

NIGER: PROJECT D'ASSISTANCE ALIMENTAIRE &  
INTÉGRATION ÉCONOMIQUE DE NIGER (PAAIEN)



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# Mission Statement



- *“PAAIEN, a recently created Track II pilot project, is committed towards solving the resource pressures faced by the Nigerien government by addressing the growing issue over food security and regional tensions through improved crop yield, border security, and economic integration of the Tuareg tribe.*  
*- PAAIEN Founders November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013*

# Pre-Project Risk Assessment

- Conditions that are necessary to launch:
  - Secure conditions for project personnel from internal threats
  - Credible and measureable commitment from the Nigerien government officials
  - Diverting funds towards border security in an equivalent expenditure
  - Consensus/Support from stakeholders (e.g. The Nigerien Government, local communities, Canadian Fund for Local Initiatives)
- Link Between Conflict and PAAIEN's proposed project:
  - Relieve pressure on the Nigerien government to provide assistance to refugees
  - Government will be able to dedicate more resources towards security and implementing the peace agreement
  - Economic integration of the Tuareg
  - Increased Wellbeing

# Project Partnership



- DFATD will be providing financial and technical aid for the PAAIEN project with direction/coordination from *The Canada Fund of Local Initiatives* and local NGO *Akarass*

# Project: Phase I



- Implementing PAAIEN to see the viability of the success of the project by testing its progress in Intikan
- Why Intikan?
  - ▣ Large refugee camp (9,000 inhabitants)
  - ▣ Near Tuareg population which will foster cooperation
- Increased participation in the local economy from the Tuareg herders/farmers who would benefit from food security practices
- Phase Timeline: 1 year

# Project: Phase II



- Contingent on Phase I successful implementation
  - ▣ Economic integration of Tuaregs and improved food security for refugees
- Coordination with the local NGO and population for potential locations for new project initiatives based on best practices from Phase I
- NOTE: This phase will be heavily contingent on the Nigerien government diverting funds towards border security

# Benefits of Stakeholders



- Canada:
  - ▣ Increased Regional Stability
  - ▣ Builds on past relationships of Canadian government within the region
  - ▣ Part of la Francophonie
- Nigerien Government
  - ▣ Increased capacity for border security
  - ▣ Decreased pressure from refugees needs/demands
- International Community/Neighbouring States
  - ▣ Increased Regional Stability
- Tuareg
  - ▣ Increased economic integration
- Refugees
  - ▣ Improved standard of living

# Monitoring



- PAAIEN will monitor the success of the operation by establishing a close relationship with the local NGOs to track its progress
- Evaluation of Transparency International to measure country's level of corruption
- Stakeholder surveys of satisfaction with the projects results



# Evaluation



- Short-Term Goals (1 year)
  - ▣ Increased economic integration
  - ▣ Better living conditions for refugees
  - ▣ Improvement of border security by government resources
  
- Long-Term Goals (3 years)
  - ▣ Decrease in regional tensions
  - ▣ Improvement in crop yield from sustainable agricultural practices