

PROJECT DESCRIPTION**Timawalte II Pastoral Well Construction and Rehabilitation Project****Niger****I. Introduction**

This appendix describes the activities to be undertaken and the results to be achieved with the funds obligated under this Agreement. Nothing in this Appendix A shall be construed as amending any of the definitions, conditions, or terms of the Agreement.

II. Background

Timawalte Namadar, a nongovernmental organization (NGO), was created in 2005 to assist herder organizations promote their development throughout Niger. Timawalte is particularly active in the Abala Rural Commune, a pastoral zone near the Mali border northeast of Niamey with millions of animals, including many from Mali and Tillia Commune in Niger. During the rainy season, temporary lakes are widespread in the area, providing the herders access throughout the zone to find the best pastures. When these lakes dry up after the end of the rainy season, the herders and their animals depend on the few permanent and poorly distributed watering points that have been developed to supply water to these communities.

The few functional wells in the area are insufficient to service local people and livestock, and water scarcity is a constant source of conflict among Abala residents. Representatives from the local communities and the Commune, working with Timawalte Namadar, have prioritized five communities where new wells are needed to secure access to water for an estimated 3,200 people and their animals. Funding is needed to construct these wells and develop the capabilities of the local water management committees to provide sustainable services.

III. Funding**A. ADF Contribution**

The financial plan for ADF's contribution is set forth in Appendix A-1 to this Agreement. The Parties may make changes to the financial plan without formal amendment, if such changes are made in accordance with Article 8 of the Agreement and do not cause ADF's contribution to exceed the obligated amount specified in Article 4, Section 4.1 of the Agreement.

B. Timawalte Namadar Contribution

Timawalte Namadar will make its technical personnel and relevant equipment available for implementation of the Project. The communities will contribute the land where the wells will be constructed or rehabilitated.

IV. Project Goal

The goal of this Project is to improve the overall socioeconomic and health status of people in the five affected villages in Abala Rural Commune.

V. Project Purpose

The purpose of the Project is to increase sustainable access to water in the villages of Maitoka, Tallimoune, Koninkoé 2, Banzankobé Maisanam, and Arawa Agaginey by Year 2 of the Project, as indicated by regular use of the wells by approximately 3,200 residents and their animals.

VI. Project Outputs

Improved Wells Management Capacity

Revenues collected to cover operating and maintenance costs of the wells from the sale of water increase from a baseline of zero to:

- A. FCFA 17,750,000 in Year 1; and
- B. FCFA 18,630,500 in Year 2.

VII. Project Activities

- A. Well Rehabilitation and Construction

The primary grant activity is the construction of five new pastoral wells located in the following communities in the Abala Rural Commune:

1. Maitoka ;
2. Tallimoune ;
3. Koninkoé 2 ;
4. Banzankobé Maisanam ; and
5. Arawa Agaginey.

Timawalte Namadar will identify qualified contractors to construct the five new pastoral wells following all technical standards required by the Water Service of Tchintabaraden. This will include digging the wells, constructing the well margins, installing well casings and culverts in the water capture area, filling all undrained areas, and constructing and installing appropriate caps and covers, protective slabs, fencing to restrict access to the well sites, and drainage structures to evacuate water that may spill around the well sites. The contractors will also construct concrete receiving tanks, watering troughs and supply pipes, and install new drawing forks and pulleys.

B. Water Management Committees

Timawalte Namadar will conduct an initial meeting to mobilize the users and other stakeholders to review the previous management of the water points and install new committees made up of representatives from all the main users of the wells. Timawalte Namadar will conduct training sessions for the committees on their roles and responsibilities, management, bookkeeping, monitoring and oversight, and reporting under the new decentralization policies. They will also provide training to specified local leaders on conflict arbitration and resolution, as well as technical training on well maintenance to members of the water management committees. Timawalte Namadar will identify, train, and install local development agents to work with each of the water management committees for at least one year. The ADF Partner will provide basic orientation to ADF bookkeeping and grant management procedures to Timawalte Namadar.

The Water Management Committees, in concert with Timawalte Namadar, will ensure the regular operation and maintenance of the facilities and equipment at the water points. The four water management committees will meet regularly, supervise the use of the wells, collect user fees, account for the use of revenues collected, effect routine maintenance activities, and communicate with Timawalte Namadar and appropriate authorities in case of important repair or management needs. Funds in excess of those required for the maintenance of the wells and operating costs of the Water Management Committees will be used for community development activities in Abala Commune. Timawalte Namadar is expected to continue to provide support and advisory services to the Water Management Committees beyond the life of the current Project.

VIII. Roles and Responsibilities

The ADF Niger Partner will provide the standard ADF training in bookkeeping, monitoring and assessment. Timawalte Namadar is responsible for ensuring the proper management and implementation of the Project. The ADF Niger Partner will provide Timawalte Namadar with technical and management assistance during implementation.

IX. Monitoring and Evaluation

The ADF Niger Partner will closely monitor the activities of Timawalte Namadar to ensure proper reporting, adherence to the project implementation plan and progress towards the achievement of Project objectives. The Partner will continuously assess the Project risks and take remedial actions as needed. Monitoring by the ADF Partner will be an important aspect of the on-going coaching and advisory service. The ADF Partner will review the quarterly reports and will submit comments and observations to the management of Timawalte as part of the on-going performance assessment.