



Background

Today, 1.5 million Haitians live in severe food insecurity. On 23 October 2012, Hurricane Sandy moved across Haiti killing about 55 people and causing considerable damages to homes, crops, land, animals and public infrastructure on the island. After extreme drought during May and June 2012, as well as Tropical Storm Isaac in August, Haiti was once again hit hard by Hurricane Sandy.

Out of the estimated 31 370 people who lost their houses, the majority are now living with host families or in improvised accommodation, while around almost 3 000 are still living in 18 hurricane shelters where they took refuge during or after the hurricane. In addition, roads and bridges were destroyed or badly damaged; and river banks have collapsed, washing away arable lands.

[The Emergency revision of the 2012 CAP for Haiti](#) outlines the first phase of key needs, and the most critical humanitarian interventions needed to respond to the crisis. It was locally launched on November 2012, and requests **USD 23 200 000** in support of 1.26 million people for the next two months.

Challenges facing food security and agriculture

Tropical Storm Isaac destroyed nearly 40 percent of the harvest, and hurricane Sandy has now devastated agricultural land in the south that was untouched by Isaac. Approximately 90 500 ha of agricultural land and crops, in at least 70 of the 140 municipalities of the country, were destroyed by Sandy.

Even if the Departments of Grand'Anse, Nippes, the South, the South East, the West and the North East have been identified as being the most affected areas, the food crisis could still affect the entire country.

Most vulnerable households have already depleted their food stocks, at a time when the next harvest season is still months away. There is also a high probability that families in areas affected by the drought, Isaac and Sandy are not meeting their basic caloric requirements.



FAO's response

Within the framework of the 2012 Revised Consolidated Appeal, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) seeks **USD 4 500 000** in order to ensure the food and nutrition security of vulnerable households by rehabilitating their agricultural and livestock production capacity. Immediate activities, through the winter cropping season until December 2012, include:

- Provision of short cycle seed; agricultural tools; and livestock including goats, sheep and poultry;
- Provision of basic veterinary care to improve production and livestock health; and
- Capacity development through trainings on disaster preparedness to mitigate the loss of agriculture and livestock production.



Project title: Emergency intervention for the agriculture and livestock sectors in the Departments affected by the floods.

Objective: To ensure the food and nutrition security of vulnerable households by rehabilitating their agricultural and livestock production capacity.

Beneficiaries: 20 000 vulnerable households.

Partners: Ministry of Agriculture, NGO's

Funds Required: USD 4 500 000.

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