## **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**



## Project Highlights SOMALIA

## "Emergency Response Programme to the humanitarian crisis in Somalia (2012) - DFID"

Project code: OSRO/SOM/201/MUL Baby 06

**Donor:** United Kingdom

Contribution: GBP 6 000 000

**Implementation:** 1/03/12 - 31/03/13

Target areas: Southern Somalia

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**Objective:** 

To improve food availability and access in order to address immediate needs and

strengthen the resilience of drought-affected communities in southern Somalia.

**Key partners:** 

26 relevant ministries, respective regional and district offices in southern Somalia and

area-specific NGOs.

**Beneficiaries reached:** 

18 700 households received agricultural packages; 25 756 households received seeds; 20 211 households received fertilizer; 5 040 households received fodder inputs and training; 630 households received goats; 217 258 livestock-owning households benefited from vaccination campaigns; and 9 144 livestock-owning households benefited from vector control treatment.

## **Activities implemented:**

- Contributed to 20 percent of the agricultural packages, technical assistance and irrigation services distributed by the Emergency Programme in the Deyr 2012 season.
- Distributed 753.65 tonnes of DAP fertilizer, 613.59 tonnes of sorghum seed and 409.06 tonnes of cowpea seed during the *Gu* 2013 season through the voucher system, accompanied by technical assistance on good agricultural practices.
- Trained 5 040 households on fodder production and conservation techniques, and provided them with hay baling boxes and sisal twine for improved fodder production.
- Procured 5 029 productive goats and ear tags to carry out restocking activities.
- Procured vaccination and treatment doses for campaigns against peste des petits ruminants, sheep and goat pox, internal and external parasites, infectious diseases, blood parasites and vector control.
- Contributed to rehabilitating the Mogadishu Central Veterinary Laboratory through the procurement of laboratory equipment.

**Results:** 

- Reached an estimated total production of 58 000 tonnes of sorghum and 48 000 tonnes of cowpea from the *Deyr* 2012 harvest.
- An average yield of 3.1 tonnes of sorghum and 2.6 tonnes of cowpea is expected per ha planted from the *Gu* 2013 harvest.
- Contributed to producing 3.5 million tonnes of animal feed by the Emergency Programme during project implementation.
- Helped protect livestock against flood/drought-related diseases, thereby reducing morbidity rates and enhancing production through improved body conditions.
- Strengthened the capacity of the Government to control transboundary animal diseases.
- Improved household nutritional status and diet diversification.

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