Improving Sudan's food security together

The Sudan Productive Capacity Recovery Programme
The Sudan Productive Capacity Recovery Programme-Capacity Building (SPCRP-CB/Sudan) is a six-year partnership between the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the European Union (EU) and the Government of Sudan, launched in 2007.

The programme aims to build a strong and sustainable agricultural sector as the foundation for a food-secure Sudan.

To achieve this, the SPCRP-CB/Sudan is strengthening the capacity of rural communities and government line ministries in South Kordofan, Blue Nile, River Nile, Red Sea and the Abyei Administrative Area.

The EC has contributed €80 million to the SPCRP, of which €19 million is funding the SPCRP's capacity building programme in Sudan.

The EU is committed to peace-building through recovery programmes in support of food security and rural development.

“The European Union has been a close partner of the Government of Sudan in its objective to develop the country's rural economy in order to foster peace and security. The core of this strategy is to ensure that growth is socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable. The SPCRP-CB, developing accountable and effective agricultural services for all, is one of our major contributions in this area.”
Carlo De Filippi, Ambassador, Head of EU Delegation
Main activities include:

- Assessing the outcomes and impacts of SPCRP-CB capacity building efforts
- Organizing training of trainers programmes and assessing the results of the CARDA model
- Developing a training manual for establishing small, rural agri-based businesses
- Strengthening 200 Farmer Field Schools, including post-FFS production
- Establishing three agro-business enterprises with selected commodities
- Supporting Rural Marketing Units in the four target states
- Launching a training of trainers programme for communities in a wide range of areas, including communication, the value chain approach, strategy planning, seedling and vegetable production and nursery management
“SPCRP-CB has helped the targeted states build their capacity to implement their development programme.”
Dr Adil Osman Idris, SPCRP-CB National Programme Coordinator, Ministry of Agriculture

Building local capacity
The SPCRP-CB is reviving the effective public administration of Sudan’s agricultural and rural development sectors, and helping rural communities reap more from their endeavours.

Creating space for institutions
The SPCRP-CB has
- Trained almost 3000 staff of the Ministries of Agriculture and Animal Resources, as well as Non-State Actors in management, administration and policy formulation
- Established 4 policy groups and 6 database systems to monitor and evaluate agricultural production
- Built and equipped 24 state ministry buildings
- Refurbished 14 state ministry buildings
- Supplied 31 cars and 94 motorbikes for state ministry and locality staff

Sharing knowledge
The SPCRP-CB has
- Provided technical training in agriculture, animal husbandry, horticulture, forestry, fisheries, water harvesting, machine maintenance and rural enterprise
- Established more than 100 Farmer Field Schools, aiming to have 200 schools operating by the end of the programme
Trained and equipped 200 Community Animal Resources Development Associates (CARDA) with improved livestock health kits, who in turn provided veterinary services to 10,000 pastoralists and agro-pastoralists.

Established 44 Small Business Groups and marketing associations to increase productivity and market access.

Helping farmers help themselves

Farmer Field Schools empower rural communities to improve their livelihoods in helping farmers to increase production and to find ways to better market their produce. Farmer Field Schools bring together groups of farmers for seasonally-focused joint learning and experimentation. They are a place for farmers to strengthen their skills and share knowledge.

So far the SPCRP-CB has reached around 2,500 farmers and that number will double by the end of the programme.

“Building Sudan’s agricultural productive capacity - from farmers in the field to decision makers in government - is a vital and long-term solution to securing this country’s food security and enhancing rural livelihoods.”

Charles Agobia, SPCRP-CB
Chief Technical Advisor, FAO
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