In January 2011, a group of representatives from Nigerien non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working on climate adaptation and human rights in Niger were brought together for a participatory video workshop.

During the training, two short films were produced illustrating community-based adaptation initiatives supported by UNDP in two respective villages in the Dakoro Commune.

This training was supported by UNDP/GEF Community-Based Adaptation (CBA) Programme.

January 2011 Dakoro, Niger

Once Upon a Time in the Sahel...

The participants learned to operate the cameras, discussed human rights and climate adaptation related issues and planned two videos to film in two different communities.

We then visited two villages, Sabarou and Maigochi.

We met with the villagers and talked about the films we had planned. They also gave us their ideas as to what we should film.
The rainy season is so much shorter now, our crops fail constantly.

We talked to farmers about the challenges they were facing with the variability in climate.

And to women and men about some of the coping strategies they were trying.

One of these very important strategies was the use of an improved local variety of millet seeds. These were developed by INRAN (Institut National des Recherches Agronomiques du Niger). They are not genetically modified.

These seeds allow the cycle of growth of the millet plant to be shorter, matching the current rain patterns in Niger.

We plant the seeds at different times, and we put compost only where the seeds go to use it more sparingly.

These seeds are much better than the old ones, they are allowing us to survive these difficult times.

I got a much better result with these improved seeds this year!

I could last between the planting seasons without having to buy millet. I was even able to sell some when the prices went up.

To community leaders about their priorities.

We need more support to help us cope, but as a community we will also invest our time and energy to see this work.
AND OTHER INITIATIVES THAT HELPED PEOPLE COPE IN VARIOUS WAYS

LIKE SUPPORT FOR SEED BANKS

THE SMALL LOAN TO GET SOME GOATS IS REALLY HELPING US COPE...

WE THEN EDITED THE FILMS ON THE COMPUTER AND WENT BACK TO EACH COMMUNITY TO SCREEN THEM BACK AND DISCUSS THE ISSUES RAISED BY THE FILMS

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THE FILMS WERE ALSO MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE TO INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCES AND SCREENED OTHER COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY CLIMATE CHANGE IN NIGER.

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