



# LWF Chad Seeds for Solution



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# Foreword

My team and I are very proud to present one of our forefront project, *Seeds for Solution*.

LWF Chad has been closely collaborating with the United Nations High-Commissioner for Refugees for 8 years and, thanks to our partnership, we were able to launch this ambitious project, aiming at improving self-reliance of refugees and host communities in Eastern Chad.

LWF Chad contributes to relief efforts through its campaigns and projects, addresses populations' needs, protection and dignity. LWF Chad also promotes equal opportunities so as to encourage peaceful coexistence.

Following these strategic guiding principles, shared by UNHCR and the LWF, *Seeds for Solution* enables livelihoods' development in order to free populations from their dependency to humanitarian aid.

The project understands livelihoods and capacity building as multi-faceted phenomenon. *Seeds*



Adamou Koumanda, Program Coordinator (second from left) and Jan Schütte (middle), Representant for the Lutheran World Federation in Chad, meet with local leaders in Kerfi. LWF/S.Dalou

*for Solution* thus intervene in different areas, and simultaneously supports agricultural development and livestock owners, offers vocational trainings and improves infrastructures.

I would like to express my feelings of pride to the LWF Chad Staff for their tireless work.

I also wish to sincerely thank the Chadian administration, religious

authorities, our donors and partners for their contributions.

In the name of the LWF Chad, I would like to renew my wishes for an even closer collaboration between partners, so as to amplify our future impact.

I now invite you to discover all of the *Seeds for Solution* activities.

Happy reading !

# LWF World Service

The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) is a global communion of 144 churches in the Lutheran tradition, representing over 72 million Christians in 98 countries.

The Department for World Service (DWS) is the international humanitarian and development arm of the LWF.

World Service is rooted in Christian values affirming commitment

to uphold the rights of the poor and oppressed.

World Service works with local and international partners to alleviate suffering, combat injustice and poverty, and lay the foundation for a life in dignity for all. We are unique in our local rootedness and global connection.

World Service works in remote areas and often insecure situations,

touching the lives of over 2 million people across 33 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.

## Vision

World service strives for a world with just societies in which human beings live in dignity and peace. We therefore affirm people's diversity, their empowerment to claim universal rights, meet basic needs and improve their quality of life.

## Mission

Inspired by God's love for humanity, World Service responds to and challenges the causes and effects of human suffering and poverty.

## Core Values

- Dignity and Justice
- Inclusiveness and Participation
- Accountability and Transparency
- Compassion and Commitment
- Respect for Diversity



A truck carrying LWF/ACT Alliance water, health and sanitation kits for a distribution in Bouar, Central African Republic LWF/M.Hyden

# LWF Chad

The LWF Chad program was opened in 2007 in a very difficult emergency context.

Massive influx of Internally Displaced Persons and refugees fleeing the crisis in Sudan and the Central African Republic have greatly strained a country already at the heart of an unstable region plagued with inter-ethnic and religious conflicts.

The added populations add pressure on fragile national infrastructures in a country already highly

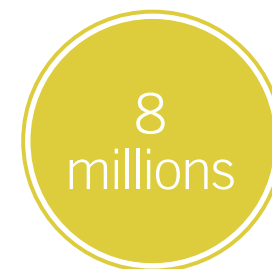
vulnerable to climate events and food insecurity.

To answer these challenges LWF Chad implements vocational training projects, raise awareness and educate on environmental issues, improves infrastructures, offers alternative energy solutions and develops agricultural programs.

LWF Chad, following the guiding principles of the World Service, bases its programmatic approach on ownership and development of projects for, and by, targeted populations.

The humanitarian demand's evolution, and the changing needs of the refugee populations and host communities, have encouraged LWF Chad to extend its presence and to create new durable strategies.

The program, with its 255 staff and 8 offices representing the LWF World Service all over the country, is UNHCR's major partner in Chad and is recognized by the humanitarian community as a reliable and creative humanitarian actor.



euros budget in 2014



staff in 8 national offices



people assisted in 2014



implemented with our partners



Beneficiaries are taking care of their crops on the Hile Borno site in Koukou Angarana. This site welcomes more than 40 groups representing 568 producers.  
LWF/A.Duret

## Project's Description

Confronted with the evolution of targeted populations' needs and a diminishing international and local funding, the humanitarian community needs to propose renewed strategic approaches with a long term focus.

To palliate refugee populations' high dependency to humanitarian

aid LWF Chad elaborated, in partnership with UNHCR, the *Seeds for Solution* project. The project aims at improving self-reliance in refugee and local populations, while contributing to the establishment of peaceful coexistence mechanisms.

Started in 2014 *Seeds for Solution* is currently implemented in the

Sila region, in four villages near the camps of Djabal, Goz Amir and Kerfi.

The project, which will be deployed until the end of 2016, will have supported 416 producers' groups and entrepreneurs, financed 165 micro-projects and will have enable the active participation of 12'127 households.

### Strategic Objective 1 : Promotion of peaceful coexistence

The primary condition to the project's implementation is the shared management and preservation of natural resources. The presence of such a large refugee population for so many

years has put an increased pressure on vulnerable ecosystems.

Allocation and access to natural resources consequently constitute the primary potential of conflicts

between populations. The need for mechanisms and mixed committees to allow for resources management and peaceful coexistence is thus critical.

### Strategic Objective 2 : Development of livelihoods

Parallel to the promotion of peaceful coexistence, the project will encourage the durable improvement of livelihoods for both refugees and host communities.

In combination with its support to agricultural production to ensure food security, *Seeds for Solution* deploys a Self-Reliance strategy, and offers the possibility for tar-

geted population to develop Income Generating Activities and personal capacities.

Facts and Figures

**12,127**  
households assisted  
Followed-up laureates **538**  
**47,160 kg**  
seeds distributed

**10,500** hectares secured  
Groups of producers, livestock owners, workers and traders **419**  
**13** drillings and  
**58.6%** of women among beneficiaries  
**2.4** Km irrigation pipes

# Action Areas

The *Seeds for Solution* project is implemented and operates in 4 major areas:

- Vocational training and Income Generating Activities (IGA).
- Agricultural techniques and farmers' groups capacity building.
- Production infrastructures reinforcement.
- Support to livestock owners.

In all aspects of its program the LWF Chad strives for bringing together refugees and host communities, men, women, young adults, and people with special needs.

## 1. Vocational training and IGA

LWF Chad offers professional trainings in domains with a high potential for autonomy and employment. Our Vocational Training Centres offer trainings in saponification, sewing, mechanics, electricity, masonry, blacksmith and metal work.

Vocational Training Centres' success can be explained by the variety and quality of its trainings, but more importantly by its workers' groups program that helps laureates finding work. The grouping of laureates allow them to better find jobs and clients, and further allows for knowledge exchange and mixity.

The capacity building strategy also supports Income Generating Activities with microfinance schemes. Beneficiaries are granted small loans to develop businesses, helping them compensate the lack of revenue from the off agricultural season.



Mechanics training, VTC Goz-Beida.LWF/S.Dalou

## 2. Capacity building for farmers' groups

Availability and access to farmland is highly problematic for part of the refugee population. Some, because of a lack of means or absence of local cooperation, are obliged to move, once again, to new villages.

In order to help those who don't have access to farmland LWF Chad advocates with local authorities, UNHCR and CNARR, to defend their interests.

This advocacy work for the secure access to farmland and the creation of joint farmers' groups has

permitted the allocation of more than 6000 acres.

LWF Chad also trains producers' groups on sustainable and organic agricultural techniques.

These newly acquired capacities allow for a better adaptation of seeds to ecosystem's conditions, the usage of new seeding techniques, and better protection of crops.

The combination of these actions contributes to an increased production and promotes targeted populations' self-reliance.

## 3. Production infrastructures

LWF Chad has also developed irrigation systems in order to secure sufficient provision of water for producers' groups.



Meeting with local leaders.LWF/LMuhigirwa



Irrigation s pipes' construction.LWF/S.Dalou

The irrigation systems are structured around traditional wells and offer a very limited outflow. They are also very fragile, highly dependent to fuel, and not durable as they rely on moto-pumps.

These wells will be progressively replaced with deeper solar pumps and concrete irrigation systems. With the new pumps LWF Chad hopes to encourage a better management and preservation of this precious natural resource.

LWF Chad has also agreed to support the construction of self-managed warehouses, enabling the set up of a warrantage system.

These warehouses also help in protecting harvests against risks of fire, molding or theft; thus offering

the proper conditions for having better and longer lasting seeds for consumption and seeding.

## 4. Support to livestock owners

LWF Chad also supports livestock owners by ensuring the safety of sold meat, with tests on carcasses, and health of livestock through vaccination campaigns.

These tests and check-ups are implemented with the participation of farmers' groups, mixing refugee and host populations.

The grouping of beneficiaries allow for the dissemination of knowledge on livestock care and sanitary controls.



Vaccination campaign.LWF/C.Kaestner

Phase 1 - September 2014 to March 2015

## Structuration and Mobilization

This phase's preparation started in August 2014 with the consultation of targeted populations, local authorities, partner organizations and the Chadian government. In september, LWF Chad was able to fully start mobilizing people, preparing allocated land for agriculture and started training beneficiaries.

### Farmland

Allocation of secured farmland was the primary and essential step to launching *Seeds for Solution*.

With the limited availability of fertile lands and the novelty of its strategy, LWF Chad advocacy efforts were vital to obtain warranties and consent from local communities and authorities.

Thanks to this advocacy work, and the help of local authorities, LWF Chad was able to secure approximately 6000 hectares for more than 3000 people.

### Equipment

The availability and provision of equipment and inputs was one of

the first needs to be identified and adressed.

To mitigate the grave lack of production capacities, LWF Chad distributed more than 2000 tools and agricultural material such as wheelbarrows, shovels and ploughs.

### Irrigation

In addition to distribution, the first phase also revealed that a better irrigation system was needed for the project to be fully sustainable.

So far, beneficiaries have been using moto pumps for crops irrigation, thus following an improved exploitation of traditional wells.

The running of the project highlighted the need for a new approach. LWF Chad has now begun building

new irrigation systems working with solar energy to remediate the limitations of the previous wells.

### Post-harvest

Another impending aspect of the equipment issue was the reinforcement of the post-harvest capacities. With the building of storage and the support of processing capabilities, LWF Chad helped farmers in maximizing their revenue.

### Seeds production

Another major goal of *Seeds for Solution* is to allow populations to self-sustain their seed production.

To help populations in reaching self-reliance LWF Chad and its



Beneficiaries are using one of the 5 presses installed in the Goz Beida intervention sites. These presses allow for the fabrication of combustible bricks thus offering an alternative to wood, this new source of energy contributes to the protection of local ecosystems. LWF/M.Chy

partners provided seeds, organized trainings and created a seed bank to help populations in being proactive in the preparation of next year's production.

### Household economic analysis

The Household Economic Analysis commissioned by UNHCR provided the ground work for a better targeted support and a refined perception of populations' needs.

UNHCR and the World Food Program (WFP) will continue their joint effort to provide an Economic Analysis for all implementation sites in the second phase of the project.

### Environment

LWF Chad develops an integrated approach to sustainability in all aspects of the project. From training beneficiaries to projects alleviating the burden of added populations on ecosystems to prac-

tical compensation projects. For example, the LWF Chad bureau in Goz Beida informed more than 800 persons on sustainability issues and offered 17 training and awareness sessions.

In addition to these workshops, helping developing a sustainable and independent agriculture, LWF Chad also actively protects the environment with the implementation of reforestation areas or the creation of sustainability and environmental committees.



Host communities members and Sudanese refugees following a sewing class at the Goz Beida Vocational Training Centre.  
LWF/S.Dalou

Phase 2 - April to December 2015

## Capacity building

LWF Chad continues, in the second phase of the project, its advocacy efforts towards local authorities and land owners to secure more farmland. Thanks to the good work of the LWF Chad teams and the positive outcomes *Seeds for Solution* already had on communities, owners are now volunteering their land to the project. It is now more than 4500 hectares that are in the process of being added to the 6000 already cultivated..

- Preparation of Farmland
- Seeds distribution
- Reinforcement of infrastructure
- Trainings and capacity building
- Leadership trainings
- Follow-up of households' Self-Reliance and autonomization
- Households' Follow-up and evaluation

Phase 3 - January to December 2016

## Self-Reliance

LWF Chad will capitalize on the achievements of the previous phases and review households to analyse how their socio-economic status has changed. A comparative analysis to the baseline profile of each household and assessment of households or autonomous groups will be carried out in partnership with UNHCR, ONDR and other consultants. Based on the results, LWF Chad will consider replicating this intervention in other areas.

- Reinforcement of groups' autonomization
- Households analysis
- Households status and aid review
- Follow-up of Autonomous Households
- Follow up workshop sessions with 500 group leaders
- Project Evaluation and reorientation



# Our Participants



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// His majesty **Mahamat Brahim Bakhit**, leader of the Koukou district explains: “we were scared that the thousands of Sudanese arriving in our villages would cause problems.”

“But we soon realized, thanks to the meetings and committees organized by the LWF Chad, that there were numerous advantages to their presence. They brought knowledge, know-hows and, with the help of the project, we now have fresh vegetables all year round.”

He insists, “I would like to share my sincere feelings of satisfaction and joy for the honest communication and long lasting partnership we have with the LWF’s teams. LWF Chad is one of the only partners that implements durable projects, and that consults with us, local leaders, at every step of the way, for every project.” /



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// “After we finished our training, in 2013, LWF Chad encouraged us to form workers’ groups. In our group we are 15, 7 refugees and 8 locals, of whom 2 women.” Explain **Hamit** and **Yassin**, laureates in masonry with the Goz Beida Vocational Training Centre.

“Our workers’ group meets regularly, handles our contracts and collaboratively manages the money earned. Thanks to the group we were able to find work quickly, like the construction of a fence around the Koutoufou agricultural site or the painting job at the UNHCR office in Goz Beida.”

They add, “without the training many of us would have been obliged to leave to find work or study. Staying here helps us support our families and our region’s development.” /



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// **Kada**, a refugee and president of one of the 19 producers’ group in Kerfi, explains “Thanks to the LWF Chad support we created groups, received seeds, tools, and inputs to cultivate our allocated farmlands”

She adds that harvests were good, proudly showing the bags of peanuts stacked in the collaborative warehouse behind her, “this is only part of the harvest, and from one of the producers’ groups only !”

The new agricultural campaign is starting well, as everything was done in time this year, she insists “now it’s our turn to prove ourselves and to show what we are capable of ! We hope, God’s willing, that the warehouse will be full this year.”

She adds laughing, “if the World Food Program needs food, we will help them !” /

## Our Partners

LWF Chad would like to thank all its local, national and international partners for their collaboration, support and generous contributions



## Accountability and Transparency

LWF participates in, and contributes to, international humanitarian networks and organizations to advance humanitarian accountability, advocacy, and quality



“Uphold the rights of the  
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