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CBA Morocco:

Interviewing local community members of El Mouddaa



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Zahra Boussalem

Her role:

"I helped by irrigating plants, preparing food for workers, and transporting plants. I am basically open for all kind of work. I am excited by this project."

Her view on impact of the CBA project:

"Before, the sagiya was destroying fields and roads, and the ravine was destroying my own house. Once, my house, my door and my livestock were taken by the water flow. I am more secure. Thank you to everyone who helped with this project."

Her view on the community's and the ecosystems' resilience:

"The project preserved the village; we are all feeling more secure."

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Said – 23 years old

His role: (In Labor) *"I helped with tree planting, piping transportation, and irrigation construction. I also learned how to build gabions."*

His view on impact of the CBA project: *"The project changed the role of women in the community; women became more proactive, they worked in shifts to prepare food for workers in the field. Women also helped with watering planted trees."*

His view on the community's, and the ecosystems' resilience: *"There are positive results just in the few months of the project implementation. Gabions play a role in reducing floods negative impacts. They also played a role in securing sand."*



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Fatima Chahboune

Her role:

"On a rotating basis, we are preparing food and transporting it to workers. In case of absence of our men, we are contributing to work ourselves and helping with labor. We have mainly so far contributed to tree planting and irrigation."

Her view on impact of the CBA project:

"The gabions preserved our fields and our houses. Before their construction, three houses were destroyed. Now water is more available and sand is also available."

Her view on the community's and the ecosystems' resilience:

"The gabions and planted trees will preserve our village. Everyone is conscious about the necessity to protect the environment."



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Lhassan, 48 years old

His role: "I am helping with labor and I am willing to help my community. After each inundation, we have lots of damages in the community; the project will help protect the land, that is why I am intending to help in all phases of the project."

His view on impact of the CBA project: "The project actually brought together people, both those living in Lmoudaa as well as those working occasionally outside. Everyone participated."

His view on the community's and the ecosystems' resilience: "Thanks to the existing community spirit, we are convinced that we need to take advantage of this project to build on our solidarity."

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Biyya Haddou

Her role: "I am helping with everything I can do, including preparing food, transporting and irrigating trees, and providing ideas to the project."

Her view on impact of the CBA project: "Once the ditch irrigation is repaired with the piping, everyone is secure. There is no more concern. Water is clean, everything is beneficial, cactus and trees are retaining soil, and herders don't come anymore to our lands. Everyone is happy."

Her view on the community's and the ecosystems' resilience: "Everything is useful! The project strengthened the resilience of the village."



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Hafida Nibrkiouen

Her role: *"I am intending to help with all what I can. I was not in the village when the project was launched (I was married), but now that I am back, I am feeling more at home, I don't want to leave it here! I am feeling safe, and I will be happy to help with all what I can."*

Her view on impact of the CBA project: *"Gabions protected houses, fields and families. Tree planting is preserving our environment that was over exploited by women. Now, we are conscious about the necessity to preserve our environment."*

Her view on the community's and the ecosystems' resilience: *"The project is the core of the village, it gave us hope. People are helping each other, we are feeling more secure. Before, we did not know different kind of trees, now we are planting them ourselves!"*

As the sagaia is the most important component for the village, everyone used to work to repair it after any inundation, it was a huge burden. Now, things are improved. The gabions did also contribute to protect the village."

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Lhoussain, 22 years old

His role: *"Beside my role as a treasurer I am helping with labor whenever I can."*

His view on impact of the CBA project: *"The community is now mobilized as the project brought people together. Everyone is now involved in discussions about the interests of the community."*

His view on the community's and the ecosystems' resilience: *"The gabions blocked large rocks witch threatened the village and now they are providing abundant sand. Trees are changing the wealth esthetically. The greenhouse will help us ensure food security and be independent from outside. The drip irrigation system will enable us streamline the use of water resources."*



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