



Project Highlights

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“Emergency assistance to support agriculture-based livelihoods of vulnerable flood-affected households in Sindh”

Project code: OSRO/PAK/108/SWE

Donor: Sweden

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Target areas: Sindh province

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Objective: To enable vulnerable, severely food-insecure flood-affected farming families to resume the critical agricultural production cycle through provision of inputs for *Rabi* 2011 planting.

Key partners: Ministry of Food Security and Research, Sindh provincial Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, the National Disaster Management Authority and national and international Non-governmental Organizations.

Beneficiaries reached: 31 307 flood-affected farming households in four districts of Sindh province.

Activities implemented:

- Distributed agricultural input packages to 26 500 households – each containing 50 kg of wheat seed, 50 kg of urea, 50 kg of DAP and assorted vegetable seeds.
- Distributed poultry packages to 4 807 households – each containing 12 birds (10 female, 2 male), one perforated chicken box, one drinker, one feeder, three egg collection trays, one wire mesh unit and 50 kg of poultry feed.
- Trained agriculture package recipients (26 500 beneficiaries) on land preparation for wheat planting and good practices for improved cultivation and yield.
- Conducted capacity development sessions for 7 384 beneficiaries on wheat and vegetable production technology, post-harvest management and nutrition; and for 643 poultry package recipients on improved practices of home-based poultry farming.

Results:

- Enabled farmers to resume the agricultural production cycle through the distribution of agricultural inputs.
- Beneficiaries obtained an average wheat yield of 2 894 kg/ha, increasing household food stocks from 118 kg (before the floods) to 1 082 kg (after the *Rabi* harvest) and generating an income of PKR 7 500 per household.
- On average, each family produced 1 120 kg of vegetables with seeds provided by the project and generated around PKR 4 600 through the sale of surplus produce.
- Farmers increased their knowledge of good agricultural practices and nutrition and learned new crop husbandry techniques to achieve better production and minimize post-harvest losses.