



Project Highlights

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“Supporting sustainable livelihood development for recently resettled war-affected populations in Mullaitivu district”

Project code: OSRO/SRL/201/AUL

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Target areas: Mullaitivu district



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Objective: To improve the farm- and fish-based livelihoods of returning and recently resettled conflict-affected families in Mullaitivu district.

Key partners: Department of Land Administration, Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, Divisional Secretariat and Department of Agriculture.

Beneficiaries reached: 16 032 farming and fishing households

Activities implemented:

- Provided 4 039 households with seed paddy.
- Provided 5 725 households with other field crop seeds such as groundnut, chilli, black gram, green gram, cowpea, gingili and maize.
- Provided 1 000 households with horticulture packages containing four types of fruit seedlings (mango, jack plants, lime and pomegranate).
- Provided 3 092 households with home gardening vegetable seed kits containing pumpkin, long bean, amaranthus and okra seeds.
- Provided 3 704 households with backyard poultry raising packages containing chicks, wire mesh, starter mash, watering device, feeder and antibiotics.
- Provided 518 fishing households with nets, canoes and/or engines.
- Restored 285 food production wells and installed 135 sprinkler irrigation schemes.

Results:

- The seeds, tools and irrigation provided by the project helped resettled families to resume their livelihood activities, promoting self-sufficiency and food security.
- The poultry packages provided a modest but important source of income and nutrition for the most vulnerable people.
- The project helped to strengthen partnerships between Government partners and beneficiaries through the assistance provided by Government agriculture, livestock, fisheries, irrigation and land administration officers at the provincial, district and divisional levels.
- The farmer field school approach initiated among extension officers in Northern Province enabled a transition from recovery to long-term sustainability. This will help to create stronger linkages to markets and to provide required technical expertise.