

Project title : FILSY - Strengthening reflection, capabilities, initiatives and national skills for increased income from Non Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) and improved sustainable management of wood-energy

Project place	Project cost	Role in the project	Technical and financial sponsors	Dates
Chad	400 000 €	Coordination	FIKIRNA, EU - European Union, Sahel EcoDev	September 2013 - January 2016

Project's goals and results

Main goals

Reduce poverty among people with income of Non Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) and depend on wood as an energy source

Specific objectives

- Include NSA & LA in a network, in close collaboration with local communities, leading a participatory process of exchange, dialogue and decision-making on energy and sustainable management of forests and their products (timber and non-timber)
- Initiate and support actions in the field of NSAs to improve revenue, market access and reducing the pressure on forest resources

Beneficiaries

- 1500 poor NTFP harvesters (gum, shea nuts, balanites , dum ...)
- 25 groups of gatherers / collectors of NTFPs including 50 % women
- 50 local craftsmen trained in renewable energy
- 40 institutional managers (decision makers and technicians) and local authorities of the Ministry of Environment , Water Resources and Fisheries, the Ministry of Petroleum and Energy and the departments in charge of forestry
- 10 NSAs, TPE, local POs and private actors can improve the market, the development and management of fuelwood and NTFPs

Results

R1. Capabilities and skills of the NSAs, TPE and PO have strengthened their capacity to meet the needs of stakeholders and their emergence

R2. A multi-stakeholder network at different territorial scales is active and allows dialogue, exchange and decision-making

R3. Access to NTFP market is improved, income increased AGR

R4. The consumption of non-sustainable energy was reduced (improved stoves, pyrolysis ovens ...)

R5. Practices of sustainable forest management are adopted in line with the national regulatory framework

Activities

A1. Methodological support for 10 NSA, support for project management, definition of strategic plan, developing partnerships

A2. Participatory diagnosis and exchanges / support for sustainable reduction of socio-economic pressures on the forest ecosystem to regional and national local levels, according to the guidelines inspired by COMIFAC

A3. Training gatherers, NSA, TPEs and OP on NTFPs and structuring of sectors for better market access, more profitable marketing, development of innovative energy solutions and sustainable resource

A4. Enabling and facilitating a coherent and proactive network on NTFPs and timber resources that facilitates dialogue and decision-making