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Project Highlights

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

“Restoring the local economy of Kungu, in support of the peace and reconciliation process”

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Objective: To contribute to restore peace in the Kungu territory as prior to the conflict, in a spirit of reconciliation, by relaunching the local economy based on agricultural production, income-generating activities and access to markets.

Key partners: The decentralized technical services of the Ministries of Rural Development, and Water, Forestry, Hunting and Fishing, Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) as well as local authorities and associations.

Beneficiaries reached: 200 producers' groups, nearly 5 000 beneficiary households.

Activities implemented:

- Conducted a study on the sectors of agricultural products (groundnut, maize, palm oil and rice) and a study for the implementation of the gender mainstreaming strategy.
- Conducted a diagnostic analysis and structured the 5 000 beneficiary households in 200 producers' groups federated into 20 farmers' organizations.
- Organized 50 training workshops for 3 208 participants, members of the producers' groups, on structuring producers' groups (e.g. how to establish an associations, principles of an association, bodies of an association, etc.) and 20 training workshops for 553 representatives of the producers' groups on the operation and management of a rural organization.
- Organized 271 meetings to sensitize 4 046 participants on the various governance aspects.
- Established the Kingu Lisanga Radio (KLR): made available and rehabilitated a building, procured and distributed the necessary equipment and trained KLR agents on radio techniques.
- Distributed agricultural tools and equipment to 200 producers' groups including: 100 machetes, 10 433 hoes, 2 000 axes, 1 331 rakes, 1 495 watering cans and 377 bikes.
- Distributed 29.6 kg short cycle vegetable seeds to 1 000 households, 65 970 kg of crop seeds to 4 300 households and 4 800 kg of basic seed to 46 seed multiplier groups.
- Trained 110 farmer field school (FFS) facilitators, selected among the members of the seed multiplier groups, on FFS principles and methodologies, good agricultural practices and cross-cutting issues (conflict management, gender, etc.), and 85 seed multipliers on multiplication, storage and packaging techniques.
- Trained 1 335 women in the organization and management of farmers' organizations.
- Trained three women in the management and operation community radio station.
- Trained 18 women in smoking fish techniques for the reduction of post-harvest losses.
- Vaccinated 462 goats against the *peste des petits ruminants* and distributed the animals to 20 farmers' groups (500 households).
- Organized a training workshop for 48 participants on goat rearing techniques.

- Implemented share farming activities among farmers' group members; distributed 496 goats to farmers' groups for share farming; trained 87 beneficiary groups (397 members) that also received 212 goats.
- Structured 200 small-scale fishers into eight groups and trained them on organizing, structuring and promoting small-scale fishers' associations.
- Distributed five motorized canoes, 120 rolls of wire, 24 boxes of hooks, 72 ropes and 120 nets to the 20 fishers' groups.
- Trained 44 participants on improved techniques to smoke fish and on the construction of 13 Chorkor ovens.
- Installed, operationalized and distributed 212 processing units of which 32 motorized and 180 non-motorized to 20 farmers' organizations.
- Built community infrastructure, including three deposits with drying areas, 20 village granaries, 32 storage facilities for the motorized processing units and two reinforced concrete bridges.
- Established and operationalized four local road maintenance committees (*Comités locaux d'entretien des routes* [CLER]) in partnership with local authorities, rehabilitated hotspots at the 236 km of the agriculture feeder roads and provided 1 450 hoes, 535 axes, 832 shovels, 114 wheelbarrows and 389 pickaxes to the CLER for road maintenance.
- Organized monthly coordination meetings between the project team and implementing partners and carried out five assessment missions on project activities.

Results:

- Cultivated 1 127 ha of land and obtained a production of 1 411.7 tonnes: 230 tonnes of groundnut, 875.7 tonnes of maize and 306 tonnes of rice.
- Cultivated 73.2 ha of land for crop seed multiplication and produced 83.6 tonnes of seeds, of which 46.4 tonnes of maize, 25.7 tonnes of groundnut and 11.5 tonnes of rice.
- Produced 26.5 tonnes of smoked fish with chorkor ovens, of which 23.5 tonnes were sold for a total revenue of USD 46 926.
- Produced nearly 498 kg of fresh vegetables per household over three months for a monthly availability of 166 kg of fresh vegetables.
- Produced nearly 15 kg of smoked fish for household consumption/month (total approximate value of USD 235/household).
- Produced nearly 330 kg of food crops per household per growing season.
- Generated an average of USD 265/farmer as a result of activities focusing on processing of agricultural production.
- 33 percent (441 women) of the 1 335 who received training in the organization and management of farmers' organizations participate in decision-making bodies.