



**“Strengthening the resilience of vulnerable farming families affected by drought in the Nord-Ouest and Sud-Est departments through the recovery of their agricultural production”**

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**Target areas:** Departments of Nord-Ouest and Sud-Est



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- Objective:** To improve the food security and livelihoods of vulnerable populations affected by drought in the Nord-Ouest and Sud-Est departments.
- Key partners:** The technical services of the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development, including the National Seed Service, community-based organizations (CBOs) and Non-governmental Organizations.
- Beneficiaries reached:** Six artisanal seed producer groups (*groupements de production artisanale de semences* [GPAS]), including 1 517 people, 19 CBOs (2 790 beneficiaries) and 8 000 vulnerable households.
- Activities implemented:**
- Trained 90 members of GPAS (15 members/GPAS) on seed and planting material production techniques and seed packaging and storage.
  - Trained 25 members of the GPAS management committees (three members/GPAS) on the management of small-scale seed companies and the use of accounting management tools.
  - Carried out training of trainers on good nutritional and agricultural practices and on conservation agriculture.
  - Supported the *Coordination nationale de la sécurité alimentaire* in carrying out an Emergency Food Security Assessment in the departments affected by Hurricane Matthew.
  - Procured and distributed to 8 000 vulnerable households a total of 40 tonnes of Lima bean seed, 47 tonnes of bean seeds, 32 tonnes of sorghum seeds, 8 tonnes of maize seeds, 4 million sweet potato cuttings and 2.4 million cassava cuttings.
  - Procured and distributed a total of 224 kg of vegetable seeds (cabbage, carrot, eggplant, okra, pepper, tomato, etc.) to 19 CBOs (2 790 beneficiaries) at the beginning of the 2016 winter season.
  - Distributed 720 kg of bean seeds, 540 kg of maize seeds, 450 kg of pigeon pea seeds, 180 kg of sorghum seeds, 720 000 sweet potato cuttings and 180 000 cassava cuttings to six GPAS for the production of quality declared seeds (QDS) at the beginning of the 2016 summer growing season; and 120 kg of sorghum seeds, 200 kg of pigeon pea seeds, 300 kg of maize seeds and 400 kg of Lima bean seeds to GPAS at the beginning of the 2017 spring season.
- Results:**
- Produced 8 435 tonnes of diversified foods, 103.6 tonnes of QDS and 9 million cassava and sweet potato cuttings.
  - Seeds and cuttings produced by GPAS allowed to sow 390 ha of Lima bean, 1 220 ha of maize, 780 ha of pigeon pea, 80 ha of bean, 2 400 ha of sorghum, 240 ha of sweet potato and 180 ha of cassava.
  - Contributed to improving the nutrition of project beneficiaries.
  - Contributed to strengthening the resilience of project beneficiaries by introducing farmers to drought-tolerant seeds and conservation agriculture.
  - Increased seed availability and security in project areas by strengthening the capacities of GPAS.