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Project Highlights CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

“Support to agricultural recovery and improvement of food security in the Central African Republic”

Project code: OSRO/CAF/602/UK

Donor: United Kingdom

Contribution: GBP 3.1 million (USD 4 341 690)

Implementation: 01/04/2016–30/11/2016

Target areas: the prefectures of Basse Kotto, Haute Kotto, Kemo, Lobaye, Mambéré-Kadéï, Mbomou, Nana-Gribizi, Nana-Mambéré, Ombella M’Poko, Ouaka, Ouham, Ouham Pendé and Sangha Mbaere



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Objective:	To strengthen community resilience by improving the livelihoods of communities affected by the series of crises in the Central African Republic.
Key partners:	The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, its decentralized services and Non-governmental Organizations.
Beneficiaries reached:	56 193 vulnerable households.
Activities implemented:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identified beneficiary households.• Distributed 1 277.2 tonnes of quality seeds (bean, groundnut, maize, rice, sorghum and squash) and 123 600 hoes to 41 200 beneficiary households for the first crop cycle.• Distributed 308 tonnes of seeds (bean, cowpea, groundnut, maize and sesame) and 42 000 hoes to 14 000 households for the second crop cycle.• Assisted 993 beneficiary households through seed fairs, who were able to purchase 25 000 kg of seeds (bean, groundnut, maize and squash).• Trained 108 technical agents on the beneficiary selection criteria, the use of image boxes on various topics as a means to train beneficiaries on agricultural production techniques, and crop management techniques; once trained, the technical agents trained 36 240 beneficiary households on crop production techniques.
Results:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cultivated 16 480 ha of land and produced 13 132.5 tonnes of food – enough to cover households’ food needs for about three months – for the first crop cycle.• Cultivated 4 900 ha of land and produced 3 850 tonnes of food for the second crop cycle.• Cultivated 596 ha of land with an average production of 570 kg of food per household thanks to seed purchased at seed fairs.• Allowed for beneficiaries to establish seed and food stocks thanks to the production obtained, and to diversify income-generating activities; each household generated an estimated USD 155 from groundnut production to be used to cover other expenses (healthcare, school fees, repay debts, etc.).• Reinforced the technical capacities of beneficiaries thanks to the training they received.• Contributed to strengthening the resilience of beneficiary households to crises.• Helped to reduce the adoption of negative coping strategies among 70 percent of beneficiary households.