

JEMED and its work with nomadic pastoralists



Niger and the Project Area

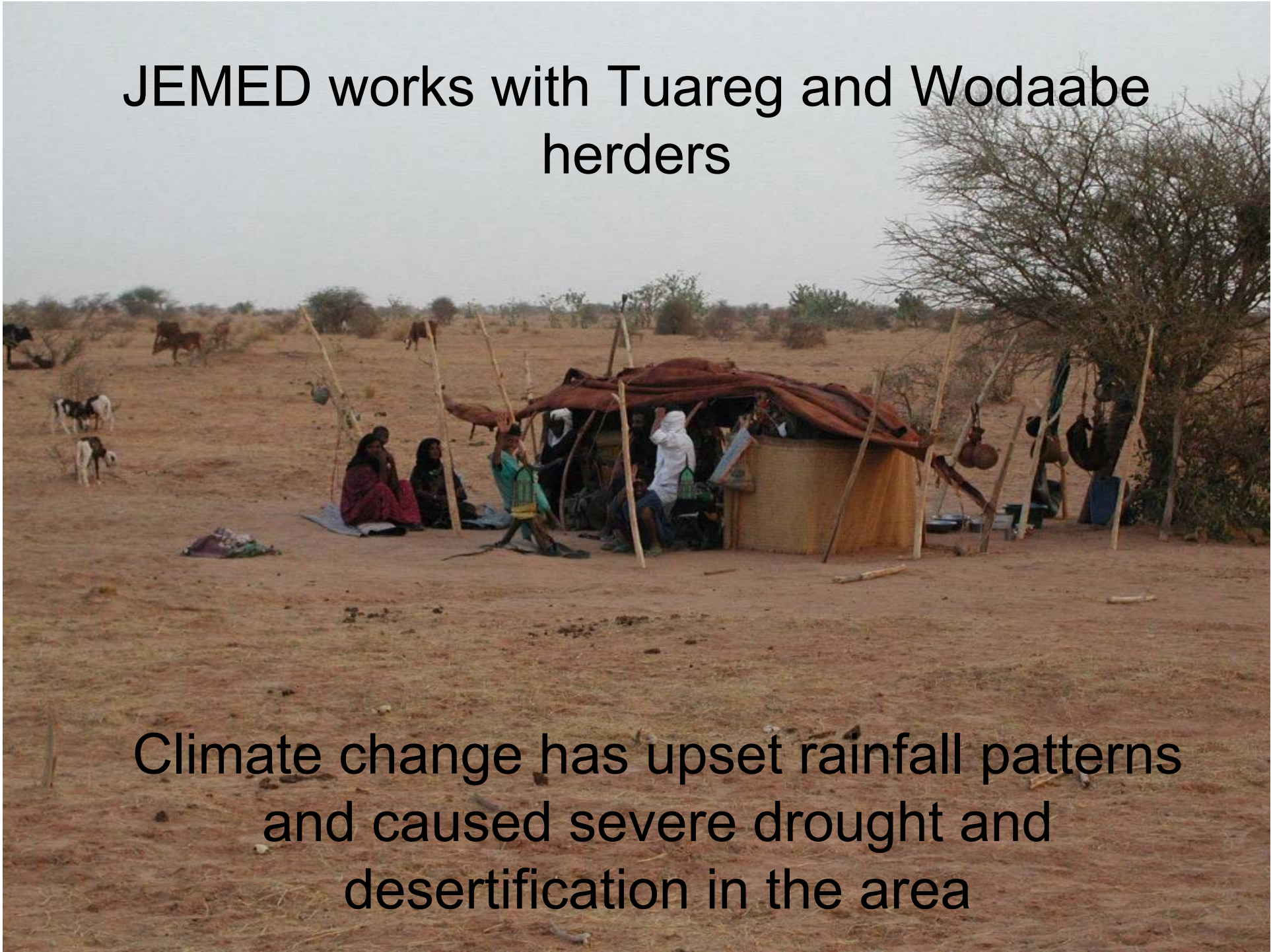


The Project is in the Pastoral region of Niger, a country in North West Africa.

This area of Niger is the home to nomadic pastoralists

JEMED works with Tuareg and Wodaabe herders

Climate change has upset rainfall patterns and caused severe drought and desertification in the area



They have been hit hard with the effects of climate change and repeated drought



They realized that they had to learn to live with the changing situation and after reflection came up with a solution for community adaptation





The solution had to involve the whole community,
and be integrated so as to impact many areas of
community life

Fixation Points



The solution they came up with was to create fixation points. JEMED works with the nomads to help them develop these fixation points.

These are places where they can have access to water, health care, education, and food security, as well as regenerate and manage the rangelands.

Fixation points allow them to do this without losing their traditional nomadic way of life.

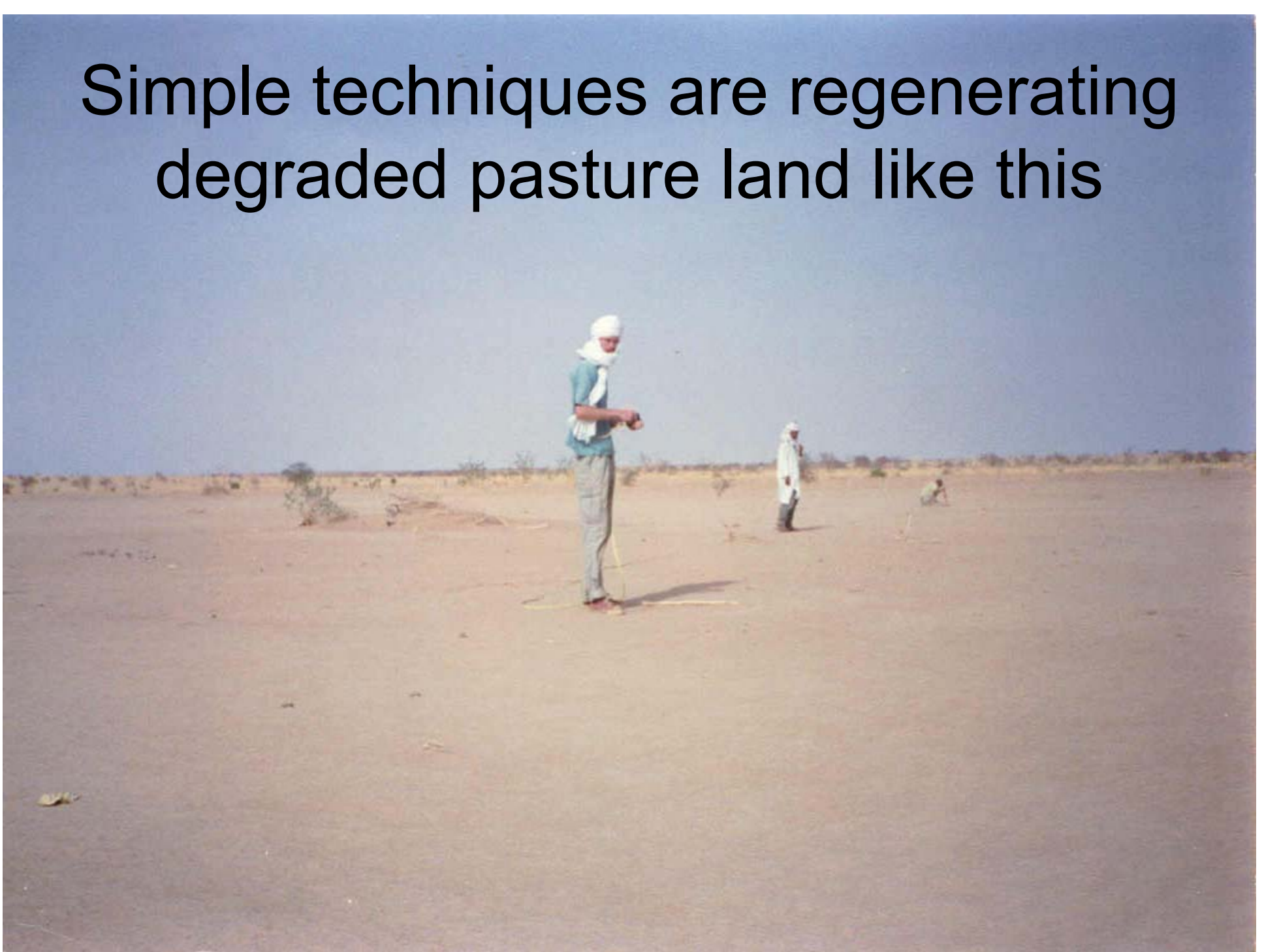


Access to clean water is the first step in creating a fixation point

Regeneration of land degraded by desertification is very important



Simple techniques are regenerating degraded pasture land like this



Into healthy and productive
rangeland like this



Education is another key element of the fixation strategy. Nomadic primary schools play an important role



We work with women to increase and diversify their economy and involve them in basic health care and nutrition education



The strategy was tested in the drought and food crisis of 2004/2005



The strategy has been successful, and it will allow the nomads to continue to follow their lifestyle and culture into a sustainable future.

