



Project Highlights BURKINA FASO

“Food security information and emergency assistance to vulnerable farming households in urban areas in Burkina Faso”

Project code: OSRO/BKF/206/USA

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Contribution: USD 400 000

Implementation: 23/8/12 – 31/3/13

Target areas: North and Centre regions

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Objective: To improve food security and nutrition of vulnerable households in Burkina Faso.

Project partners: Regional Directorate of Agriculture and Food Security, *Direction G n rales des Production V g tales* and NGOs including Hundreds of Original Projects for Employment and Association *Aidons l'Afrique Ensemble*.

Beneficiaries reached: 1 910 food insecure households, or 11 460 direct beneficiaries, as well as food and nutrition security stakeholders.

Activities implemented:

- Distributed 116 640 g of vegetable seeds including tomato, cabbage, onion, carrot, lettuce and eggplant, 3 000 Moringa plants and 2 000 papaya plants as well as 143 250 kg of fertilizer (NPK and Urea).
- Provided beneficiaries with phytosanitary products and equipment (pesticides, insecticides and sprayers).
- Trained 404 beneficiaries on vegetable production techniques and the use of phytosanitary treatment equipment, and 186 beneficiaries on nutrition education.
- Facilitated two consultation and exchange workshops between Government actors, UN agencies and NGOs to exchange food and nutrition security information.
- Published 12 monthly analyses of the food situation in the target areas.

Impact:

- Diversified the diet of beneficiaries through the production of 4 230 tonnes of vegetables.
- Increased knowledge on good agricultural production techniques, as well as nutrition education.
- Provided beneficiaries with additional income through the sale of surplus production, each household earned an average of FCFA 175 000.
- Enabled the two regional Food Security Councils to hold food and nutrition security information meetings every three months.
- Strengthened the capacity of early warning system relay agents to better analyse, collect and disseminate food security information.
- Improved coordination among food and nutrition security information stakeholders in the region.