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OBSERVATORY



"Building Resilience through Innovation, Communication and Knowledge Services" (BRICKS) Project

**Regional workshop on communicating project results to different audiences.**

**Niamey, Niger**

**Visit to the Tchirofondou Land Recovery Site  
Urban Commune of Say  
Region of Tillabéri  
July 20, 2017**

### **Presentation of the Tchirofondou site**

Location :

- ✓ 65 km south of Niamey,
- ✓ 15 km from Say
- ✓ Tarmac road over 50 km

Socio-economic activities of the populations: AGRICULTURE AND BREEDING

Environmental Issues:

- Land degradation due to high human and livestock pressure, accentuated by a decline in rainfall;
- Shifting cultivation;

Financing of the PAC3 with a total cost of CFAF 13,888,450 (contribution of the commune: CFAF 694,423 and PAC3 contribution: CFAF 13,194,027) with two (2) components:

- Recovery of land degraded by the CES/DRS method with plantation of acacia senegal and seeding of herbaceous plants on an area of 30 ha;
- Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR) on an area of 70 ha

At the end of the **2016** wintering season, the site produced a significant amount of straw that was judiciously used by the management committee. There have been different uses of production (feeding animals, building granaries and dwelling-houses, etc.).

For the **2017** crop year, the community has requested support from PAC3 to begin development of the site. The women of the various villages undertook a trial to produce cereal (sorghum) and legume (groundnut) in accordance with the objective of the micro project (increase in agro-sylvo-pastoral production). The experience comes from start-up and is monitored closely by the municipality and all concerned technical departments.

The ANR component is implemented in the fields of the volunteers with the supervision of the service of the environment and the PAC3 personnel.

### **Programme of the visit**

8h45: Departure from the hotel, Say direction

9h 30: Arrival in Say and reception by the mayor of the urban commune of Say

10h: Arrival at the site of recovery of the degraded lands of Tchirofondou

- presentation and interviews with the Management Committee (COGES)
- presentation and interviews with a women's group

13h: Departure for the visit of the ANR site

13h30: Arrival and interview with ANR practitioners

14h30: Lunch break

15h 30: Return

Before project intervention



First year



Results of the CESDRS' work

