



# Peace Through Development

Tahoua and Agadez Regions, Niger

# Objectives

To combat extremist ideologies by improving governance and citizen participation, engaging and empowering at-risk youth to participate in economic and social development, and improving access to information and dissemination of constructive messages.

The 24-month intervention will increase youth engagement in their immediate social and economic context and improve their livelihoods.



# Approach

The project will build on the successes and lessons of two previous projects implemented between August 2006 and September 2008: Bridging Collective Responsibility and Development Goals through Effective and Inclusive Decentralization (Bridge) and SKYE.



The partnerships and strategies employed by SKYE and Bridge will be shaped to respond to the goals and requirements of the new program.

# Key Program Features



Dual focus on 'soft skills' and economic opportunity for vulnerable youth lacking employable skills

Commune partnerships



# From SKYE

SKYE project results that link to the new project's programming:

- ❖ Facilitation of life skills training
- ❖ Fada membership and life skills restitution
- ❖ 'Bankable' projects
- ❖ Fostering Young entrepreneurs
- ❖ Commune Committees
- ❖ Banking Partnerships



# Key Program Activities

Provision of training in a 3 tiered system

- ❖ Level 1 – Life Skills Training
- ❖ Level 2 – Vocational Training
- ❖ Level 3 – Business Plan and Management Training



Peer Educators: Life Skills  
Trainings and Restitutions



# Key Partners

❖ Youth Associations and Fadas

❖ Local Training Organizations

❖ Banking Partnerships

❖ Commune committees

❖ Young entrepreneurs who benefitted from SKYE and Bridge programs



# Expected Results

Income-generating potential of targeted youth increased

Sustainable Loan Guarantee Funds established which meet financing needs of youth

Youth familiar with commune services, and maintain consultative fora

Commune councils demonstrate their ability to respond to youth needs



You must be the change  
you wish to see in the  
world.

— Mahatma Gandhi

