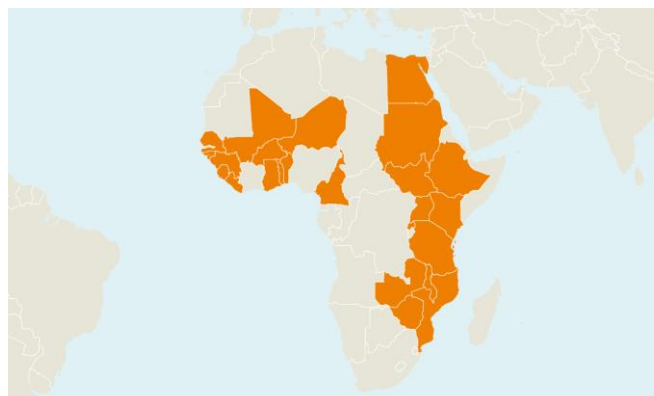


ANNUAL UPDATE

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TILLABERI



Together with your sponsorship, children and families are making positive changes in Tillaberi. Learn more about the valuable ways we work with children and communities.

In the face of persistent conflict and drought in Tillaberi, we are dedicated to promoting girls' education and empowering mothers with essential skills to ensure the well-being and safety of their children.

Crop seeds, farming equipment and training on climate-sensitive agriculture are helping more than 2,400 people adapt to the climate crisis, grow nutritious food, and earn an income. And girls are learning about their rights and are standing up against early and forced marriage.



358

Girls received menstrual hygiene kits



2,233

Students benefit from eight new school gardens



24

Teachers trained on providing safe education to displaced children

“AT SCHOOL, WE PRESENTED A PLAY ABOUT EARLY MARRIAGE, CHILD ABUSE, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION.”

Kamilou, 12 years old





NAME: AMINA

AGE: 11

**DREAMS TO BE:
TEACHER**

“A CONSEQUENCE OF EARLY MARRIAGE IS A LOW LEVEL OF EDUCATION WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO POVERTY. I HAVE GIVEN UP ANY IDEA OF MARRIAGE UNTIL I'M AN ADULT.”

Meet Amina

Like the child you sponsor, Amina is taking steps toward achieving her goals.

Amina and her family work hard on their farm. When she's not at school or helping out with chores, Amina loves to play with her friends in

The Challenges of Poverty

In Amina's community, poverty rates remain very high. Although parents work hard to provide for their children, it can be a struggle to put nutritious food on the table or to afford school fees. Girls are often kept at home to help with household chores, or are forced into an early marriage, preventing them from reaching their full potential.

At Amina's school, a new canteen set up by Plan International is providing dry food rations to students and their families. By ensuring students are well-fed, parents can keep their children in school, and girls and boys can focus on their lessons.

Fuelling Big Dreams

With the security of good food at school, Amina has been able to devote herself to her studies. She's grown in confidence, and enjoys her time at school with her peers.

She also joined the school government, and learned about the harms caused by early marriage. Amina is now a leader among her classmates, and raises awareness about the importance of staying in school.

Amina and her friends are excited to complete their education and dream big for their futures.



Amina receives nutritious food for herself and her family

OUR PROJECTS IN TILLABERI ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



188 goats are helping 86 people earn an income and afford nutritious food

NUTRITIOUS FOODS



More than half a million people in Tillaberi are food insecure. Persistent drought has resulted in crop failures which is driving up food prices, and parents are struggling to grow enough to feed their children and afford their basic needs.

2,413 people completed training on climate-sensitive agricultural practices. They also received improved crop seeds and farming equipment, so they can grow healthy foods for their families. And 8 new school gardens are providing more than 2,200 students with nutritious foods while at school.

In four villages, 400 mothers took part in cooking sessions to improve their knowledge on childhood nutrition. Also, 1,000 food kits was distributed to vulnerable women during this challenging time.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE



Families in Tillaberi live in a state of insecurity due to the ongoing violence by non-state armed groups. In times of conflict, girls and women are more vulnerable to gender-based violence and exploitation.

To ensure girls and boys can continue their education during this emergency, 5 classrooms were repaired and 24 teachers improved their knowledge on how to provide safe learning spaces for displaced children. 30 community members also learned about child protection.

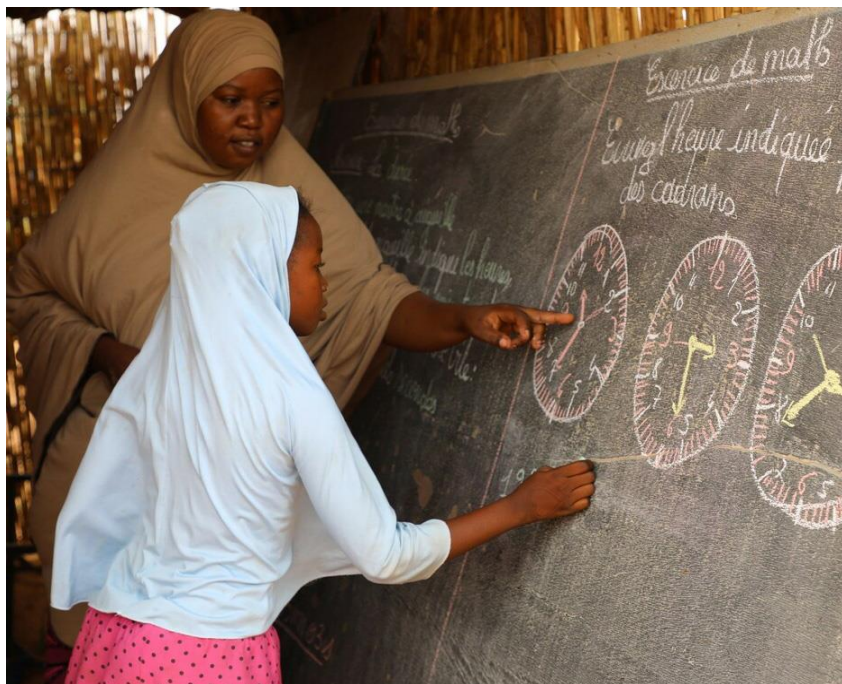
107 people who have survived incidents of violence are now being supported with medical care and mental health services. And 60 survivors completed entrepreneurship training and materials so they can start their own business.

“I lost my father when my village was attacked. Then my mother wanted me to marry an older man. With Plan’s help, I was saved from an early marriage and received support to start a tailoring business.”

Cherifatou (name changed to protect identity), 17



YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



The best is yet to come – and together we will continue to work for a brighter future for the children in Tillabéri.

- More than 800 schools in Tillabéri have closed due to the ongoing conflict. We will support displaced children to continue their education in safe and inclusive spaces.
- Child and forced marriage rates often increase during times of instability, and early marriage rates in Tillabéri are alarmingly high. We will raise awareness of girls' rights and support families to earn an income so they can keep girls at home and in school.
- Farmers are struggling with the extended drought. We will support them to develop climate-resilient agricultural practices so they can grow healthy food and earn a living for their families.

Thank you for your continued support.



"It is always a pleasure to say thank you. We are grateful for your help to children and vulnerable families. Your support enables food security projects."

Maidaji Alio
Programme Area Manager

THE PLAN EFFECT



Your sponsorship commitment becomes long-term change – providing help for self-help. We involve children at the centre of all projects, bringing effective and sustainable solutions to families and communities. With Plan's Effect, your commitment helps empower communities to transform their lives and futures.

THE LAST 12 MONTHS



MARCH

30

People trained to respond to gender-based violence



APRIL

100

Girls and 45 village leaders trained in girls' rights



JUNE

61

Students have two new classrooms and latrines



DECEMBER

135

People grow healthy food at market gardens

