

# 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 2009 – May 2010  
 Amount    \$720,000

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

### Refugee Protection and Camp Management in Goz Beida

- **Responsible for IDP registration.**
- **Provided small business skills training.**
- **Facilitated return of IDPs.**

Donor      UNHCR  
 Dates      January 2009 – January 2010  
 Amount    \$406,736

IRD was responsible for the management of the camp for internally displaced people at Goz Beida. When IDPs arrived, IRD collected their information and gave them a kit with hygiene supplies such as soap and water purification tablets. When families returned home, IRD provided them with blankets, cooking utensils, jerry cans, and other items.

### Refugee Protection and Camp Management in Assoungha

- **Responsible for IDP registration.**
- **Provided small business skills training.**
- **Facilitated return of IDPs.**

Donor      UNHCR  
 Dates      February 2010 – January 2011  
 Amount    \$810,000

As in Goz Beida, IRD is responsible for the management of the camp for internally displaced people at Assoungha. When IDPs arrive, IRD collects their information and gives them a kit with hygiene supplies such as soap and water purification tablets. IRD organizes small theatrical productions on gender-based violence awareness and avoidance for both men and women, as well as offering micro-finance programs.

### 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 Gouroukouné, 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.

## Ethiopia

### Strengthening Communities' Response to HIV/AIDS

- **Provides income generating activities for 30,000 families.**
- **Works with community organizations to create a broader community safety net.**

Donor        USAID  
 Date        June 2009 – December 2011  
 Amount     \$672,163

IRD is integrating economic development into HIV care and prevention. IRD's economic strengthening team is developing a selection of economic options, such as small-scale livestock and farming, market development, and entrepreneurial promotion for communities to adapt to their local area. Drawing on the cultural value of extended family, IRD trains local organizations to bring communities and leaders together to address the economic needs of HIV-affected families. IRD also advocates for economic policies that support family income generation, such as inheritance and access to land, and long-term economic stability, reducing economic barriers to education and health care.

## The Gambia

### 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        September 2008 – December 2011  
 Amount     \$3.3 million

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## Guinea-Bissau

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## Mauritania

### NGO Program in Mauritania Benefiting Mauritanian Refugees

- **Trains farmers in efficient irrigation techniques.**
- **Works with women's cooperatives to set up input banks.**
- **Provides basic supplies.**

Donor      U.S. State Department  
 Date       May 2009 – April 2010  
 Amount     \$299,763

IRD is working with over 2,600 Mauritanian returnees to best make use of land that has been given to them and to maintain a dignified quality of life. IRD is providing seeds, tools, and basic irrigation systems, as well as training farmers in simple hydroponic gardening and providing nutrition education sessions.

## Mozambique

### Strengthening Communities through Integrated Programming

- **Providing entrepreneurial training.**
- **Repairing and constructing wells, latrines, and water harvesting systems.**
- **Building on years of experience in Zambezia Province of southern Mozambique**

Donor      World Vision/USAID  
 Date       July 2009 – June 2014  
 Amount     \$7.4 million

IRD is building support for health resources in communities. IRD gives priority to caregivers for orphans and vulnerable children and members of prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission support groups to join the Women First network of female entrepreneurs, which will give them business skills and basic health training. The program will also facilitate the growth of district-based health associations that will continue to operate after the end of the program.



### Reduction of Drought and Cyclone Vulnerability in Southern Mozambique

- **Taking a holistic approach to the reduction of drought and cyclone vulnerability.**
- **Helping local government develop a cyclone early warning and response plan.**
- **Benefitting over 55,000 people.**

Donor USAID/OFDA  
Date June 2009 – May 2011  
Amount \$3.9 million

IRD's local agricultural experts are encouraging the planting of drought-resistant crops like sorghum, cassava, and legumes. At the same time, IRD is helping farmers gain market access for cash crops like vegetables and processed cassava, and establish other income generating activities like beekeeping and marketing of oil seeds. Agricultural activities are complemented by increased water supply for home and irrigation uses through improved water catchments, repaired water points using appropriate pump technology, and the installation of rooftop rainwater harvesting systems at 20 schools.

### The River Value: Converting Risk to Opportunities

- **Expanding opportunities for income generation.**
- **Increasing access to sanitation and clean water.**
- **Establishing local disaster risk management committees.**

Donor USAID  
Date July 2009 – July 2011  
Amount \$1.8 million

This program works with riverside communities to create opportunities for income generation and to encourage healthy and sustainable water and sanitation practices. IRD's extension workers identify successful techniques developed by local farmers and replicate them across the area. IRD is training and equipping masons who will install water wells and rainwater harvesting systems at schools and construct bio-sand filters.

### 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 – March 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.

### Food Distribution in Two Provinces

- **Distributed WFP food supplies.**

Donor World Food Program  
Date August 2009 – April 2010  
Amount \$123,052

When the harvests in Inhambane and Sofala provinces failed, IRD, with the support of WFP in three separate programs, stepped in to distribute staple foods to vulnerable families to tide them over until the next harvest.

### 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 – 2009  
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.



### Women First Program

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

Donor USAID/World Vision  
 Dates August 2008 – July 2011  
 Amount \$1.2 million

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 2005 with funding from the Canadian International Development Agency. In partnership with household supply company Unilever and others, 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 Zambia Province with funding from World Vision. The project has since added more distributors and varied the types of products it sells. Women First was selected by UNDP for its Growing Sustainable Business program.

### 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.

### 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 worked 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

### Community Health and Education Services for Southern Sudan (CHESS)

- **Increases access to health care services in rural areas.**
- **Improves the quality of health care services through training.**
- **Works with the MoH to build their capacity to deliver basic services.**

Donor Sudan Basic Services Fund  
 Date January 2009 - June 2010  
 Amount \$2.3 million

In collaboration, with the John Dau Sudan Foundation, IRD is training 20 community health workers, 70 home health providers, 20 mid-wives, five nurses in voluntary testing and counseling, and 10 clinic management staff in Duk County, Jonglei State. County-wide health education and vaccination campaigns are also underway, including a mass deworming campaign for school-aged children. IRD is training 70 teachers and organizing seven alternative education centers and women's literacy groups. Finally, IRD is working closely with the local county and state authorities, including traditional leaders and chiefs, teaching them to plan and deliver health and education services on their own. Through the establishment of local health and education steering committees, IRD is working to strengthen community ownership and responsibility, in addition to rural service delivery awareness.

### Sustainable Community Food and Livelihood Initiatives

- **Creates economic alternatives for returnees.**
- **Offers training in food preservation techniques.**
- **Makes clean water more widely available.**

Donor Sudan Recovery Fund/UNDP  
 Date January 2009 – May 2010  
 Amount \$3 million

IRD is working with county agriculture departments to help local farmers establish cooperative, demonstration gardens that will showcase a variety of crops and growing techniques. IRD is establishing livestock cooperatives, which will receive train-

ing on animal health, veterinary services, livestock feed options, livestock water supply, and marketing of livestock products. IRD is also repairing and constructing boreholes with hand-pumps and constructing multi-toilet public latrine sites with hand-washing stations for schools, health centers, and markets.

### Return and Reintegration of Refugees through Livelihood Promotion in Upper Nile State

- **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 May 2009 – December 2009  
 Amount \$571,369

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 March 2009 – February 2010  
 Amount \$499,750

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

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

Donor UNDP  
 Date March 2008 – October 2008  
 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. Improvements include installing a new drainage system in downtown Malakal and rebuilding clinics and schools in Kuajok. Local NGOs managed the process, with IRD supervision, ensuring their ability to do these projects on their own in the future.

### 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 – May 2009  
 Amount \$231,000

IRD, in partnership with the National Democratic Institute, monitors and tracks the 16,000 radios it distributed across Upper Nile State. Parallel to the distribution of radios, IRD established 20 listening groups that 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

### Reduction of Drought Vulnerabilities in Southern Swaziland

- **Uses community-based approach to break impact of cyclical drought patterns.**
- **Targets female farmers.**
- **Improves nutrition and income levels.**

Donor USAID  
 Date May 2009 – May 2012  
 Amount \$4.1 million

A continuation of the program described below, this program expands farming training to include a voucher program to increase access to vegetable, sorghum, and legume seeds. It is also bringing new sustainable water pump technology to the target area, sharing messages about HIV prevention, and expanding the model of rooftop water harvesting systems at schools.

### 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 – March 2009  
 Amount \$400,000

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



## Zimbabwe

### Restoring Livelihoods – Strengthening Value Chains (REVALUE)

- **Helps groundnut and pea farmers increase their income.**
- **Works with local leaders and government AGRITEX extension workers.**
- **Supports value chain development.**

Donor      USAID  
Date        October 2009 – March 2011  
Amount     \$2 million

REVALUE supports 8,550 local farmers to increase production and commercialization of groundnuts and peas in Manicaland Province. The project is a partnership between IRD and Africa University, Cornell University, I-Train and Evaluate Center (i-TEC), and 10 Zimbabwean private-sector partners. Using a voucher system, IRD works with REDAN ProFoods, a national agro-dealer company, to revive the once vast network of agro-dealers and increase the access of vulnerable but viable farmers to agricultural inputs such as seeds, fertilizer, and tools.

### Peri-Urban Rooftop Rainwater Harvesting in Zimbabwe (PROOF)

- **Satisfies water supply needs during a period of erratic supply of low quality water.**
- **Partners with other local and international NGOs.**

Donor      USAID  
Date        June 2009 – June 2010  
Amount     \$2.4 million

PROOF provides a medium term solution to the critical safe water supply problem faced by some high density areas in the Municipalities of Harare and Chitungwiza through the installation of rain water harvesting systems (RWHS). The program is designed to serve 1,350 households (450 installations) and 7,500 students at 15 schools. PROOF also supports the implementation of water, sanitation, and hygiene and food security programs implemented by other USAID-funded agencies in Zimbabwe.

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