



RBA Resilience Initiative: Strengthening Resilience in the DRC, Niger & Somalia

Exhibition on the margins of the second regular session of the Executive Board
Tuesday, 19 November to Thursday, 21 November 2019
Forum A, WFP Headquarters

Context & Concept

The World Food Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and the International Fund for Agricultural Development – the three United Nations Rome-based Agencies (RBAs) – are implementing an innovative, [five-year programme](#) (2017-2022) to promote food security and strengthen resilience against shocks and stressors in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Niger and Somalia. This joint programme bridges humanitarian and development objectives through a complementary approach that focuses specifically on vulnerable women and children. While the RBAs collaborate closely in many countries, this is the first time that they have received joint multi-year funding for resilience work.

Funded by a contribution of CAD 50 million (USD 38 million) from the Government of Canada, the programme aims to meet immediate food needs while sustainably increasing food security and strengthening the resilience of food-insecure households in regions affected by protracted and recurrent crises. Based on the [RBAs' Joint Conceptual Framework for strengthening resilience for food security and nutrition](#), the programme represents an unprecedented effort to support and invest in the same vulnerable communities over a five-year period through integrated, context-specific, and gender- and nutrition-sensitive assistance.

The exhibition will feature new images and videos from the first two years of the programme. Visitors will be able to browse through a selection of photos from targeted communities on two (2) iPads, while a large monitor will show a short video(s) (on continuous loop) about the impact of the programme, including interviews with beneficiaries. In addition, a totem will be placed in the exhibition space to draw visitors, and a limited amount of QR [Quick Response] cards (linking to the programme website) will be distributed.

Objectives

The exhibition will:

1. Educate and raise awareness amongst the Executive Board Membership and WFP staff on the RBA Resilience Initiative and its innovative approach to building resilience in protracted crises.
2. Provide visibility to the Government of Canada as a donor while highlighting its leadership and commitment to strengthening resilience for food security and nutrition.
3. Position the RBA Resilience Initiative approach and its RBA collaboration as a good practice/example for future programmes/donors.

Agenda

The exhibition will take place all day from Tuesday, 19 November to Thursday, 21 November. Representatives from WFP, IFAD and FAO will be available to engage with visitors, guide them through the exhibition and answer questions.