

Relief International in Niger-Assistance to Malian Refugees

The Issue

Since January 2012, Malian families have been fleeing violence due to ethnic tensions and rebellion, pouring into refugee camps in neighboring Niger. Along with food insecurity and years of drought, the refugee population is expected to grow as violence continues to push Malians across the border. Currently there are over 15,000 refugees, or 2821 households, residing in the Northern Tahoua province who remain in desperate need of assistance.

Our Approach

The Malian refugee population in Niger is in great need of food, potable water, shelter, and health and hygiene services. With a grant from the Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, beginning September 1, 2012 RI will target women and female-headed households with children, in the Northern Tahoua camps to meet their urgent and longer-term needs.

Our Response

Restoring Livelihoods

- 300 women, or female heads of households, will be provided with a livestock asset in the form of a goat to help them improve their household's food security
- 908 women will be trained in revenue-generating activities and start-up grants will be provided to 225-450 women to expand their revenue-generating activities into the local market

Improving Health and Hygiene Services

- RI will provide a subgrant to the local NGO currently providing medical services to the refugees in order to reconstruct the current health clinic to create a safer, permanent structure and to enhance its maternal health facilities
 - The current structure will be enlarged to at least 50%, two delivery rooms will be added, and more consultation space and beds will be added
- RI will provide medicine and medical equipment as follows:
 - 500 women will receive clean delivery kits
 - 2821 households will receive access to medicines for respiratory infection, diarrhea, skin rashes, malaria, and sexually transmitted diseases
- RI and its local partner Animas-Sutura will provide sensitization and training activities and train peer educators to increase population awareness to reach at least 2821 people educating them on reproductive health and other health issues as well as water-borne disease and malaria
- RI will supply hygiene kits for 1508 households with children

Providing Emergency Shelter for Refugee Families with Children

- RI will distribute a shelter kit to 1500 households whose design is durable, rain and wind-resistant and culturally-appropriate



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