# CHAD



#### **Country Facts**



- ACORD has been working in Chad since 1987.
- · ACORD works in the regions of Guéra, Rural N'djamena, Chari-Baguirmi, Hadjer Lamis, and Sila Regions to build capacity and sustainability.
- ACORD partners with 6 civil society organisations in Chad.
- The ACORD team in Chad is comprised of 17 staff, 100% of whom are Chadian.
- Last year, ACORD programs touched the lives of 8,036 Chadians in the most marginalised, hard to reach communities.



ACORD (Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development) is a Pan-African non-governmental organisation that has been working for social justice and development in Africa since 1976. Our work is guided by a number of fundamental values and working principles, chief amongst these is our belief that people themselves are the primary actors in their own development.

ACORD works in common cause with people who are poor and those have been denied their rights to obtain social justice and development and, ultimately, to become part of locally-rooted citizen movements. ACORD has facilitated the emergence of over 2000 strong and autonomous grassroots organisations across Africa.

### **Country Priorities**

In Chad, ACORD's overarching goal is to contribute to the food security of marginalised communities through strengthened sustainable livelihoods in an environment of peace.

#### **RESILIENT LIVELIHOODS**

• Specific Objective 1: Strengthen agropastoral and risk mitigation strategies to improve the food security of rural populations in the context of climate change.

#### RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES PROMOTION

- Specific Objective 2: Contribute to the strengthening of the awareness of CSO leaders and local authorities, a critical understanding of their role and responsibility to eradicate poverty and promote justice, human rights, democracy and Good governance practices in the context of decentralization in Chad.
- Specific Objective 3: Contribute to the fight against violence and inequalities in women and young people and to contribute to the strengthening of their role and positive participation in economic and socio-political life.
- Specific Objective 4: Promote best health practices and contribute to better access to health care for rural communities.

#### PEACE BUILDING AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

• Specific Objective 5: Contribute to the improvement of the social climate by promoting better living together and setting up mechanisms for the prevention and settlement of conflicts between communities.

#### **OUR PARTNERS:**

ACORD works in Chad in close collaboration with the following partners: OHRDC, NAGDARO, PVERS, FIKIRNA, ACRA and DARNA throughout the country. ACORD is also a member of the CILONG, a network that groups together international and local NGOs and the CSAPR, the Comité de suivi de l'appel pour la paix et la réconciliation nationale au Tchad. ACORD's funding partners in Chad include Chadian Government, Caritas Suisse, CCFD-Terre Solidaire, AFD, European Commission, NED and Oxfam Intermon.







## ACORD in Chad

Since 1987, ACORD has been supporting marginalised communities in Chad to enjoy their right to access natural resources and achieve sustainable food security.

Together with its partners, ACORD continues to urge state and non-state actors to deliver efficient services and to comply with international standards of responsibility for natural resource management. These efforts have resulted in the increased participation of the citizens of Chad in development efforts.

ACORD's work in Chad targets both the socio-economic level as well as the socio-political.

At the socio-economic level, ACORD contributes to strengthening of the resilience capacities of rural communities by enhancing their production capacity; developing markets and building a value chain; and establishing early warning systems.

At the socio-political level, ACORD's strength lies in its strong social capital which has contributed to the emergence of an active sense of solidarity at the communal level and changes in social norms.

ACORD works to influence a number of socio-political dynamics within Chad including relations between men and women; inter-community conflicts; production of local elites and their influence on the environment; and claims of rights, both in terms of citizen awakening and political awakening.

ACORD works diligently in Chad for the development of an exemplary and dynamic partnerships through the ACORD Coordinating Office located in N'djamena and in Ouaddaï, in the regions of Guéra, N'djamena Rural, Chari-Baguirmi and Hadjer Lamis and in the region of Sila in the sub-prefectures of Goz-Beida, Kef, Koukou Angarana and Am Dam El Haouich.

#### **Project Spotlight**

Breaking the silence in the face of violence and discrimination against girls and women:

In Chad, ACORD is combatting violence against 78,000 women and girls and contributing to the strengthening of their role and participation in economic and sociopolitical life. Specifically, ACORD is contributing to the reduction of violence against women the strengthening role participation of women in economic and socio-political life. ACORD's intervention focuses on the issue of female genital mutilation and child marriage as a barrier to early childhood development. Thus, the project aims at two outcomes: denouncing and rejecting practices of early marriage and excision in the project area and strengthening mechanisms services for women's access to economic opportunities with a view to empowering women.

# **Project Spotlight**

Project of Support to Good Governance in the Commune of Bitkine:

In order to enable local actors to play their role effectively, ACORD is working to strengthen municipal authorities to ensure inclusive. equitable and sustainable development with the specific objective of improving participatory local democracy and the access of the populations of the Commune to quality essential services through the concerted implementation of actions resulting from the Communal Development Plan. ACORD's role is to support the local government of the Commune in the implementation of village, cantonal and communal development plans. This will enable the beneficiaries to implement a number of actions to provide access to safe drinking water, sanitation essential to health and improve food security conditions.

# 2016 Impact in Numbers:

2,060

Women were reached

35

Civil Society Organisations have enhanced capacities

75
Communities have increased access to basic services

3,000

Beneficiaries have adopted enhanced livelihoods strategies



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