**Niger**

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| **Programme Title:**  | Niger Childhood, food security and nutrition Program |
| **Programme number & MDTF ref:** | MDGF-2010-I-NER (67243) |
| **Window:** | Children Food Security& Nutrition |
| **Approved Budget by NSC (US$):** | 4 million |
| **Participating Organizations:** | FAO,UNFPA,UNICEF, WFP, WHO |
| **First Tranche transferred on:** | 20-Jan-2010 |
| **ACTIVITIES Reported:** |
| **Main Organizational Activities:**Joint supervision of research for the identification of target groups for the programme**Main Substantive Activities:**  |
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| The main implemented activities are the following : 70,621 children in the district of Mirriah received care for severe acute malnutrition; 89% of under-five children and 82% of pregnant and lactating women received vitamin A supplementation; 4,100 vulnerable households received garden seeds; 10ha of land was arranged for the use of 1,000 households; the nutritional situation of 8,000 school children was improved; 10 targeted messages as well as debates in local languages (Haussa and Kanuri) were broadcast on five community radios; 10 health agents were trained to promote maternal breastfeeding; 300 health agents were trained on refocused prenatal consultations; 40 community-based distributors and four health agents in the district of Mirriah were also trained.  |
| **Problems and lessons learned:**  |
| The main constraints that the joint programme has to face are political and institutional instability, and the food and nutrition crisis. The main lessons learned are the following: (i) almost all risks identified as part of the programme planning became a reality, and even though they were predictable, they hindered the programme execution and led to some reorientations, or at least reorganisation; (ii) developing partnerships with NGOs, in a specific context, can facilitate the programme execution and the appropriation by the communities. |
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| **The programme reports relevant linkage to the UNDAF:** Yes |
| **The programme has communications strategy in place:** The programme has a communications plan in place |

CHARTS & FIGURES

As of 31 December 2010

