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### **Introduction**

The program of community development with the support of Fada VM / World Neighbours' Canada is in its fifth year of funding and focuses primarily on the activities of consolidating achievements initiated during the first phase (2008-2011). Implementation activities in 2012-2013 have been seriously affected by 2 major events: the decrease in financial support from the main sources of funding; that of VM / WN Canada (from 30 000 to 15 000 Canadian dollars) and the contribution VM / OKC (up to 3,433,200 CFA francs to cushion the fall from the funding program). The

execution of activities this year was delayed due to the funding restraints. -Finally it should be noted that the beneficiary communities have experienced acceptable food security over the past year as crop production was quite satisfactory (good production); especially since crop production during the previous year (2011-2012) was a disaster throughout the Eastern Region. Results of the program will be significantly affected by the combination of factors described above.

The period, July to December 2012, was used primarily for the implementation of activities to strengthen the organizational capacity of women's leadership, to build the capacity for food production (agriculture and AGR), the recording of programming in sustainable management of natural resources and finally activities to expand the program by integrating three other villages.

Thus the program has been expanded from 10 to include 13 villages with a population of about 20,000 beneficiaries.

**I - Activities carried out and the results achieved for the period**

Month	Activities carried out	Description of how	Results Achieved	Challenges	Proposed solutions or comments
<b>Strengthening organizational capacity and female leadership</b>					
2,3,4 January 2012	Diagnose and identify- 3 villages for their participation in the program	3 diagnostic sessions were held in three out of 6 villages to know the motivations of the said villages to participate in the program (motivation, organization, internal experience of finding solutions to their problems, partnership with other participants). The sessions were held on 2, 3 and 4 January 2013 in each of the villages. A satisfactory attendance was recorded in the three sites (85, 97 and 103 participants respectively). The villages concerned are:-Bomungou: 3918 habts (males = 2007, fem = 1911) Anikpenga: 1862 habts (m = 927, f = 935) Nouarangou: 839 habts (m = 426, f = 41)	the 3-new villages included in the program raise from 10 to 13 the number of villages included in the project which represents an increase of 30% coverage -Beneficiary population of these villages amounted to 6619 (m = 3360, f = 3259) bringing the total program beneficiaries to 21,272.  -The number of participating households is not yet known	major needs of the population with limited means of the program	-A census of households for determining the number of households per village will be made in the coming days from sheets of recent population census.

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01/01/2013	-6 sessions of(?) training/re-training of 40 members of CVD and union office women in participatory planning	-1 re-training session was held by APDC from 14 to 16 Jan..2013 to support CVD members, Advisers and women responsible for the women's union. The goal is to build knowledge and capacity in community programming: familiarize participants with the process (identification, problem analysis, identification of appropriate solutions or actions to be undertaken, implementation planning and budgeting planning). For three days they did theory and practical exercises in community planning.	-34 Participants (17 women with 8 from the union and 17 men from the union) out of a target of 40 have received training and are able to contribute effectively to the development of the next communal development plan  -With those already trained, those individuals can help develop and implement the program of activities for their villages	Lack of/ minimal-literacy skills of most participants (CVD members, Councillors) remains a major challenge in the use of learning outcomes and training information	-Villages are gradually replacing non-literate people with those who are literate.

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19 and 20/01/2013	9-re-training sessions of 30 facilitators from the 13 villages on Rights and Gender issues (15 facilitators from new villages)	-1 re-training session was conducted in two days (19 and 20/01/2013) for 30 leaders from six villages (including 3 villages new to the project). Training has addressed general human rights and some specific rights of women. (housewives, divorced women , the rights of girls, etc ...) and a large part of the violence suffered by women. During these two days the men and women (30 participants) have shared their experiences, the challenges faced by women and ignorance of the public about the rights of women	-30 out of 30 participants including 15 women and 15 men have increased their knowledge on these topics and have strengthened their ability to be leaders on these affairs in their villages.  - A timetable was established by the participants to implement awareness sessions in their villages after training.	None	-All participants are to conduct sessions in their villages on these topics.

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January 2013	Strengthening operational capacity of the team by the renewal of follow-through on-site support	The Fada-team acquired two motorcycles rather than one motorcycle that had previously been planned for. Budget costs remained the same. The decision to buy two bikes came from the desire to allow 2 major permanent staff work more autonomously and efficiently in the program's sites. So after much discussion, the Executive Secretary of APDC has purchased the said equipment.	- 2 motorbikes are obtained and beneficiaries began using these devices from 17/01/2013	None	This improvement regarding logistics will enable key program facilitators to provide more effective support/ be in closer proximity to communities in implementation of activities in order to achieve good results
<b>Improving food security through increased incomes and/or agricultural productivity of poor households</b>					

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Nov. and Dec. 2012	Monitoring the improvements in CP of the fields (increase the productivity of households applying the techniques of E C S)	<p>Outings (at least 10) were conducted in the villages to take stock of the effect of implementation of developed plots to increase the productivity of crops. Visits and individual and group interviews were conducted</p> <p>-Total, in 2011-2012, 498 persons (11 women, 487 men) have benefited from the development of their fields with CP; 17 people added manure pits to their fields.. These 498 farmers received 497 ha of improvement or 1 ha per producer.</p> <p>Entire area has been in production from June to December 2012 : Products cultivated: maize, sorghum, millet, Sesame, cotton</p>	<p>-497 Acres of fields laid out in CP in 2012 and put into production by 498 households.</p> <p>The yields were 750 to 900 kg per ha for maize, sorghum and millet- for plots without organic manure</p> <p>-The returns are from 900 to 1200 kg / ha for plots with CP + Organic manure</p> <p>-Observable results: improvement in yields: 500 to 600 kg / ha for fields where CP and organic manure were used</p>		<p>Increased yields and the Community strategy of development fields and adding manure have stimulated many producers want to develop their fields.</p> <p>Some people make adjustments without waiting for financial support because they have seen the benefits of the improvements in participants' fields.</p>
Nov. and Dec. 2012	<b>Results of fattening sheep (AGR)</b>				

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27 to 31/12/2012	14-(I don't understand where this number comes from) financial support to 50 women from poor households to initiate activities for income growth via sheep fattening	2 expeditions were carried out in two villages by agents of APDC to identify poor households eligible for financial support to initiate activities for income generation via sheep fattening . Based on criteria) 24 people / women in poor households were selected to participate.	-24 Women from poor households were selected and received financial support from 720 000 f( 30 000 f per woman) to lead an activity to generate income (sheep fattening). Each woman received at least one animal at the start. -These women have already begun to implement their businesses.	- In the implementation of this activity women often do not amass sufficient stocks of fodder despite training and advice As well, they do not provide health care in a timely manner in order to maximize results for the animals	-APDC will increase visits to participants to ensure vaccination and deworming of the animals takes place regularly; and also to check on feeding during the dry season.



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20, 21, 22 Dec. 2012	<p>17 ??? training of 50 beneficiaries in villages (including 50 women) in the techniques of fattening. Completed in 2 sessions.</p>	<p>-Completion of a training session in fattening techniques for 24 women in two villages (those who benefited from the financial support from AGR).</p> <p>-Training was conducted in 3 days by an agent of the provincial department of Animal Resources Fada. Participants were able to learn the essential elements about maintenance of animals in feedlots, and food storage (knowledge of animal health care, food and fodder storage, sale, etc ...)</p>	<p>- 24 women beneficiaries were trained to carry out their activity (fattening to increase their revenues by at least 40% beginning in 2013</p> <p>24-women start their activity (purchase of livestock and implementation of fattening techniques</p> <p>50 people had been predicted to begin this program; only 24 have begun so far. 26 people have not been trained because they have not received financial support.</p>		<p>-when others receive financial support from AGR , a training session will be held for their benefit.</p>

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January 2013	18-Technical training of 50 leaders to support the layout of fields regarding building stone bunds  <b>CES - ???</b>	-2 training sessions were held in two villages (17 to 19/01/2013) for producers dealing with the technical development of stone bunds, zai (???) and use of organic manure. 50 participants were familiarized for 3 days in theory and practice with these techniques in order to apply the techniques in their fields beginning with the next crop.	-50 Producers (37 men and 13 women) were trained in these techniques  They will apply their knowledge on 50 ha to sustainably increase their productivity (ie 1 ha each/ per producer	There is no funding allocated to trainees to help them manage their fields.	APDC submitted a request to PAM regarding developing/ laying out fields taking into account the program established in some villages in Fada. The request has not yet been answered. If it is accepted by PAM more than 100 people will benefit from the support to the development of fields bunds.
<b>Contribute to the conservation / sustainable management of natural resources</b>					

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5 and 6 Dec.. 2012	24-Hold assessment meetings: re programming of activities for protection / improvement of the environment	<p>Held on 5 and 6/12/2012 in 3 villages, three assessment meetings for NRM committees, with the support of APDC and Fada environmental service about the protection, and recovery of species in the environment . These meetings were held in groups of villages respectively</p> <p>Gniamanga on the 05/12/12 Mangudéni on the 05/12/12 -Finally in Kpentouangou, on 06/12/12</p> <p>A total of 48 people (35 men, 13 women) responsible for village committees and the coordinating office took part in the exchanges. All the first 10 program villages were represented.</p> <p>-Assessment sheet results were studied; assessment procedures were established in 2012 and show that there has been few bush fires (fires were limited) and only 24 ha were burnt. Many awareness-raising activities</p>	<p>- Results for activities in 2012 have been gathered and assessed and difficulties highlighted</p> <p>-The 2013 annual plan of activities is developed</p> <p>-All villages participated.</p> <p>-Committees noted significant progress in the areas of decrease in the frequency and level of ravaging fires and a decrease in uncontrolled cutting of trees.</p>	none	The village committees continue to show serious commitment to carry out the activities of protection / improvement of the states of the environment.

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	27-purchase (???) of needed equipment (machetes, gloves) by NRM committees for protecting forest from bushfires,	The team-ordered and purchased equipment at the request expressed many times by members of village committees for natural resource management including: -39 Machetes -39 Pairs of gloves -26 Forks -20 Pairs of boots  This equipment was evenly distributed to 13 villages of the program as well equipment to carry out the activities of the Fight against bush fires, conduct surveillance of uncontrolled cutting	-Each village has received the following equipment: 3 machetes, 3 pairs of gloves, 2 forks and 2 pairs of boots)  As GRN-committees are now better equipped, they have strengthened their ability to contain bushfires and other actions of forest destruction on their lands		-This equipment, although barely sufficient, will allow the NRM committees to improve their work in protecting the environment
<b>Contribute to the improvement of health indicators of communities in the program area</b>					

## II - Analysis / Comments

### Significant results for this period

1) - increase of 30% in the area covered by the project due to the integration of three new villages according to their

requests;

2)-Renewal / acquisition of means for monitoring the implementation of activities in the field due to the purchase of 2 new motorcycles obtained for the facilitating staff (to replace two old motorcycles fully depreciated). This provides better support for the beneficiaries through more effective monitoring of all the activities and thus, better results.

3) the acquisition-of some small equipment by the village committees for protection / enhancement of natural resources to allow them to fight against the scourges of environmental degradation (bushfires, uncontrolled cutting of trees, poaching).

### **Positive and negative factors for this period:**

**Positive-factors:**-the availability of financing;-availability of staff to support communities, the accessibility and proximity of the area;-good collaboration with the state and the availability of state services in the field, availability of food (quite good harvests) allowing the population to focus on program activities;-the desire of villages to participate in the program

**-Negative Factors::** the low-participation of communities in October, November and December due to their occupation in agricultural production. work ; Harvest time was somewhat prolonged in this area due to some increase in production, especially the cotton harvest;-delayed provision of funding from APDC.

### **Difficulties / Disadvantages**

The main difficulty encountered during this period remains the delayed start of the execution of activities which was mainly due to the low availability of community and village leaders in October-November-December of each year because of their work of the harvest.

### **Conclusion:**

Communities are now well mobilized around their program activities, financial resources are available and finally the personnel from APDC is hard at work to support communities to achieve the annual program in full.

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