



## Project Highlights

# SRI LANKA

### “Emergency agricultural assistance to flood victims in the Eastern and Central Provinces of Sri Lanka”

**Project code:** OSRO/SRL/103/AUL

**Donor:** Australia

**Contribution:** USD 1 907 140

**Implementation:** 28/02/11 – 24/1/12

**Target areas:** Ampara, Batticaloa and Trincomalee districts

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**Objective:** To restore the agriculture-based livelihoods, and improve the household food security of 10 800 households in Ampara, Batticaloa and Trincomalee districts during the *Yala* 2011 season, and an additional 23 700 households during the *Maha* 2011/12 season.

**Key partners:** Department of Agriculture and Department of Animal Production and Health.

**Beneficiaries reached:** A total of 49 302 vulnerable households.

**Activities implemented:**

- Distributed 3 750 kg of maize seeds to 2 342 households for the *Yala* season and 8 400 kg of maize seeds to 5 600 households for the *Maha* season, as well as 2 203 750 kg of seed paddy to 20 678 households for the *Maha* season.
- Provided 25 000 vegetable seed kits with 1 kg of various seeds to 17 932 households to cultivate home gardens during the *Maha* 2011/12 season.
- Provided 2 750 households with backyard poultry packages containing 20 one-month old chicks, wire mesh and poultry feed.
- Distributed 320 water pumps for group farming to a total of 860 farmers that also received seed assistance.

**Impact:**

- In total 923 acres of were of maize were cultivated during the *Yala* 2011 season and 837 acres during the *Maha* 2011/12 season, and 38 860 acres of paddy seed were cultivated during the *Maha* 2011/12 season.
- The inputs provided under the project enabled 41 percent of the total maize produced in the Eastern Province as a while during the *Yala* 2012 season, as well as 8 percent of the total paddy produced and 6 percent of the total maize produced in the Eastern province during the *Maha* 2011/12 season.
- Home gardening made an important contribution towards increasing household food security through the provision of vegetable seed packages.
- Poultry egg production improved female-headed households' access to nutritious food.
- Beneficiary households were able to irrigate their crop with the water pumps provided.