

## CAP CHAD CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE SUPPORT PROJECT

Spillover from the violence in the Darfur region of Sudan, pressures from large refugee populations, poor economic performance, high rates of unemployment, and political instability contribute to an increasing amount of conflict in Chad. Communities located far from the country's capital have little access to resources and support from the government and in their isolation must devise strategies for maintaining peace and meeting community needs.

To support rural communities in mitigating potential destabilizing factors at the local level, CAP Chad strengthens the capacity of community leaders and civil society organizations (CSOs), supports increased collaboration between local governments and CSOs, and provides access to resources for community development initiatives. CAP Chad infuses participatory approaches throughout each phase of the project, inviting the participation of community members, leaders, and CSOs in program design, implementation, and evaluation of project activities.

The major components of the program include:

- **Capacity Development for Community Leaders:** Training and technical assistance is provided to local leaders—traditional chiefs, civil servants in various technical sectors, teachers, and religious authorities—to support them in

managing limited local resources, mitigating conflict, and leading community advocacy and problem-solving efforts.

- **Institutional Strengthening for CSOs:** Participatory institutional strengthening processes are facilitated with CSOs to increase programmatic impact and improve the quality of services provided in the communities.
- **Small Grants for Community Initiatives:** Resources are allocated to communities to implement activities for community-identified needs.
- **Collaboration Between CSOs and Local Governments:** Opportunities are provided for leaders from CSOs and local governments to engage in community-level trainings and implementation of small grants. This cooperation opens the door to mutual understanding and opportunities for future collaboration.

CAP Chad is a learning pilot focused on developing innovative tools and approaches for promoting peace and stability in Chad. Lessons learned through program implementation are incorporated back into the program design and shared with relevant stakeholders.

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