



ACTION AGAINST DESERTIFICATION

NIGER

Niger has struggled with desertification, land degradation, drought and loss of biodiversity for many years. Recent successes in land restoration show that these problems are not insurmountable. Large-scale restoration is needed to improve food security and livelihoods in rural areas and help people adapt to climate change.

Action Against Desertification supports the implementation of the Great Green Wall initiative in Niger. It aims to increase the living standards of rural communities and strengthen the resilience and productivity of drylands through restoration and the sustainable management of natural resources, while stimulating economic growth. The project is undertaking the following action:

→ LAND RESTORATION

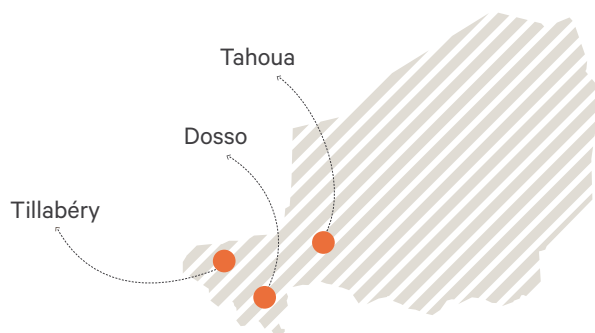
In 2017, 1 050 hectares of degraded land have been prepared for restoration and almost 250 000 seedlings of well-adapted local trees, shrubs and grasses have been planted. In 2018, restoration will be scaled-up using mechanised land preparation with the specialised Delfino plough, as well as natural regeneration.

→ CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

In 2017, 100 small-scale farmers were trained in natural assisted regeneration techniques and 40 farmers in forest and fodder seed collection and the production of seedlings in village nurseries.

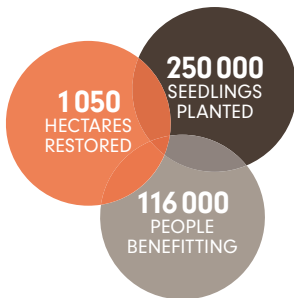
→ DIVERSIFICATION OF ECONOMIC

activities, promoting the development of value chains of high-potential non timber forest products to stimulate economic growth. Products include gum Arabic, Balanites oil, baobab leaves and fruit, as well as gao leaves and fruit. At the same time, income generating activities, such as collecting and selling seed and fodder, the production and sales of nursery seedlings and the production and sales of honey, are being supported.





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In Niger, Action Against Desertification operates in twelve communities in the regions of Tillabéry, Tahoua and Dosso. An estimated 116 000 people, over half of whom are women, benefit from the project's activities.

In close collaboration with:

- Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development
- National Agency of the Great Green Wall
- National Forestry Seed Centre
- Local authorities of the regions involved
- Render Effective Aid to Children (REACH Italia/Afrique)

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