

# Africa



Participants in a litter cleanup campaign in Sudan.



A farmer displays her vegetables in Chad.



Traveling to a flood relief project in Mozambique.



Using a new water storage system in Swaziland.

Together with local communities, International Relief & Development (IRD) operates programs to expand healthcare, increase economic opportunities, rebuild infrastructure damaged by conflict or neglect, and accelerate agricultural development in nine African countries, as well as responding to emergency needs such as floods and droughts. We provide food aid and operate food-for-work programs in order to improve the quality of life for vulnerable groups including displaced persons and refugees. Our health programs are lessening the impact of HIV/AIDS and ensuring that more children survive beyond age five. All sectors

of our work support citizen engagement around issues of access to economic, health, infrastructure, and social resources and services. We began our 10 years of relief and development experience with a program to support internally displaced populations in Georgia. Since then, IRD has worked in countries around the world with a multi-sectoral approach, becoming a specialist in working in conflict and post-conflict environments. We have taken on the challenge of working in some of the most complex and difficult places. We continue to bring our approach to and expand our portfolio in more African countries.



## Cameroon

### Livelihood Security Restoration for Central African Republic Refugees in Eastern Cameroon

- **Assisting nearly 37,000 refugees in 30 settlements.**
- **Improving food security by providing year-round access to food.**
- **Developed a marketing strategy to establish a noodle processing plant in Douala**

Donor US State Department  
 Dates June 2008 – May 2009  
 Amount \$896,402

Following political unrest in their home country, approximately 45,000 refugees from the Central African Republic (CAR) have settled in Cameroon. IRD is training the refugees in bio-intensive farming, recovering livestock, and improving potable water systems. IRD is conducting two livestock vaccination campaigns, training para-veterinarians, and providing vulnerable households with small animals such as sheep or goats. In addition, IRD will build and rehabilitate water infrastructures for both human consumption and irrigation. Over 6,000 Cameroonians will also benefit.

## Chad

### Emergency Food for Work and Agricultural Assistance Initiative for Affected Villages in Eastern Chad

- **Provided emergency food security and agricultural improvement opportunities.**
- **Worked with underserved members of communities.**
- **Developed an innovative response to a complex emergency.**

Donor USAID/OFDA  
 Dates May 2005 – April 2006, extended into August 2006  
 Amount \$1.2 million

This project offered agricultural opportunities to rural villages in eastern Chad affected by the influx of Darfur refugees. IRD achieved this goal through community-based food-for-work and agriculturally-based income generation activities in Iriba District,

northeastern Chad. Coping with the constantly evolving realities of the region devastated by the complex emergency, IRD reached out to the most vulnerable host communities to help rebuild their livelihoods.

### Emergency Program for IDPs

- **Delivered seeds and tools to displaced Chadian families.**
- **Developed an innovative response to a complex emergency.**

Donors WFP/U.S. Embassy  
 Date June – December 2006  
 Amount \$150,000 cash; 1,000 metric tons food

To address the immediate needs of the large number of IDPs near Goz Beida in southeastern Chad, IRD provided seeds and tools from the U.S. Embassy in Chad along with food and cash resources from the World Food Program (WFP) to provide for needed crops and agricultural improvement-based food-for-work projects. IRD expanded its programming through funds provided by USAID's OFDA to continue these needed activities into 2007.

### Emergency Program for IDPs in Southeastern Chad

- **Provides emergency food security.**
- **Strengthens relationships between internally displaced persons and host communities.**

Donor UNHCR/WFP  
 Date January – December 2008  
 Amount \$386,327; \$241,814

A large number of new IDPs have been driven from their villages to the camps of Gouroukoune, Koubigou, Koloma, Gassire and Kerfi. New arrivals to Kerfi have increased the population there by 25 percent and several thousand villagers have resettled in sites next to the villages of Sanour and Ganashour. IRD has developed an emergency-relief program to provide protection, monitoring, and camp management services as well as strengthen intercommunity relationships between the IDPs, host, and Arab populations. The WFP-funded portion of the project will distribute nearly 6,000 metric tons of food commodities to more than 58,000 people.



## Guinea-Bissau

### Food for Progress Program to Improve Cashew Production in The Gambia, Senegal, and Guinea-Bissau

- **Improving food security in three vulnerable West African countries.**
- **Sponsoring local research into appropriate technologies to improve production.**
- **Training farmers' organizations in business management practices.**

Donor      USDA  
 Date       August 2008 – December 2011  
 Amount     \$4 million

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## Mozambique

### Home-Based Care in Inhambane Province

- **Helps local organizations develop the skills to care for HIV/AIDS patients in their homes.**
- **Coordinates with local government.**

Donor      Embassy of Ireland (Irish Aid)  
 Date       December 2008 – February 2010  
 Amount     \$1,082,355

This project supports community-based organizations to provide home-based care for patients, specifically HIV/AIDS patients, in coordination with the Provincial Directorate of Health in Inhambane.

The project also provides financial support to the CBOs and increases coordination between the various organizations doing the work.

### Emergency Flood Response Program

- **Meets emergency water and sanitation needs for evacuated families.**
- **Uses networks of previously trained hygiene workers.**
- **Exemplifies rapid response to emergency.**

Donor      USAID/UNICEF  
 Date       February 2008 – present  
 Amount     \$300,000

IRD mobilized emergency teams in both Chinde and Morrumbala Districts within days of the Government of Mozambique declaring a flood disaster in the Zambezi River Valley. IRD established four operational water treatment stations, and began disseminating hygiene messages and distributing hygiene supplies. IRD is rehabilitating existing boreholes and building latrines.

### Provision of Water, Hygiene and Sanitation Conditions for Long-Term Resettlement at the Centers of Chinde and Morrumbala Districts

- **Created the conditions for access to clean water and sanitation in the resettlement centers of Chinde and Morrumbala districts.**
- **Promoted hygiene, targeting behavioral changes of the displaced population.**

Donor      USAID/OFDA  
 Date       April – October 2008  
 Amount     \$554,615

The project supported the resettlement process of IDPs by reducing the incidence of water-borne diseases in Chinde and Morrumbala districts, through access to clean water, improved sanitation, and increased hygiene awareness. IRD drilled 15 new boreholes and construct 3,000 latrines. A total of 10,943 IDPs were targeted, but services were provided to both IDPs and resident families.



### Positive Organizational Development Program

- **Developed ability of local organizations to provide care for people living with HIV/AIDS.**
- **Provided sub-grants for income-generating activities.**

Donor National AIDS Council of Mozambique  
 Date June 2005 – July 2006  
 Amount \$151,000

In partnership with the National Network of Associations of People Living with HIV/AIDS, IRD worked with three local associations of people living with HIV/AIDS in Inhambane province. The project provided institutional capacity building training, including leadership, financial management, project planning, and monitoring and evaluation; and operational capacity building through various training programs in home based care, pre- and post-test counseling, and ART adherence counseling. IRD has since received funding from CIDA, AED, and USAID/World Vision for these activities.

### Women First Program

- **Uses community-based health care approach.**
- **Trains women in small business skills.**
- **A model of a successful public private partnership.**

Donor World Vision/Canadian International Development Agency  
 Dates June 2005 – present  
 Amount \$342, 325/\$91,000

The Women First program was initiated through established women's groups from the Women's Society of the United Methodist Church, in Inhambane Province. In partnership with household supply company Unilever, IRD uses an intensive small business training program, facilitates an in-kind micro-credit scheme, and establishes a sustainable product supply chain. In addition to the small business component, the Women First project is training peer educators to raise health and HIV/AIDS prevention issues with women in their groups, as well as bringing these messages home to their families and communities. In 2006, IRD expanded the program to Zambezia Province with funding from

World Vision. The project has since added more distributors and varied the types of products it sells. The project will expand into two more districts and to 20 more groups in the fall of 2008. Women First was selected by UNDP for its Growing Sustainable Business program.

### Solar Water Disinfection (SODIS) Project

- **Brings simple method for disinfecting water supplies to the village level.**
- **Works in conjunction with local health clinic and schools to train SODIS trainers.**
- **Reduces incidence of water borne disease.**

Donor Swiss Federal Institute for Aquatic Science and Technology  
 Date January 2008 – January 2009  
 Amount \$22,000

In this pilot project, IRD is developing locally appropriate training materials and working in two elementary schools to promote this low-tech method to remove contaminants from drinking water.

### Drought Mitigation through Community Management of Water Harvesting Systems and Conservation Farming in Massinga and Funhalouro Districts

- **Community-based approach to mitigate the affects of cyclical droughts.**
- **Increase crop yields through run-off farming water harvesting and conservation tillage techniques.**

Donor USAID/OFDA  
 Date January – May 2006  
 Amount \$399,991

The project increased water availability through the construction of 14 cisterns in rural schools and improve captured water levels from eight water catchments. It also provided capacity training and hygiene promotion at each newly constructed water source. The program relied on community participation in partnership with local governments and community-level associations.



## Niger

### Food For Work Training

- **Implements food for work and farm-based income generation activities.**
- **Helps local NGOs respond to community needs.**
- **Increases vegetable and livestock production.**

Donor      USDA  
Date        2007 – 2009  
Amount     \$2 million

Community leaders selected women and men for participation based on the greatest needs; work groups were rotated as appropriate to ensure that the largest number of families benefited from the food provided. The program reached more than 20,000 people in the Azawak and Tadress regions of Northern Niger. The program extension through 2009 focuses on sustainable small livestock and vegetable production.

## Senegal

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## Southern Sudan

### Return and Reintegration of IDP and Refugee Returnees in Rural Communities

- **Provides infrastructure for IDPs and refugees returning to Southern Sudan.**
- **Builds capacity of communities to absorb, accommodate, and cope with the influx of new residents.**
- **Enhances community conflict resolution and peace-building skills.**

Donor      UNHCR  
Date        February 2006 – present  
Amount     \$197,000

This multi-donor, multi-sector program will rebuild health clinics and schools, train health personnel, provide livelihood materials such as agricultural and fishing tools and seeds, and enhance community conflict resolution and peace-building capacity, as well as increase the skills of local NGOs.

### Livelihood Recovery and Stabilization for Southern Sudanese Returnees and Receiving Communities in Upper Nile State

- **Promotes agricultural diversification through community gardens and agronomic training.**
- **Helps receiving communities to absorb, accommodate, and cope with the influx of returnees.**
- **Develops community water points for crops and livestock.**

Donor      BPRM  
Date        January 2008 – present  
Amount     \$499,968

Building off a UNHCR-funded project in 2006 and FAO- and WFP-funded activities in 2007, IRD supports the recovery and reintegration of some 21,500 returning IDPs and the communities receiving them in Upper Nile State of Southern Sudan.



The project expands livelihood opportunities and self-sufficiency by providing agricultural trainings and introducing community gardens and orchards and agricultural and fishing tools and seeds. It also offers community conflict management trainings.

### Rapid Impact Emergency Projects

- **Relies on non-monetary contributions local NGOs.**
- **Generates income through community improvement projects.**

Donor UNDP  
 Date March 2008 – present  
 Amount \$2 million

These twin projects focus on generation of income, capacity building for local NGOs, and improvements in basic urban infrastructure in two state capitals in Southern Sudan: Malakal, Upper Nile State; and Kuajok, Warrap State.

### Radio Distribution and Civic Education project

- **Increases the availability of, and access to, independent information for the citizens of Southern Sudan.**
- **Provides a forum for understanding the peace process and the Constitution, and for requiring government accountability.**

Donor NDI/USAID  
 Date April 2008 – present  
 Amount \$231,000

IRD, in partnership with the National Democratic Institute, will monitor and track the 15,000 radios it will distribute in the 12 counties of Upper Nile State. Parallel to the distribution of radios, IRD will establish 20 listening groups that will convene twice-monthly in group gatherings to listen to the “Let’s Talk” radio program. IRD will also evaluate the general outcomes of Let’s Talk and assess the impact on civic education.

## Swaziland

### Drought Mitigation through Community Management of Water Harvesting Systems and Conservation Farming

- **Uses community-based approach to break impact of cyclical drought patterns.**
- **Increases water availability for human consumption.**
- **Increases farm yields through runoff farming water harvesting and conservation tillage techniques.**

Donor USAID  
 Date September 2007 – present  
 Amount \$400,000

IRD’s drought mitigation program in Shiselweni and Lubombo will construct engineered rainwater harvesting systems at 14 schools, and train 200 farming households in conservation farming/tillage techniques, and runoff water farming techniques. Furthermore, hygiene promotion, HIV/AIDS awareness-raising, and the promotion of water demand management techniques will all be essential additional components of the overall program, which will benefit an estimated 6,880 people.

## The Gambia

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