

COMMITMENT: COMMUNITY WELLBEING

The Irhazer project: contributing to food security and local economic development



Initiated in 2011 in partnership with the State of Niger, the IRHAZER project aims to contribute to food security through the development of irrigated agriculture. This program allows the development of a 1,000-ha area (private and community irrigation) to be improved and accelerated by making it available for livestock farming and by promoting the value chain for farming and livestock products.

At community level, 2021 was notable for the transfer of 4 farming operations to the National Office for Hydro-Agricultural Development (Office National des Aménagements Hydro-Agricoles – ONAHA) which is now responsible for ensuring the continuity of the actions taken within the framework of the project.

In terms of support for the promotion of private holdings, 80 small-scale irrigation sub-projects are currently being carried out over an area of 150 hectares.

Regarding the private livestock farming, four sub-projects including three banks reserved for livestock feed and a poultry farm have been completed. As far as water for pastoral use is concerned, 35 water points have been dug.

As regards the private irrigation area, located near the SOMAÏR and COMINAK mining sites, the feasibility study begun in 2021 is now complete. Work began in 2022 to expand the area dedicated to the pilot project to the Arlit area.

Finally, the vaccination program has continued and close to 47,000 head of cattle have been vaccinated.



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