



Project Highlights PAKISTAN

“Post-flood assistance for the recovery of production and livelihoods of smallholder farmers in Pakistan”

Project code: OSRO/PAK/015/IFA

Donor: International Fund for Agricultural Development

Contribution: USD 500 000

Implementation: 28/01/11 – 28/01/12

Target areas: Punjab, Sindh and Balochistan

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Objective: To increase food security through the protection and restoration of agricultural livelihoods in a situation of otherwise increasing long-term hunger and destitution.

Key partners: Provincial Disaster Management Authorities, district governments, World Food Programme, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, National Rural Support Program, Tameer-e-Khalaf Foundation.

Beneficiaries reached: The project targeted 4 870 food insecure flood-affected smallholder farmers in the districts of Rahim Yar Khan in Punjab, Nawabshah in Sindh and Jafferabad in Balochistan.

Activities implemented:

- Distributed 92.50 tonnes of rice seed, 17.55 tonnes of sorghum seed, 4.68 tonnes of mung seed, 166.50 tonnes of diammonium phosphate fertilizer, 399.25 tonnes of urea fertilizer and 1.80 tonnes of vegetable seed to targeted farming households.
- Provided training to 3 691 beneficiaries in improved crop production techniques, post-production processing and management, and kitchen gardening.
- Strengthened ties with the provincial authorities and relevant stakeholders to rapidly restore and rehabilitate flood-affected agricultural livelihoods.

Impact:

- The project significantly contributed to supporting the reestablishment and early recovery of the livelihoods and food security of 4 870 beneficiary households.
- The vegetable gardens planted using inputs provided by the project increased the availability of nutritious foods and also enabled households to sell surplus produce, generating an average of USD 52 per household. The rice harvest is estimated to have produced crops with a total net value of USD 393 per household.