



Centre For Community Development And Research Network (CCDRN)

NEWSLETTER

CCDRN Provides Training Supports for Conflict-Affected Smallholder Farming Beneficiaries In Yobe Communities

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In a bid to aid to smallholder farmers in vulnerable communities as they gear up for the rainy season farming, the Centre for Community Development and Research Network (CCDRN) has provided training support to 506 IDPs and vulnerable host community members as part of the United Nations World Food Programme's livelihood activities across 16 communities in Bade LGA, Yobe state, on Rain-fed farming best practices, while prioritizing COVID 19 preventive measures.

The training which held through the month of May 2020, was designed to build the capacity of targeted beneficiaries, empower and enable them to identify problems in the farming systems, to analyse causes and effects, to assess options and to arrive at well-informed decisions in order to prepare to take responsibility for their own future towards greater yield.



A training session for Rain fed farmers in Bade, Yobe

Essentially, beneficiaries are always sensitized on all COVID 19 preventive measure and how to adapt amidst the crisis to take measures that can reduce the spread of COVID-19 and promote sustained production of food

Capacity Building is a prerequisite For Sustainable Livelihood and Resilience Building

WFP Small Ruminants-Goat and Sheep Reaches 450 Conflict-Affected Women and Most Vulnerable Households in Adamawa

The Centre for Community Development and Research Network distributed one thousand eight hundred small ruminants (Goats and Sheep) to 450 conflict affected families across targeted communities in Michika and Madagali Local Government Areas of Adamawa state under the World Food Programme's 2020 Livelihood intervention, as part of efforts to reestablish livelihoods and combat critical levels of food insecurity occasioned by violence perpetrated by Non state Armed Group.

The conflict in the Northeast of Nigeria severely affected people's livelihoods through loss of assets, including livestock. To bridge this gap, WFP's livestock-distribution is framed under the overall livelihood intervention in Michika and Madagali to help households survive the immediate crisis and to support communities in rebuilding their livelihoods. In implementing the Livestock intervention, CCDRN typically cover training for beneficiaries on Livestock management best practices, provision of animal health

services, immediate feeding for the livestock and other ancillary support. To make this process sustainable, CCDRN further ensured that goats and sheep that meet specifications of good health and breeding performance are distributed to the beneficiaries. Each of the 450 targeted beneficiaries received a total of four goats/sheep comprising a male and three female. This is expected to strengthen resilience of communities from the loss of livestock assets



Beneficiaries display small ruminants received from CCDRN thanks to WFP in Michika, Adamawa

Empowered and Resilient: Musa's Story of surviving Conflict and Struggling for a Fresh Start

39-year old Musa Mishelia had a great life with his parents and 4 siblings in Maiduguri. His father, a retired military officer was earning a reasonable pension to support him and his siblings. His mother also worked as a Nanny while Musa who is a graduate of Agricultural extension was working as an hotelier, earning enough to meet his own needs and provide additional help for his family.

Life was quite rubicund before the unhallowed visit by Boko Haram insurgent changed life's course for Musa and the rest of his siblings. "When the incidence started in 2009, it started like a play. I was personally affected in 2012, on 28 December, 3 days after Christmas. Boko Haram attacked my family house at Shuwari 5, while I was away at work and slaughtered my dad and one of my younger brothers. They only spared my mum who was forced to watch how they stabbed my dad in the back and slaughtered my brother. Then, they were not harming women and I guess that was why they didn't kill my mum.

"I came home after the attackers had left to see my dad and my brother's body in pool of blood. It was a traumatic experience for me, my mum and remaining siblings. We had to leave the area after burying my dad and brother. My mum couldn't bear the harrowing experience and passed away in January 2013, obviously due to the trauma. She never recovered.

"That was the beginning of our problem. We lost everything. My family became scattered with everyone trying to fend for them-selves. My dad was the major bread winner as we were depending on his military pension. For



Musa Mishelia, UNDP beneficiary, working on a car suspension in Barnawa, Kaduna

me I was working as an hotelier prior to the attack but I also lost that job because we had to move. We couldn't bear the ordeal" says Musa.

"Before Boko Haram, life was ok for us. My Mum was a Nanny, my Dad was receiving pension and as an hotelier then, I was also receiving salary and was supporting my family. But all that changed dramatically after the attack. Things became really rough. My family became scattered as we couldn't afford to stay together anymore. Everyone went in search of survival".

Slowly Musa became worn down by life's frustrations. He discarded whatever hope and faith he may have once held and adopted a different conviction, taking to alcoholism. It was really difficult for Musa to come to terms with his harrowing experience. Everything looked gloomy and dark until the United Nations Development Programme's intervention that came and provided him a leeway.

"For me, it was like the end has come" he said. "I became addicted to alcoholism because of what happened. We

lost everything and I couldn't secure another job due to the conflict even though I am a graduate. I took to smoking and alcohol. It was a dark experience for me. Until this UNDP project came and gave me a direction again. I never dreamt in my life of becoming a Mechanic until this intervention by UNDP provided me with the opportunity to start my life over again." Musa added

In January of 2019, Musa got a hint that UNDP is planning to support Victims of insurgency to acquire some vocational skills in a bid to help them regain their means of livelihood. He applied and was lucky to be among the 50 UNDP beneficiaries selected to learn Mechanical mechatronics and body work at the PAN learning center in Kaduna. With support from the European Union, UNDP launched the intervention as part of its early recovery response to the conflict in the Northeast of Nigeria which has tremendously escalated the poverty level in the region and disrupted means of livelihood. Many conflict affected youths like Musa have been benefiting from this intervention.

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CCDRN Conducts Focus Group Discussion on COVID 19 Awareness

Level in Bade Communities

In the Northeast of Nigeria, the threat of the novel COVID 19 continues to grow, particularly in vulnerable communities where the virus poses considerable danger to already at-risk populations living in areas with dire need of interventions and fragile healthcare system.

To deepen effort at ensuring that community members understand how to prevent themselves from the spread of the virus, CCDRN has intensified its awareness campaign process, conducting Focus Group Discussions to ascertain level of community awareness of the virus as well as pooling in key community stakeholders to join and support the fight against the virus in their various communities.

In the interim, CCDRN has prioritized targeted communities where it is implementing WFP livelihood intervention and food assistance, bringing on board community leaders, community focal persons and opinion leaders comprising of Bulamas, Chief Imam, Lawanis, Women leaders, security operatives, and Community Elders to participate in Focus Group Discussions in a bid to understand how to further help in reaching out to the communities with targeted messages about the virus.

From the Focus Group Discussion, points to the fact that the stakeholders are aware of the Pandemic but knew little or nothing about its spread, and also how to prevent it, even as some of them maintained that they only had families and friends from other states calling to tell them about the disease.

Using pictorial illustration to further enlighten the stakeholders about the Corona Virus, CCDRN team harped on early signs of the disease and also on how to prevent it, the benefit of social distancing, washing of hands frequently with soap and water, staying hydrated, how to disinfect oneself after returning from the farm and market, keeping their household/farmlands clean, good personal hygiene and avoiding hand shake was intensively discussed.

Expressing gratitude to CCDRN frontline team for their effort in reaching out to communities, Lawani Buba from Azbak community in Bade LGA says, "It is evidence that all the key stakeholders in my community will adhere to all we have been taught today, this is indeed a life strengthening issue, and we would not want to record loss of lives. I personally the Lawal of Azbak community will participate in further enlightening my community members from the knowledge I acquired today".

Bade Local Government Area is hosting considerable number of internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) who fled the conflict occasioned by activities of Non-State Armed groups from neighbouring Borno state and other areas affected by the conflict. CCDRN is intensifying sensitization and awareness on the virus due to the elevated risk the virus poses to IDPs and other vulnerable host community members.

CCDRN is working with support from WFP to reach out to families impacted by the Boko Haram conflict through food assistance and livelihood activities to ensure that their food and livelihood needs are met amidst the dangers posed by the virus.

WFP Livelihood Intervention: CCDRN Reach out to Vulnerable Farmers, Provides Seeds and Fertilizers for Rain fed Farming



The Centre for Community Development and Research Network CCDRN has distributed quality seed and fertilizers to 506 vulnerable farmers in Bade LGA, #Yobe, under the United Nations World Food Programme 2020 livelihood intervention to help vulnerable smallholders farmers recover, re-establish, and sustain their farming systems.

With the onset of rainy season, this activity is framed to ensure that affected communities have basic seed and tools as

quickly as possible, so as to hasten the process of producing their own food and contribute to their own livelihood security. This situation in Nigeria's Northeast has negatively affected household food security. With support from WFP, CCDRN is contributing to the improvement of agricultural systems by providing farmers with quality seeds and fertilizers to support food production in Bade LGA, Yobe state. As part of the WFP livelihood activities being implemented across 16 communities

in Bade LGA, effort is being made to meet the immediate needs of vulnerable farmers for access to planting materials in a bid to contribute to long-term restoration, rehabilitation, and improvement of agricultural systems.

By supporting food production, WFP and CCDRN seeks to decrease dependence on repeated food aid, nested within the broader aims of strengthening food and livelihood security.

World Food Programme GFD and BSFP Distribution in Yobe and Adamawa states, Northeast Nigeria

In a bid to save and change lives of people affected by violent conflict in the Northeast of Nigeria, the Centre for Community Development and Research Network has continue to reach out to conflict affected families with specialized food and nutrition sensitive packages across targeted communities in Yobe and Adamawa states with support from the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)

Amidst the threat posed by the Novel COVID 19 Pandemic, CCDRN is supported by WFP to ensure that “the people we serve” are not left behind

Across Bade, Gujba and Gulani Local government areas of Yobe state, Michika and Madagali LGAs of Adamawa state, CCDRN carried out WFP Blanket supplementary feeding program (BSFP) activity and General Food Distribution (GFD), targeting conflict affected families with wide range of specialized foods to improve their nutritional status.

For the month of April and May, 1,343 households received double ration of WFP’s food commodities in Gujba, Gulani, and Bade LGA while an estimated 7,874 were targeted for Blanket Supplementary Feeding programme. Meanwhile, in Adamawa, a total of 2,830 beneficiaries were reached under the WFP Blanket supplementary feeding Programme and 3,550 for GFD.

They received a double ration to cover for both the month of April and May. The double ration was implemented because of the fear of anticipated total Lockdown in view of the trends surrounding the outbreak of COVID 19. This is also to ensure that the beneficiaries do not go hungry while remaining at home to



Food items strategically arranged for distribution observe all the necessary precautionary measures against the pandemic.

CCDRN mainstreamed COVID 19 sensitization into the activity, passing key precautionary messages across all FDPs in a bid to create maximum safety awareness to beneficiaries. This also includes provision of hand wash/hand sanitizers and other precautionary measures at the entrance of all distribution sites. A spacing of one meter as a preventive actions directed by Nigeria Center for Disease Control (NCDC) was also observed during the distribution to avoid over clustering and to also mitigate overcrowding.

CCDRN trains 235 vulnerable individuals on Livestock Management in Michika, Adamawa State



CCDRN Livelihood team for Adamawa provided training support for Livestock beneficiaries across 8 communities in Michika LGA.

The training was facilitated in an effort to build capacity to improve the livelihood and security of vulnerable households by implementing sustainable and market-oriented economic empowerment opportunities to bring about the highest and meaningful impact for vulnerable HHs beneficiaries in Michika, a conflict affected area in Adamawa, Northeast Nigeria.

The training sessions for the selected livestock beneficiaries was practical in nature and applied a mix of infield presentations and small group discussions. Practical training sessions were linked to activity of improving housing and shelter conditions (rehabilitation of barns). This facilitated the knowledge sharing and learning among the participants where they were able to observe, test and practice the new techniques.

The training was carried out in the 8 communities (Dzurok, Kubi, Kuda, Kasuwan Naira, Yamwe, Sangere, Yaskule and Zaibadari) reaching a total of 235 beneficiaries



Musa Mishelia and colleagues working on a vehicle engine

In the Nigerian Northeast, so many victims of insurgency are struggling with a loss of hope. They might not even know how to identify exactly what they are experiencing, but their life just feels empty. Dry. Such was Musa’s situation until UNDP intervention came to fill the void.

“This intervention brought me out of the darkness that enveloped me due to my experience with the conflict. Luckily I was enrolled into the intervention and brought to Peugeot-PAN learning center in Kaduna where my story actually changed. I lost all hopes after my parents and brother died but now I am on a journey that will change my life forever thanks to UNDP.

“We were 50 beneficiaries who were brought to Kaduna for the training in auto Mechanic for one year. In the cause of the training, UNDP provide us with accommodation, food and stipends for our upkeep and in the process, we also received a thorough mentorship from Centre for Community Development and Research Network (CCDRN) on how to successfully manage our business and financ-

es. "I tell you honestly, this is a life changing experience for me and I see a lot of prospect and great future in this. UNDP has really changed everything for me. I decided to stay back in Kaduna to start a new life in Kaduna” Musa said UNDP partnered with Centre for Community Development and Research Network to provide mentorship support for the trainees, manage cash disbursements and provide thorough monitoring of utilization of the cash grant given to the beneficiaries. Under the intervention, Musa and other beneficiaries who met the set criteria for the cash grant are to receive one hundred and eighty thousand naira in two tranches.

“I have so far received N90, 000 from UNDP through CCDRN and I have bought a couple of tools that I am now using to work. For now, I don’t have my own shop; I have attached myself with a professional mechanical workshop for further practical learning. I want to add more knowledge and be more grounded; I decided to attach myself with ‘Haske Motors’ to learn more before I can get a shop.

“On my own, I am working more on vehicle suspension, changing of brake pads, shaft and doing general servicing. I am not yet into engine repairs because it is a bit complex so we only assist in losing the engines for now. I decided to attach myself here so as to learn more on how to handle engines. "Truly, I don’t know how to thank UNDP. They have changed my live for good. Most of us came to PAN learning center without any-thing but now we are armed with this skill. I lost my hope after the incidence with my family but now I am back on track. I am now empowered and resilient” He said.

Musa has set some goals for his future including setting up his own mechanical workshop, employing and teaching other apprentices as he believes that he can also contribute to the life of other victims of insurgency with the skill he has learnt. UNDP through its early recovery project in the Northeast of Nigeria is working in partnership with Centre for Community Development and Research Network to help conflict affected women and youth to reestablish their livelihood and regain lost hopes. Most of these beneficiaries have since established profitable ventures across Borno, Adamawa and Yobe states

WFP Officials Visits Livelihood Project Implementation site in Yobe, Lauds CCDRN’s effort

A special delegation from WFP’s Damaturu sub office visited led by its Programme Policy Officer and Head of Operations, Mr Emmanuel Bimba have described CCDRN’S Performance in livelihood project implementation as quite laudable “particularly in emergency situations like the current one posed by the COVID-19 PANDEMIC”.

Mr Bimba who led the team to provide on sight technical support on livelihood Programme implementation in Bade Local Government Area of Yobe state where CCDRN is implementing a second phase of WFP livelihood project noted that, “ from the rehabilitation work currently being carried out by WFP Livelihood beneficiaries who have maintained COVID-19 prevention strategies, to the Communal poultry production, Tree nursery and Livestock rearing, I will say CCDRN is working hard enough to meet our collective goal of SDG 2 and ensuring that

lives are adequately saved” Emmanuel BIMBA , was accompanied by Esther Ogundari (Livelihood Assistant), Chindo Bezaleel (Security Associate) and Amina Aisami (Monitoring Assistant) Since January of 2019, CCDRN has been working with support from the World Food Programme to restore livelihood of vulnerable population in Bade LGA, Yobe, rebuilding lost hopes and changing lives of communities once on the brink

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WFP official inspecting an ongoing school toilet being constructed under 2020 livelihood project in Bade

Photo Gallery



Beneficiaries displaying goats and sheep Received from CCDRN in Madagali



Hand washing point at CCDRN project site



Livelihood beneficiaries set to cart away food items



CCDRN team verifying beneficiaries prior to food distribution



Temperature Check in line with COVID 19 preventive measures



CCDRN sensitizing community members on COVID 19



WFP food items in full display ahead of distribution To livelihood beneficiaries in Madagali



CCDRN tree nursery ready for planting in Bade Communities



CCDRN team sorting seeds meant for distribution to rain fed farmers in Bade



CCDRN official sensitizing communities on COVID 19 preventive measures in Borno communities



COVID 19 FGD being conducted by CCDRN in Bade



WFP tailoring beneficiary sewing Face mask in Bade

Monitoring/Mentorship and Training of IGA Beneficiaries



CCDRN team on IGA monitoring visit in Gujba

Building on the existing efforts to improve the livelihood and recovery process of beneficiaries through the Income Generation Activities (IGA) intervention in collaboration with World Food Programme, on 11th – 14th May, 2020. Centre For Community Development and Research Network (CCDRN) embarked

on a Monitoring of beneficiaries progress on grain and tomatoes processing, ice block making in communities in wagir, katarko, hore- yinwa, mahdiya, college, Buni lawanti, in Gujba. CCDRN’s

IGA team conducted monitoring and mentorship of beneficiaries reaching a total of 50 beneficiaries’ under grain and tomatoes processing across twenty eight beneficiaries in Gujba, four beneficiaries in Wagir and eighteen

in Buni Lawanti, with 30 beneficiaries under ice block making across Gujba, Wagir and Buni Lawanti were covered during this activity, in Gujba LGA.

“Conflict Affected Individuals building resilience, through IGA”

Crop production: CCDRN trains 1,127 Conflict Affected Households on Wet Season Farming Under WFP Livelihood Project in Adamawa Communities.

“WFP and CCDRN partnership is helping to build Resilience For Conflict Affected families through agriculture to reduce their dependence on food aid

In Michika and Madagali LGAs of Adamawa state, CCDRN provided training support for vulnerable conflict affected farmers on crop production with support from WFP in a bid to restore their livelihoods and reduce acute malnutrition by improving the food security status of IDPs and other vulnerable groups and communities whose food security has been adversely affected by violent conflict. Under the World Food Programme’s 2020 livelihood intervention in Michika and Madagali,

agricultural assistance is being provided through CCDRN among other farming and non-farm activities to save essential agricultural assets and to maintain livelihoods, nutrition and food security in the affected communities.

The training on wet season farming was carried out between 18th to 22nd May 2020. A total of 338 Households were trained in Michika, while 789 households were trained in Madagali.

Beneficiaries were introduced to GAP (Good Agricultural Practice) for both Cereal and Leguminous Crops to be planted during the wet season. The training also covered land selection and Preparation, Seed Selection, Plant Spacing, fertilizer application, Weed and Pest Control among host of other key Modules.

The distribution of fertilizer and other input to beneficiaries is set to commence soon

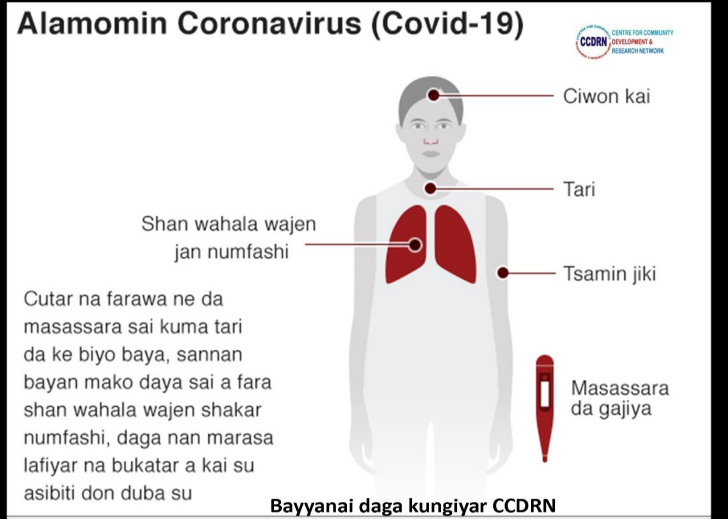


Beneficiaries receiving training on rain fed farming in Michika, Adamawa state

Continues COVID 19 Sensitization Gains Traction as CCDRN Intensifies Awareness across Adamawa Communities

Sensitization on COVID -19 has become a routine activity for CCDRN as part of the effort to support the fight against the virus. This became necessary especially as some community members still find it hard to believe the existence of COVID-19. Working with relevant partners, CCDRN has enhanced project field staff capacity and equipped them towards improving community awareness, prevention and sensitization of COVID-19 best

practices. Through the month of April and May, CCDRN cascaded public health information on COVID-19 practices to the grassroots IDPs and host communities across Michika and Madagali in Adamawa as well as other projects implementation sites in Yobe state. Before the commencement of any activity in the field, CCDRN prioritizes sensitization of the communities on the guidelines of regular hand washing



with soap, personal hygiene, social distancing, and use of hand sanitizer and avoid large gatherings to prevent the spread of the deadly virus.

“WFP and CCDRN partnership is helping to guarantee food security and reestablishing sustainable livelihood”

Livelihood Beneficiaries Receives WFP food assistance in Madagali, Adamawa state

CCDRN carried out livelihood food distribution across five communities in Madagali, in the month of May in a bid to help conflict-affected families to access and consume nutritional food in the short term, while also striving to guarantee their food security and reestablish sustainable livelihoods. The outbreak of COVID 19 and efforts to contain it has disrupted

normal activities with a devastating impact on food security. The United Nations World Food Programme is supporting CCDRN to reach out to affected communities to help cushion the impact of the crisis. Beneficiaries received beans, sorghum, vegetable oil, salt, and Corn Soya Blend plus (CSB+) to help them meet their immediate food needs in addition to other means of support initiated to help restore their livelihoods. In keeping with CCDRN’s entrenched COVID 19 strategies,

at the entry point, a hand wash area was provided and the temperature of beneficiaries was checked. The beneficiaries then proceed to the crowd control area where sensitization on their entitlement and COVID-19 takes place. The team ensures social distancing is maintained at the crowd control area. From the crowd control area, beneficiaries proceed to the verification point where their token is verified and then they proceed to the distribution point to pick their ration. The food ration for each household is already stacked at the distribution point to avoid the crowd during scooping at to make the process faster.



Stock Check being carried out by CCDRN official ahead of food distribution to livelihood beneficiaries in Madagali,

Changing Lives

Saving Lives

Cont'd Monitoring/Mentorship and Training of IGA Beneficiaries

The monitoring activities covered eight communities of Gujba LGA, which includes: Gujba town, Wagir, College, Hore Yinwa, Mahadiya, Kasatcia, New Sabon Gari, and Buni Gari.

After the monitoring and mentorship, it is evidence that beneficiaries are making use of the NFI's, ice-block making beneficiaries, tomatoes and grain processing beneficiaries, recorded profit during the Ramadan season, for their services was in high

demand .

The five days training on Tie and dye, started on 19th- 27th of May, 2020, in Gujba LGA, fourteen beneficiaries were trained, while twenty beneficiaries were trained in Buni lawanti and five in Bara.



Monitoring Of Beneficiaries on IGA Activities

CCDRN's Vision and Mission Statement

CDRN was established to provide sustainable community development services in the areas of conflict resolution, peace building, economic empowerment, agriculture, health, education as well as governance.

Vision:

A society in which governance and development is community driven.

Mission:

To partner with communities and groups to achieve recreation and rebuilding on the principles of self-reliance, self-management and collective peace. By this we mean, collaborating with key stakeholders to foster development and advancement by equipping the society with the requisite knowledge, information and skills to champion their own course.

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