

## Chad – Environmentally Friendly Farming

In Southern Chad, the traditional farming practice of 'slash and burn' results in the complete removal of trees from the landscape. The result is complete degradation and desertification of farming land, leaving it virtually useless for cultivation.

World Vision, with support from Computershare, has implemented a farming technique called 'farmer-managed natural regeneration' (FMNR), which improves soil stability as well as providing benefits to livestock and the health of the people in the region.

FMNR encourages farmers to keep the trees on their farms. Pruning the trees instead of removing them provides significant advantages for the soil, which in return benefits the farmer's output.

In 2007 the benefits of the Change-a-Life project have contributed to significant improvements in how farmers utilize the land.

### TRAINING

- > 76 Community Leaders were trained in the FMNR farming technique
- > They now train the farmers in their communities to use this technique
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### COMMITTEES

- > Natural resource management committees were set up in 12 communities to promote the implementation of FMNR farming techniques across the broader communities
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### FARMERS

- > 319 Farmers in 8 communities now use the FMNR method

*" Thanks to the new technique... our life has changed. The food production has doubled and many people have also adopted this farming technique"*

Malantin Andre - a farmer who adopted the FMNR method

