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## Project Highlights CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

### "Support to the food security and nutrition of vulnerable rural populations, particularly women"

**Project code:** OSRO/CAF/304/ITA

**Donor:** Italy

**Contribution:** USD 654 914

**Implementation:** 01/10/2013–30/09/2014

**Target areas:** Prefectures of Basse-Kotto, Haute-Kotto,  
Ouham, Ouham-Pende



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**Objective:** To improve the food security and nutrition in areas severely affected by the recent conflict in the Central African Republic.

**Key partners:** The decentralized technical services of the Ministry of Rural Development, Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) and local associations and authorities.

**Beneficiaries reached:** 8 000 vulnerable households, 11 primary schools and 120 women's associations.

**Activities implemented:**

- Identified, sensitized and selected beneficiary households.
- Involved 80 percent of beneficiary households in income generating activities, focusing on crop production, processing and marketing.
- Distributed crop kits to 6 000 beneficiary households for a total of 150 tonnes of quality seeds (groundnut, maize and rice) and 12 000 hoes.
- Provided training on good practices regarding production and processing techniques to improve agricultural productivity.
- Distributed vegetable kits to 2 000 households for a total of 100 kg of seeds (amaranth, cabbage, cucumber, lettuce, onion, okra, spinach tomato and/or zucchini) and 8 000 tools (hoes, shovels, rakes and watering cans).
- Distributed 240 groundnut and cassava processing units to 120 selected women's associations.
- Identified 11 schools in Bria as well as teachers and parent's associations.
- Established 11 management committees and provided them with training (land selection, plant maintenance, etc.) and agricultural inputs (vegetable seeds and tools).
- Established and rehabilitated agricultural plots.
- Organized activities to carry out market gardening.
- Developed, updated and published Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) maps.
- Collected and analysed data related to food security.
- Organized workshops for Cluster members and held meetings.
- Published FAO's information bulletin and several articles on the emergency and resilience programmes.
- Organized trainings for staff members of the Ministry of Rural Development and NGOs to ensure ownership of IPC assessment tools.

**Results:**

- Cultivated 3 200 ha of land (3 000 ha for crop production and 200 ha for market gardening) and produced over 3 600 tonnes of food crops and vegetables.
- Cultivated 2.2 ha of land and produced 7 tonnes of vegetables thanks to the support provided to the 11 schools.
- Contributed to restore the livelihoods of beneficiaries and improve their food security and nutrition.
- Reinforced the operational and technical capacities of Cluster members.
- Enhanced Cluster coordination and access to updated information related to food security and nutrition.