recruit local staff, rent a compound in Iriba and purchase vehicles, logistical set up was finalized and the program activities started in the early September, notwithstanding the onset of the rainy season in the middle of June, etc.

**Objective #1 “Food for Work Management”:** The Protocole d’Accord with WFP was signed end of June therefore all the details in regard to the tonnage, types of Food For Work activities and timeframes were finalized in accordance with the modified priorities of WFP Chad as of the end of June. Priorities had changed because of the rush to beat the rainy season and to concentrate on the planting season. IRD was requested by WFP to undertake Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program for the Kobe Prefecture. IRD was allocated 1,000 MT of food commodities as opposed to 1,500 MT indicated in the written communication from WFP attached to IRD OFDA proposal. The balance and, most probably, additional tonnage will be available in the next quarter. Food distribution to the most vulnerable groups of the local population (children under 5 years old or under 110 cm of height, women pregnant over 6 months as well as lactating mothers with children under 6 months) became an obvious priority during the hunger gap prior to the harvesting period and IRD recognized the urgency of WFP request. Blanket Supplementary Feeding falls under Objective #1 of our current program. Its title, therefore, needs to be modified to “Food for Work / Blanket Supplementary Feeding Management”. The initial plan was to reach 84,826 beneficiaries through Food for Work activities, however the revised number is comprised of 56,632 BSF beneficiaries and approximately 24,000 FFW beneficiaries (targeting of this category is currently ongoing and the final number will be available in the next Program Update Report). Food for Work activities involving villages and laborers are being organized now. The rainy season has terminated and planting has been finalized. Various potential Food for Work projects are being identified, such as proper land management, erosion control, rehabilitation of rural roads, etc.

**Objective #2 “Water and Sanitation”:** IRD animators have started working with host communities in order to explain the importance of and create Food for Work committees. Due to the fact that the rainy season lasted until end of September, it was impossible to start implementing any water projects as of yet, however several projects will start right after the end of Ramadan. While sensitizing the beneficiaries, IRD realized the greater importance of water catchment areas (hafirs) and borewells for this agro-pastoralist population. Therefore, currently assessment of several damaged boreholes is ongoing and several sites for well rehabilitation have been identified.

**Objective #3 “Agricultural Improvement Activities”:** IRD organized and started implementing livestock vaccination campaign as of September 17. IRD is working in partnership with the Ministry of Livestock. IRD has contracted with their vaccination agents to be placed throughout the 3 cantons of intervention. This activity has turned out to be of much greater importance than initially deemed, since



several assessments of the livestock-related activities in the region have shown that besides the livestock originally present in Kobe Prefecture, nomads bring their livestock while transiting from the North to the South. For example, there is an additional demand for a similar vaccination intervention that has been expressed by the traditional and administrative authorities of the Bahai Department (heavily affected by the influx of refugees and recurrent drought), that have been informed about the commencement of IRD campaign.

IRD was not yet logistically set up for the distribution of millet seed in June 2005, but at the moment we are developing a plan to distribute cash crop seeds in order to be on time for the second growing season. Types of seeds will include tomatoes, okra, gumbo, watermelon, cucumbers, etc. The identification of potential sites for market gardening activities is in progress. The first seed distribution will benefit 500 households in the areas where no previous distributions have been held and that are farther away from markets.

In addition to the logistics of a program setup in a very difficult region of Chad, IRD has been able to begin with the following activities:

- Blanket Supplementary Feeding (BSF)
- Livestock vaccinations (in coordination with the Ministry of Livestock) in 3 cantons of the Kobe Prefecture

The tables below reflect the quantitative achievements to date (as of October 15):

#### **BLANKET SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING:**

#### **TOTAL TARGETED BENEFICIARIES:**

<b>CANTON</b>	<b>Child 6-59 mths</b>	<b>Pregnant women Over 6 mths</b>	<b>Lactating women with children under 6 mths</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Gourouf	955	55	52	<b>1 062</b>
Kapka	2 601	157	647	<b>3 405</b>
Noudour	1 475	112	281	<b>1 868</b>
Ourba	2 930	70	285	<b>3 285</b>
Bakaoré	3 171	316	536	<b>4 023</b>
Ourda	850	0	34	<b>884</b>
Tiné	39 183	402	366	<b>39 951</b>
Am Nabak	1 809	223	122	<b>2 154</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52 974</b>	<b>1 335</b>	<b>2 323</b>	<b>56 632</b>



First Distribution Performed in Ourba Canton (beneficiaries):

<b>Beneficiary Category</b>	<b>Number</b>
Pregnant women	77
Lactating women	61
Children under 5	1771
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1909</b>

First Distribution Performed in Ourba Canton (commodities distributed):

<b>Food Commodities</b>	<b>Quantities Distributed (in kilograms)</b>
CSB	14,317.5
Vegetable Oil	1,431.75
Sugar	1,145.5

Second distribution of BSF followed in Bakaure canton the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

LIVESTOCK VACCINATION:

<b>Vaccine</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Pastovac</b>	250,000
<b>Symptovac</b>	200,000
<b>Anthravac</b>	200,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	650,000

Vaccinated to date:

<b>Livestock Category</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
Bovine	4,991
Mutton	10,008
Goats	12,126
Camels	5,918
Horses	189
Donkeys	223
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33,455</b>

MISCELLANEOUS: An accident involving IRD vehicle and driver occurred September 29<sup>th</sup> resulting in death of a 1 year old child in the town of Iriba. The Director of Food Security and the Program Officer for West Africa were in N'Djamena at the time. Immediate action was taken to contact the appropriate government authorities, IRD insurance company and the police. For security reasons, the International Relief and Development  
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program was temporarily suspended. A written settlement was prepared and the situation was resolved shortly. Upon final resolution, all project activities re-started.

### **Objective #1: Food for Work / Blanket Supplementary Feeding Management**

Total targeted beneficiaries for Blanket Supplementary Feeding 56,632. BSF distributions conducted in two cantons. IRD began its education campaign to sensitize villagers about the importance of Food for Work programs, forming Food Management Committees and identifying sites for future FFW projects. As more assessments are being conducted in the areas of intervention, more possibilities for FFW projects are being identified (land management, rural market road rehabilitation, erosion control, etc).

**Indicator and Current Measure:** Heads of Household – Food for Work participants in the process of being selected and registered. First Food for Work project of rural road rehabilitation was implemented for 3 days involving 50 people in the Bakaore Canton (150 man days). 5,932 beneficiaries of BSF program have received food rations totaling at 34.7 MT.

**Resources:** food commodities (CSB, vegetable oil, sugar), funds for beneficiary targeting

<b>Budget for Objective 1</b>	US\$152,619	<b>Expended This Period</b>	US\$90,672.66
<b>Cumulative Expenditures to Date</b>	US\$90,672.66	<b>Balance</b>	US\$61,946.34

### **Objective #2: Water and Sanitation**

Sites are being identified for upcoming water projects. It has been noted by IRD that several boreholes in the region are in disrepair and urgently require rehabilitation. IRD plans on beginning repairs of the boreholes. Simultaneously, sites are being identified for rehabilitation of traditional wells, digging of water catchments as well as construction of small barrages in preparation for the next year's planting season.

**Indicator and Current Measure:** several sites for water projects have been identified, IRD expects the number of project sites to diminish significantly due to a number of reasons, such as changed pattern of nomadic migration, increased demand for hafir construction and other Food for Work project priorities that have recently emerged.

**Resources:** cash funds for sites identification, beneficiary targeting; WFP food commodities

<b>Budget for Objective 2</b>	US\$164,531	<b>Expended This Period</b>	US\$34,625.66
<b>Cumulative Expenditures to Date</b>	US\$34,625.66	<b>Balance</b>	US\$129,905.34



**Objective #3: Agricultural Improvement Activities**

Preparations for cash crop seeds distribution are being made. Livestock vaccination campaign started September 17<sup>th</sup>, with the total of 33,450 heads of livestock vaccinated as of October 15. One local CBO (group of women-farmers) has been identified and IRD animators are working with the members of this CBO in order to identify their needs, priorities, in order to better assist them in implementation of their farming activities as well as strengthen their capacity.

**Indicator and Current Measure:** 33,450 heads of livestock vaccinated to date, seed recipient households are being identified

**Resources:** 650,000 doses of vaccines (antravac, pastovac, symptovac), cash to pay vaccination teams

<b>Budget for Objective 3</b>	US\$257,556	<b>Expended This Period</b>	US\$100,193.66
<b>Cumulative Expenditures to Date</b>	US\$100,193.66	<b>Balance</b>	US\$157,362.34

**Picture #1: BSF distribution underway in Ourba Canton**



**Picture #2: BSF beneficiaries in Ourba Canton**



**Picture #3: Livestock vaccination underway**



**Picture #4: IRD contracted livestock vaccination team at work in Tine Canton**

