

RELUFA'S FOOD SOVEREIGNTY PROGRAM:
A Five-Year Vision
2008-2013

Aim: To encourage communities in Northern Cameroon to fight against the causes of hunger in their villages; to reduce the impact of hunger in their surroundings and to organize themselves to do advocacy for adequate measures that take their food needs into account

Objectives:

- 1- To identify, train and legalize the groups that participate or wish to take part in the program
- 2- To provide 100 villages in the area with cereal stocks, as safeguard for the lean season
- 3- To organize the groups into unions and form a federation in order to undertake advocacy activities to ensure that their food needs are taken into account
- 4- To find examples of unions or federations in Cameroon and in Africa that have led successful advocacy campaigns, and to organize exchange visits.

Activities:

Objective 1: To identify, train and legalize the groups that participate or wish to take part in the program

- To identify more villages that face the same problems, and to assess their receptiveness to the type of program promoted by RELUFA in their communities
- To organize sensitization meetings about the operation in villages that are joining the program and continued follow-up training activities in the villages that are already involved in the operation
- To legalize the groups, and to set up within each group a grain bank management board with as many women management board members as much as possible

Objective 2: To provide 100 villages in the area with cereal stocks, as safeguard for the lean season

- To buy, during the harvest season, stocks of millet, ideally near the villages implicated in the operation, and to store them in warehouses until the following lean season
- To evaluate their food needs during the lean season and to stock the warehouse accordingly

Objectives 3 and 4: To organize the groups into unions and form a federation in order to undertake advocacy activities to ensure that their food needs are taken into account

- From the 3rd year on: To organize two annual meetings in Maroua, bringing together representatives of each group to discuss the program and its prospects
- To organize regular meetings between representatives from the various groups to exchange experiences and receive training on advocacy campaign and on national policies on agriculture and development
- To identify, in Cameroon and another West African country, a few federations that have succeeded in their advocacy campaigns, and to organize exchange visits as inspiration for the groups involved in RELUFA's storage operations. Create a formal federation of grain stocking

farmers communities, which will study national and international policies and practices that contribute to maintaining hunger in their locality and will develop effective local advocacy campaigns

- To build the capacities of the union/federation

Overview of RELUFA's 5-year vision for the program

Objectives	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
To identify, train and legalize the groups interested in the village storage operation	√	√	√	√	√
To provide 100 villages in the area with cereal stocks, and build the groups' capacities	√	√	√	√	√
To undertake the construction of storage facilities				√	√
To organize the groups into unions and form a federation in order to lead an advocacy campaign			√	√	√
To organize exchange visits with existing successful unions and federations				√	√
To build the capacities of the created unions and federation				√	√
To launch advocacy campaign activities				√	√