AGIR: Building Resilience in Sahel and West Africa

With the facilitation of:
... The Political Will to join efforts for a Long-Term Partnership to Eradicate Hunger ... 

The Alliance is born from the shared understanding of the Sahelians and West Africans and their partners of the international community on the structural and chronic nature of food and nutritional crises affecting the livelihoods and resilience of vulnerable households.
Resilience...

... A shared understanding of ‘Resilience’ by AGIR stakeholders...

“The capacity of vulnerable households, families, communities and systems to face uncertainty and the risk of shocks, to withstand and respond effectively to shocks, as well as to recover and adapt in a sustainable manner”
Resilience...

Some implications of the shared understanding:

1. **Linking humanitarian action to development in order to increase the resilience of the vulnerable households**

2. **Addressing simultaneously the acute and chronic causes of the crises:** Increased revenues; Access to infrastructures and basic social services (health, education, water-hygiene-sanitation, family planning, etc.); Building sustainable livelihoods

3. **Helping vulnerable households to gradually break the vicious cycle of poverty:** Promoting sustainable development
Target populations

1. **Vulnerable farmers:** poorly connected to markets; in situation of insecure land tenure; exposed to climate hazards and faced with the difficulties of access to basic social, agricultural and financial services

2. **Agro-pastoralists or pastoralists, artisanal fishermen:** faced with the same constraints and risks as vulnerable farmers, and also the erosion of their livestock or fisheries resources

3. **Poor workers** (rural & urban): faced with the job insecurity and at risk of exploitation by criminal and terrorist networks.

A particular focus on: i) children under five; ii) pregnant women and nursing mothers; iii) women-headed-households; iv) elderly persons; v) persons living with HIV; etc.
Objectives

Overall objective:
Structurally reduce, in a sustainable manner, food and nutritional vulnerability by supporting the implementation of Sahelian and West African policies - “Zero Hunger” in 20 years.

Indicators of impact:
1. Prevalence of global chronic malnutrition (children under five) less than 20%;
2. Decrease in the percentage of population structurally vulnerable to food and nutritional security;
3. Significant increase in the coverage of food and nutritional needs by local production (level of self-sufficiency);
4. Improvement in the overall resilience index of vulnerable households.
Specific objectives - Pillars

- **Pillar 1**: Improve social protection for vulnerable communities and households in order to secure their livelihoods
- **Pillar 2**: Strengthen the nutrition of vulnerable households
- **Pillar 3**: Sustainably improve agricultural and food productivity, the incomes of the most vulnerable and their access to food
- **Pillar 4**: Strengthen governance in food and nutritional security
Added Value...

1. Creating a favourable environment for placing resilience at the heart of food security strategies and policies:
   Strengthening the ‘resilience’ dimension of the policies; Promoting inter-sectoral co-ordination; etc.

2. Promoting the alignment of individual and collective actions with the AGIR table of results:
   Coordinated commitment of TFP; Accountability mechanisms at all levels

3. Promoting mutual learning and exchange of best practices
Guiding Principles...

... Dialogue, Inter-sectoral Co-ordination, Synergy...

1. Shared understanding of “Resilience”: *Improve the synergy between emergency responses and structural (development) ones*

2. Support for the implementation and strengthening of ‘resilience dimensions’ of the regional food and nutritional security agenda (including social protection, nutrition-health): *Alignment with the priorities of States and IGOs*

3. Targeting measures primarily at the most vulnerable groups: *helping them to emerge gradually and definitely form the vicious cycle of poverty and chronic crises*

4. Inter-sectoral co-ordination, inclusivity and subsidiarity
Achievements...

AGIR: A Long-Term Political Partnership at the benefit of Sahelian and West African resilience initiatives

Joint Statement

Regional Roadmap

Facilitation / Dialogue

Co-ordination Platform TFP

December 2012

April 2013
Achievements...

... Since the adoption of the regional Roadmap...


2. Adoption of a roadmap for accelerating the national inclusive dialogue process

Launch of the recruitment of CT-AGIR experts

Regional workshop to launch the National Inclusive Dialogue (Cotonou, 28-30 August 2013)
**Details of the tools**

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