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## Project Highlights

# MADAGASCAR

**“Emergency agricultural support to vulnerable communities in urban and peri-urban areas in Antananarivo, Antsirabe and Fianarantsoa, as well as to drought-affected communities in the south”**

**Project code:** OSRO/MAG/903/AUS

**Donor:** Austria

**Contribution:** USD 885 813

**Implementation:** 3/08/2009– 31/01/2012

**Target areas:** urban and peri-urban areas of Antananarivo, Antsirabe and Fianarantsoa, and Atsimo-Andrefana, Atsimo-Atsinanana, Androy and Anosy regions in the south



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**Objective:** To improve the food security for vulnerable communities in urban and peri-urban areas of Antananarivo, Antsirabe and Fianarantsoa, as well as other vulnerable communities in the south of the country.

**Key partners:** The Ministry of Agriculture, the Regional Directorates for Rural Development, five agricultural service centres, and 14 international and local NGOs.

**Beneficiaries reached:** 9 893 vulnerable households in the urban and peri-urban areas, and 40 340 direct and indirect beneficiary households across six districts in the south.

**Activities implemented:**

- Distributed agricultural production kits to 3 500 beneficiary households for the 2009/10 main agricultural season and off-season in urban and peri-urban areas.
- Distributed 25 680 kg of rice seed; 10 760 kg of dry bean seed; 6 600 kg of soybean seed; 10 760 kg of squash seed; 230 kg of sorghum seed; 4 360 kg of maize seed; and 33 280 sachets of cucumber, petsai, pumpkin, French bean and pea seeds – in addition to 220 sprayers, 3 200 spades and 22 bottles of insecticide – to 6 393 beneficiary households for the 2010/11 agricultural season in urban and peri-urban areas.
- Provided beneficiary households with 505 micro-irrigation kits, and trained 71 NGO technicians and lead farmers to help beneficiaries install, use and maintain the kits.
- Distributed 49 875 kg of sorghum seed; 22 600 kg of cowpea seed; 1 400 kg of lima bean seed; 20 000 kg of groundnut seed; 123 280 cassava cuttings; and 33 548 sachets of horticultural seed for the 2009/10 and 2011/12 agricultural seasons in the south.
- Produced a documentary to raise awareness on project achievements to various stakeholders.

**Results:**

- Increased access to seeds of improved varieties to seed producers and farmers, enabling them to restore seed stocks.
- 60 to 80 percent of the food produced in urban and peri-urban areas was used for home consumption, while 10 to 20 percent was for sale and 20 percent for seeds for upcoming agricultural seasons.
- Maize and bean production during the first phase of project implementation allowed beneficiaries in urban and peri-urban areas to meet household food needs for up to three months.
- Achieved production values ranging from MGA 400 per kg of petsai to MGA 1 000 per kg of French bean to MGA 2 000 per kg of pumpkin, thereby generating household income.
- Diversified beneficiary households' diets through improved vegetable production.
- Sorghum production in the south increased food availability during the lean season.