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Introduction

Having started in December 2005, the national Network for the Fight Against Hunger in Cameroon, RELUFA, continued its 2006 Food Sovereignty pilot program. The program constitutes the creation of eighteen community run grain banks in the Mayo Tsanaga District of the Far North Province of Cameroon. Community organizers Moïse Gakola and Robert Konaï of network member organizations ACD-Sahel resp. ADERSA continued their accompaniment of the groups with Elias Gondji (ADERSA) as program coordinator. Overall supervision remained with national network coordinator Valery Nodem.

This second quarterly report covers the activities carried out for the period from April to August 2006. As anticipated in the first quarterly report, the main objectives for the program activities to be carried out during this period were:

- The continuation of capacity building activities for the members of the management committees ;
- The follow-up on the upkeep of the granaries ;
- The monitoring and diffusion of the cereal market prices to all organized groups ;
- The continuation of the formalization of the groups ;
- The continuation of training activities for the creation of women-run granaries.

Besides assessing the accomplished activities and the difficulties encountered in this period, this report also looks ahead how RELUFA can best continue this program to empower communities in Northern Cameroon and achieve food security for their families by managing their own food supplies.

1 Capacity building of the groups.

The sensitization and training activities for the beneficiary groups started in the first stages of this program have continued throughout the period covered by this report. The members of each group learned in detail the specific objectives of the program, for their better comprehension of the program's long-term implications. Also, the members of the management committees were taught how as informed guards to ensure the perpetuation of the operations.

Our community organizers held several training sessions with each management committee to build their ability to run common interest projects.

2 Formalization of the groups

To continue the formalization process for the community granary groups, the two community workers provided their support by noting down every member of the groups. They also helped each group to organize its own constitutive general assembly. During these founding meetings, the aspirations of the members were fully taken into account as they democratically chose their leadership team.

Then the groups were assisted in developing the statutes and internal regulations, needed to obtain their legal status. Most of them chose to organize themselves as Common Initiative Group (CIG), a legally recognized form of association of which the management is easily understood by the peasants. The formalization procedures are ongoing.

The table below lists for each group the board members and the members of the management committees.

Table 1: Executive Board and Management Committee members per group

Group	Status	Composition	Name	Executive Board		Management Committee		Constitutive assembly
				Full name	Function	Full name	Function	
Mbiga	CIG	Mixed	Sarmatao	Dawai Pierre	Delegate	Dawai Pierre	President	April 26th 2006
				Goley Marcelline	Vice Delegate	Djoumba Pascal	Treasurer	
				Kosma Thomas	Treasurer	Hamadjoumba Mana	Secretary	
				Djoumba Pascal	Assistant treasurer	Kosma Thomas	Warehouseman	
				Hamadjoumba Mana	General Secretary			
				Kosma Nicolas	Adviser			
Zlakam	CIG	Mixed	Sarfadara	Konai Djadai	Delegate	Konai Djadai	President	April 15th 2006
				Dawai Michel	Vice Delegate	Djadai	Secretary/ Warehouseman	
				Djadai	Secretary	Kosma Fandirla	Treasurer	
				Kosma Fandirla	Treasurer			
				Djadai Mbadakama	Assistant treasurer			
				Médi Djadai Difaya Alouki	Auditors			
				Godom Oumarou Mèdi katchala	Advisers			

Village	Status	Composition	Name	Executive Board		Management Committee		Constitutive assembly
Djamdoudi	CIG	Mixed	Mbelkwa May	Aminou Ngatadou	Delegate	Aminou Ngatadou	President	February 17th 2006
				Gamslong Daniel	Vice delegate	Fanta Suzanne	Treasurer	
				Garga Sitadou	General secretary	Ndjidda Sali	Warehouseman	
				Ndjidda Sali	Assistant secretary			
				Fanta Suzanne	Treasurer			
				Garga André	Assistant treasurer			
				Sali Ioumyaka	Auditor			
				Kita Damaris	Auditor			
				Golazang Djingui	Adviser			
				Zourmba Jean Pierre	Adviser			
				Ndjidda Jean Baptiste	Adviser			
				Mana Waziri	Adviser			
				Bizigawa Djadai	Adviser			
				Amadou Médi	Adviser			
				Asleng	Adviser			
Yougouda Kidkola	Adviser							

Village	Status	Composition	Name	Executive Board		Management Committee		Constitutive assembly
Djéling	CIG	Mixed	Djimiday	Kosma Bongo	Delegate	Kosma Bongo	President	April 22nd 2006
				Déli Raphaël	Vice delegate	Godom Idarvou	Treasurer	
				Garza Mana	General secretary	Garza Mana	Warehouseman	
				Gondji Kosma	Assistant secretary			
				Godom Idarvou	Treasurer			
				Zalai Célestine	Assistant treasurer			
				Zalai Dawai	Auditor			
				Lawan Abba	Adviser			
				Moussa Kayamdou	Adviser			
				André Abba	Adviser			

Village	Status	Composition	Name	Executive Board		Management Committee		Constitutive assembly
Djalingo	CIG	Mixed		Hassana Mamoudou	Delegate	Hassaana Mamoudou	President	February 6th 2006
				Habiba Madeleine	Vice delegate	Hawa Boubakary	Treasurer	
				Dawai Kitikil	General secretary	Habiba Madeleine	Ass.treasurer	
				Oumarou Djallo	Assistant secretary	Dawai Kitikil	Warehouseman	
				Hamadou Waziri	Treasurer			
				Hawa Boubakary	Assistant treasurer			
				Fadi Mamoudou	Auditor			
				Sambo Bihai	Auditor			
				Elhadj Adamou	Adviser			
				Vagai Zonen	Adviser			
				Nguizi Yaouba	Adviser			
Issa Oumarou	Adviser							

Village	Status	Composition	Name	Executive Board		Management Committee		Constitutive assembly
Mazlaguidey	CIG	Women	<i>Djimey Nday</i>	Touwoud Clémence	Delegate	Touwoud Clémence	President	April 6th 2006
				Dawai Habiba	Vice delegate	Sangram Félicité	warehouseman	
				Sangram Félicité	General secretary	Dawai Damaris	Treasurer	
				Kouvou Martha	Ass. secretary			
				Dawai Damaris	Treasurer			
				Konai Rafkatou	Auditor			
				Asta Jacqueline	Adviser			
				Goudiné Angéline	Adviser			
Boudoum	CIG	Mixed	<i>Guél-Wutta</i>	Déli Mana	Delegate	Déli Mana	President	April 24th 2006
				Djibrilla Kaigama	Vice delegate	Konai Célestine	Treasurer	
				Gondji Daniel	General secretary	Gondji daniel	Warehouseman	
				Boubakary Hamadou	Ass. secretary			
				Konai Célestine	Treasurer			
				Palah Dieudonné	Auditor			
				Kohi Gamdjadai	Adviser			
				Konai Yougouda	Adviser			
				Kosma Rénée	Adviser			
Fanta Sylvie	Adviser							

Village	Status	Composition	Name	Executive Board		Management Committee		Constitutive assembly
Gouzlom	CIG	Mixed		Dawai Kavou	Delegate	Dawai Kavou	President	April 27th 2006
				Godam Kavou	Vice delegate	Asta Doudou	Treasurer	
				Gondji Hamadou	General secretary	Gondji Hamadou	Warehouseman	
				Asta Doudou	Treasurer			
				Kadala Jean	Assistant treasurer			
				Saidou Haman	Auditor			
				Godam Karvi	Adviser			
				Bouba Samaki	Adviser			
				Kotadai Alioum	Adviser			
Godam Jasia	Adviser							

Village	Status	Composition	Name	Executive Board		Management Committee		Constitutive assembly
Mambaria	CIG	Mixed		Mozongo Elias	Delegate	Mozongo Elias	President	April 12th 2006
				Anavai Madeleine	Vice delegate	Messem Elisabeth	Treasurer	
				Haman Paul	General secretary	Haman Paul	Secretary	
				Siddi Youssoua	Assistant secretary	Anavai Madeleine	Warehouseman	
				Messem Elisabeth	Treasurer			
				Yougouda Youhana	Assistant treasurer			
				Hamadou Bello	Auditor			
				Lawan Siddi	Adviser			
				Arnado Mana	Adviser			
				Bakary Hadai	Advisers			
				Likabi Daniel				
Bonai Jean	Adviser							

Village	Status	Composition	Name	Executive Board		Management Committee		Constitutive assembly
Mélendou	CIG	Mixed		Djadai Philippe	Delegate	Djadai Philippe	President	April 24th 2006
				Kotadai Jean	Vice delegate	Médi Naomi	Treasurer	
				Gondji Moise	General secretary	Gondji Moise	Warehouseman	
				Vandou François	Assistant secretary			
				Médi Naomi	Treasurer			
				Panne Martine	Assistant treasurer			
				Dawai Konai	Auditor			
				Gondji Hamadou J P	Auditor			
				Godam Adjia	Adviser			
				Kaftara Robet	Adviser			

Village	Status	Composition	Name	Executive Board		Management Committee		Constitutive assembly
Tchembi	CIG	Women	Mafeukeü	Aissatou Abdoulaye	Delegate	Aissatou Abdoulaye	President	February 2nd 2006
				Djénabou Hassana	Assistant delegate	Ndjeley Bouba	Treasurer	
				Hamadou Saidou	General secretary	Djabou Moussa	warehouseman	
				Ndjeley Bouba	Treasurer			
				Djabou Moussa	Auditor			
				Saidou Boubakary	Auditor			
				Fanta Maïgadou	Adviser			
				Fadimatou Hamadou	Adviser			
				Wabbi Koffa	Adviser			
				Haman Djidda	Adviser			
Gouloua	CIG	Mixed		Mamoudou Guidgalam	Delegate	Mamoudou Guidgalam	President	February 3rd 2006
				Mita Silvie	Treasurer	Mita Silvie	Treasurer	
				Makidahwayak Whimey	General secretary	Mamoudou Guedgalam	Warehouseman	
				Yaya Maksi	Auditor			
				Tsetsede Makba	Auditor			
				Dampalta Bizara	Adviser			
				Aitassa	Adviser			

Village	Status	Composition	Name	Executive Board		Management Committee		Constitutive assembly
Dimsak	CIG	Mixed	Mabara	Matawarey Daniel	Delegate	Matawarey Daniel	President	February 6th 2006
				Ziirdao Mana Kidindao	Vice delegate	Mouna Célestine	Treasurer	
				Maglawa Joseph	General secretary	Maglawa Joseph	Warehouseman	
				Mana Ndougaved	Assistant secretary			
				Abdou Jean	Treasurer			
				Mouna Célestine	Assistant treasurer			
				Manguetsey Elisabeth	Auditor			
				Vaguissa Marie-Thérèse	Auditor			
				Wingadamey Monique	Adviser			
				Aissatou Pauline	Adviser			

Village	Status	Composition	Name	Executive Board		Management Committee		Constitutive assembly
Guéling	CIG	Mixed	Gollom	Mamoudou Pierre	Delegate	Mamoudou Pierre	President	February 11th 2006
				Haman Bakary	Vice delegate	Djebba Ditemey	Treasurer	
				Sali Pierre	General secretary	Amadou Pierre	Warehouseman	
				Mbarai Robert	Assistant secretary			
				Djebba Ditemey	Treasurer			
				Sali Mtchabdou	Assistant treasurer			
				Kamdou Thomas	Auditor			
				Amadou Pierre	Auditor			
				Aissatou Amadou	Adviser			
				Djebba Rachel	Adviser			
				Peltei Maldougawa	Adviser			
Amadou Haman	Adviser							

Village	Status	Composition	Name	Executive Board		Management Committee		Constitutive assembly
Metchezleo	CIG	Mixed	Ngwa Guemzek	Srabanai Jean	Delegate	Srabanai Jean	President	February 13th 2006
				Martha Hasde	Vice delegate	Tsotsede Damaris	Treasurer	
				Makba Jean	General secretary	Mariam Suzanne	Warehouseman	
				Mariam Suzanne	Assistant secretary			
				Tsotsede Damaris	Treasurer			
				Kaouney Daniel	Assistant treasurer			
				Madrey Samuel	Auditor			
				Esthervou Elisabeth	Auditor			
				Haman Vevéo	Adviser			
				Kahodta Elisabeth	Adviser			
				Soukitadou Lucas	Adviser			
Sali Katki	Adviser							

Village	Status	Composition	Name	Executive Board		Management Committee		Constitutive assembly
Mandaya	CIG	Mixed	Mgangab	Kazizlam Thomas	Delegate	Kazizlam Thomas	President	February 12th 2006
					Vice delegate	Malta André	Treasurer	
				Saibou	General secretary	Saibou	warehouseman	
				Koriyé Marie	Assistant secretary			
				Malta André	Treasurer			
				Elisabeth Thomas	Assistant treasurer			
				Baïtal	Management auditor			
				Djardigui Roseline	Management auditor			
				Arkizlam Philippe	adviser			
				Messeley	adviser			

Village	Status	Composition	Name	Executive Board		Management Committee		Constitutive assembly
Mowo	CIG	Mixed	Houlfad	Hawa Abdoulaye	Delegate	Hawa Abdoulaye	President	February 7th 2006
				Abba Jean	Vice delegate	Gala Goleved	warehouseman	
				Gala Goleved	General secretary	Asta Aminou	Treasurer	
				Maïramou Adamou	Assistant secretary			
				Asta Aminou	Treasurer			
				Awdamdou Esther	Auditor			
				Elisabeth	Adviser			
				Djidja Hamadjoumba	Adviser			
				Djara Abdoulaye	Adviser			
				Tabita Sradoo	Adviser			
Absali Emmanuel	Adviser							

Village	Status	Composition	Name	Executive Board		Management Committee		Constitutive assembly
Gagala	CIG	Mixed	Mabara	Moutsoko Jean	Delegate	Moutsoko Jean	President	Februray 20th 2006
						Aminou	Secretary/ warehouseman	
				Aminou	Secretary	Aniwé Zlaba	Treasurer	
				Zoumzaï Kabidao				
				Aniwé Zlaba	Treasurer			
				Makba Z	Auditor			
Badjam Tibizlam	Adviser							

3 Monitoring, listing and diffusion of market prices in the program area

To allow the grain banks to follow the evolution of the market prices, RELUFA's team monitored on a weekly basis the price fluctuations on the cereal markets in the program area. These prices were then communicated to the executive board members of each granary to give their group the opportunity to decide collectively on the opening of the granaries and on the prices to be applied. The following table reflects the prices of the main food stuffs on the various markets in the program area.

Table 2: Cereal market prices in the program area

Market	Grain	Market price											
		Feb 20th-26th	Feb 26th-Mar5th	March 6th-12th	March 13th-19th	March 20th-26th	March 27th-Apr 2	April 3rd-09th	April 10th-16th	April 17th-23rd	April 24th-30th	May 1st-7th	May 8th-14th
Mokong	Djigaari	15 000	13 000	13 000	14 000	14 000	14 000	13 500	14 000	15 500	14 000	13 500	15 500
	Maize	15 000	13 000	13 000	15 000	14 000	15 000	14 000	15 500	16 000	15 000	16 500	16 000
	Muskwaari	17 000	18 000	17 500	18 000	18 000	16 000	14 000	15 500	16 000	15 500	16 500	16 000
Mofou-Sud	Djigaari	14 500	12 000	12 000	14 000	14 000	14 000	13 000	12 500	14 000	14 000	13 000	13 000
	Maize	15 000	11 000	11 500	14 000	14 000	14 500	14 000	13 500	15 000	15 000	14 000	14 000
	Muskwaari	17 000	17 500	17 500	17 000	18 000	16 000	14 000	13 500	15 500	15 500	14 000	14 000
Gazawa	Djigaari	14 000	13 000	14 000	15 000	15 000	14 000	14 000	14 000	15 500	15 000	13 000	12 500
	Maize	14 000	12 000	15 000	15 000	15 000	15 000	15 000	15 000	16 000	16 000	16 000	15 000
	Muskwaari	16 000	16 500	17 000	16 000	16 000	15 000	15 000	15 000	16 000	16 000	16 000	15 500
Salak	Djigaari	13 000	14 000	15 000	15 000	15 000	13 500	13 000	14 000	13 000	13 000	12 000	12 000
	Maize	12 500	13 500	15 000	15 000	15 000	15 000	14 000	16 000	13 500	15 000	15 000	15 000
	Muskwaari	14 500	15 000	16 000	15 500	16 000	15 000	14 000	16 000	13 500	15 000	15 500	15 000
Gawel	Djigaari	12 000	13 000	14 500	15 000	15 000	14 000	10 500	11 000	11 000	11 000	13 000	12 000
	Maize	11 000	12 000	14 500	15 000	14 000	15 000	13 500	14 500	12 000	12 000	14 000	13 000
	Muskwaari	14 000	15 000	15 000	16 000	16 000	15 000	13 500	14 000	14 500	14 500	15 000	14 000

Market	Grain	Market price										
		June 5th-11th	June 12th-18th	June 19th-25th	June 26th-July 2 nd	July 3rd-9th	July 10th-16th	July 17th-23rd	July 24th-30th	July 31st- Aug 06th	Aug 7th-13th	Aug 14th-20th
Mokong		14 000	14 000	14 000	16 000	14 000	13 000	13 000	13 000	12 000	10 000	10 000
	Djigaari	16 000	16 000	16 000	17 000	16 000	14 000	14 000	14 000	13 000	12 000	12 000
	Maize	16 000	16 000	16 000	17 000	16 000	14 000	14 000	14 000	13 000	12 000	12 000
	Muskwaari	13 000	13 000	13 500	13 000	13 000	14 000	12 000	12 000	11 000	11 000	12 000
Mofou- Sud	Djigaari	14 000	14 000	14 500	14 000	14 000	14 500	13 000	12 500	11 000	11 000	13 000
	Maize	14 000	14 000	15 500	14 000	14 000	15 000	13 000	13 000	12 000	12 000	14 000
	Muskwaari	13 500	13 500	13 000	15 000	14 000	13 000	13 000	13 000	12 000	10 000	10 000
Gazawa	Djigaari	16 000	15 500	14 000	17 000	16 000	14 000	14 000	14 000	13 000	12 000	12 000
	Maize	16 000	15 500	14 000	17 000	16 000	14 000	14 000	14 000	13 000	12 000	12 000
	Muskwaari	12 000	13 000	14 000	13 000	13 500	14 000	13 000	13 000	12 000	11 000	12 000
Salak	Djigaari	15 000	16 500	15 000	14 500	14 000	15 000	14 000	13 500	12 000	12 000	12 500
	Maize	16 500	16 500	16 000	15 000	15 000	15 000	14 000	14 000	13 000	13 000	13 000
	Muskwaari	13 000	13 000	13 000	12 000	12 000	13 000	12 000	12 000	11 000	11 000	12 000
Gawel	Djigaari	14 000	14 000	14 000	13 500	13 000	11 000	12 000	12 000	12 000	11 000	12 000
	Maize	15 000	15 000	14 000	14 000	14 000	14 000	13 000	13 000	13 000	12 000	13 000
	Muskwaari	15 000	15 000	14 000	14 000	14 000	14 000	13 000	13 000	13 000	12 000	13 000

As may be noted from the market prices listed above, price fluctuations have surprised the population. Usually they anticipate a drop in prices at harvest time, but this year they have seen prices go up, particularly for *muskwaari* (dry season sorghum). These prices have evolved from **12 000 CFA.** at the beginning of the harvest (mid-February), to around **16 000 CFA and 18 000 CFA.** between March to May. This, while in earlier years during this period, the *muskwaari* market prices ranged between **8 000 CFA.** and **12 000 CFA.**

On the other hand, at the beginning of the lean season (mid-July) and even throughout the entire lean season (July-September), the prices dropped considerably. Additional inquiries have led us to the following conclusions to explain this situation:

- 3.1 During the lean season sly traders and usurers have at a large scale given out loans to farmers to buy food for their families or to pay for manual labor to do the hoeing, planting and weeding in their muskwaari (karal) fields in preparation for the next harvest. Loans were given with the understanding that at harvest time, they are refunded in kind for a price already fixed at the time of the loan disbursement, generally at 7 000 or 8 000 CFA per bag. And so, at the next harvest time the farmer is already in the field stripped of a large part of his harvest at a value determined at the time of the loan;***
- 3.2 During harvest time farmers do not sell off many bags at the same time. This creates a food shortage on the market, which results in inflated prices (supply);***
- 3.3 There is a massive presence of buyers on the markets at harvest time, each assuming that at that time the prices are the most interesting (demand);***

The drop in prices at the end of April is explained by the fact that all purchasers had already supplied themselves while the peasants continued to bring the millet to the market. This made for a situation where supply was higher than demand. At the same time farmers who had stocked up on grains started to sell off their supplies. Because of the drop in prices, the community grain banks chose to give their members food stocks at credit rather than selling it to them.

4 Capacity building management committee members

Several meetings were organized to train members of the management committees. This was very important because in a great number of groups the idea of how to manage a **community granary** had not yet been developed enough

To facilitate the task work, we regrouped the communities into two sectors to allow for a better participation of the management committee members in the various training sessions. The first sector is composed of the groups daily trained by community organizer **Konai Robert (ADERSA)**, i.e *Mambaria, Djamdoudi, Zlakam, Mazlaguidey, Mbiga, Djéling, Gouzlom, Mélendou, Boudoum and Djalingo*. The second sector is composed of groups that benefit from the close training of **Gakola Moïse (ACD-Sahel)**. These groups are: *Mowo, Tchambi, Gueling, Dimsack, Goulwa, Mandaya, Métchezleo, Gagala*.

During training sessions, several topics were addressed such as the discipline of the members; the organization of group discussions and meetings to evaluate the activities or the financial year; the upkeep of the granaries; the choice of cereals on the markets; the treatment of the grains to preserve them during storage; and the study of strategies to minimize overhead expenses at the purchase of stocks. The following table gives an overview of the capacity building activities between April and August 2006.

Table 3: Capacity building activities for the leadership teams of the village granaries: April-August 2006

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Groups concerned</i>	<i>Developed themes</i>	<i>Members concerned</i>
11 April 2006	Zidim center	All groups trained by Konaï Robert	- How to lead a meeting - How to convene a General Assembly of members	Delegates, secretaries and warehousemen
14 April 2006	Mowo	All the groups are trained by Gakola Moïse		
18 April 2006	Zidim center	All the groups trained by Konaï Robert	- How to lead a meeting - How to manage internal conflicts - Study on the legal status of a GIC	Delegates, secretaries and warehousemen
21 April 2006	Mowo	All the groups trained by Gakola Moïse		Delegates, treasurers, secretaries, advisers and warehousemen
01 May 2006	Mowo	All the groups are trained by Gakola Moïse	- How to lead a meeting - Study on legal status of a GIC - Keeping administration: membership list, financial bookkeeping, registration of stocks	Delegates, treasurers, secretaries, advisers and warehousemen
09 May 2006	Zidim centre	All the groups are trained by Konaï Robert		
02 June 2006	Mowo	All the groups are trained by Gakola Moïse	- How to lead a meeting - How to manage conflicts (continuation)	Delegates, treasurers, secretaries, advisers and warehousemen
06 June 2006	Zidim centre	All the groups are trained by Konaï Robert		

5 Monitoring the sales operations and securing the generated funds

Clearing the stocks is an important moment in the operations of a village grain bank. It is a time when the community organizers must be more present with the groups to support them in the process of selling their grains. Therefore, ahead of the sales operations, the group delegates and management committee members of all village grain banks were brought together for a meeting about the opening up of the granaries. For the groups trained by Konai Robert this meeting was held on July 11, 2006 and for those accompanied by Gakola Moïse on July 14, 2006.

This meeting dealt with the sale strategies for the grain banks. Given the high level of poverty during the lean season (July-September), most groups opted to sell off their stocks both for cash and on credit. The latter would be refundable in kind at harvest time with an interest payment of 16 kg/bag. Because many groups have not yet finished their sales operations, the details on this stage will be laid out in the next report. In the meantime, the groups that are advanced in their sales operations already receive assistance in securing the funds generated by their sales (See *Pictures on opening an account at the MC2 of Mokolo*).

We have had to temporarily suspend the formalization procedures of the groups with the COOP-GIC (the registration office for Common Initiative Groups) to be able to tend to the sales operations. As soon as this stage is completed, the formalization procedures will be completed until the statement from the COOP-GIC is received.

Finally, it is important to mention here that for each and every granary the decision to open the doors and clear the stocks is taken by the general assembly of all group members. This allows for a needs assessment of those members who ask for millet from the granary, without discrimination. General Assemblies for the opening of the granaries were held following the timetable below:

Table 4: General Assembly meetings for the opening of granaries

N°	Organizer	Group	Date	Time
1	Konaï Robert	Mambaria	15 July 2006	02 pm
2		Djamdoudidi	15 July 2006	04 pm
3		Zlakam	18 July 2006	09 am
4		Mazlaguidey	24 July 2006	02 pm
5		Mbiga	18 July 2006	07 am
6		Djeling	16 July 2006	02 pm
7		Gouzlom	14 July 2006	03 pm
8		Mélendou	13 July 2006	04 pm
9		Boudoum	13 July 2006	02 pm
10		Djalingo	21 July 2006	02 pm
11	Gakola Moïse	Mowo	15 July 2006	09 am
12		Tchembi	15 July 2006	11 am
13		Goulwa	19 July 2006	10 am
14		Gueling	19 July 2006	02 pm
15		Dimsack	21 July 2006	08 am
16		Mandaya	22 July 2006	11 am
17		Métchezleo	22 July 2006	01 pm
18		Gagala	22 July 2006	03 pm

6 Other activities

Other activities included monitoring the upkeep of granaries and preservation of stocks as well as the continuation of a training program for selected women groups.

6.1 Upkeep of the granaries and preservation of the stocks

Besides the activities mentioned above, the community organizers held weekly sessions with the warehousemen to discuss the condition of the stocks and the difficulties they have met in their preservation. These sessions were followed by an inspection of the stocks in the granaries. Any difficulty was noted down and transmitted to the program coordinator who in his turn shared them with RELUFA's staff to collectively find a solution for the success of the operation. This is how it was decided to follow the suggestion from the majority of groups to not only sell their stocks for cash to members who had the money, but give them on credit to those who lacked the funds. The latter would be reimbursed in kind with a small interest.

6.2 Training program for selected women groups

During their various missions to see the developments in this program, RELUFA leadership had observed the need to better ensure the participation of women in community development activities. Women groups have therefore been identified and targeted for awareness building activities to awaken their interest in the community granary program. It needs to be noted, that even though women handle a family's daily ration, customary restrictions limit their power to actually manage the larger food supplies.

Using the example of the two groups we already are working with, we have started training activities with a few other women groups. This very interesting experience allows us today to conclude that it is certainly possible to work within our traditional environment to empower the women's force without fearing the weight of traditions. Several women's groups have already been identified and will in the next activity report be proposed for the expansion of this program.

7 Encountered difficulties

No major difficulty has been noticed during the period covered by this report, except for the fact that limited financial means did not allow the community organizers to easily move in the field to follow-up on their activities.

8 Prospects

During the next quarter, our activities will primarily be centred on:

- Continued capacity building for the management committee members;
- Assistance of the groups in the completion of their formalization to the COOP-GIC;
- Continued monitoring and diffusion of cereal market prices to all the trained groups;
- Continued training of women groups in light of the expansion of community grain banks;
- Support for each group in the evaluation of their grain bank's operations.

Conclusion

Generally spoken, the various activities planned for the period from April to August 2006 have evolved normally, despite difficulties in the mobility of the community workers as mentioned above. The main objectives laid out for this working period have overall been achieved. Moreover, everyone in our team is determined to continue the program as outlined in the terms of reference.