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Project Highlights

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"Assistance in gardening inputs to conflict- and drought-affected households in eastern Chad"

Project code: OSRO/CHD/204/USA

Donor: United States

Contribution: USD 500 000

Implementation: 1/9/12 - 31/3/13

Target areas: Sila, Ouaddaï and Wadi Fira regions

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Objective:

To improve the food security status of the conflict- and drought-affected households in eastern Chad through reinforcement of their production capacities during the 2012/13 gardening season, in the regions of Sila, Ouaddaï and Wadi Fira.

Project partners:

National agricultural institutions including the *Office Nationale du Developpement Rural*, and Non-governmental Organizations.

Beneficiaries reached:

15 000 vulnerable host and returnee households, totaling approximately 90 000 people.

Activities implemented:

- Procured 180 kg of tomato seed, 52 kg of carrot seed, 668 kg of onion seed, 179 kg of cabbage seed, 5 kg of pepper seed, 15 kg of eggplant seed, 372 kg of okra seed, 45 kg of watermelon seed, 2 kg of turnip seed and 4 600 kg of garlic seed to distribute vegetable kits to 15 000 households.
- Procured 2 972 watering cans for beneficiary households.
- Supported vegetable gardening in Chad through the distribution of 6 118 kg of vegetable seeds and 2 972 watering cans, enabling beneficiaries to produce 8 619 900 kg of vegetables.
- Conducted post-harvest assessment surveys on a sample of 10 percent of beneficiary households per village.

Impact:

- Provided households with food while waiting for the rainy season, with an average production of 574.6 kg of vegetables per household.
- Increased household income through the sale of surplus production, generating approximately USD 276 per household.
- Improved household food security, diversified household diets and increased income generation through increased vegetable production.
- Provided households with income to fulfil additional needs without incurring debt.