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Operational excellence for results that matter

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Communities living around Lake Faguibine in northern Mali are learning about conservation and helping to reverse the effects of drought, after decreased rainfall brought the lake to drastically low levels.



Drought-affected communities who are learning about conservation and climate change mitigation measures as part of a UNEP project, supported by UNOPS. *Photo:* UNOPS

Lake Faguibine was once a thriving wetland system around which agricultural and pastoral communities flourished. The decline in rainfall in the areas that feed the lake has led to cyclical droughts throughout the Sahel region.

This United Nations Environment Programme project will also restore balance to the endangered ecosystem by clearing 1.7 million cubic metres of silt to improve the flow of water into the lake. UNOPS is providing human resources and procurement services to the project.

In 2010, 4,000 trees were planted to stabilize river banks, more than 1,500 advocacy products such as posters, leaflets and t-shirts were distributed, and 12 workshops were held to raise awareness of the threats to the wetland environment caused by human activities.

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How we add value

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We are flexible and can adapt to partner needs, implementing operations quickly, effectively and professionally. We are focused on results.

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