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



# Project Highlights THE SUDAN

### "Restoring and improving food and livelihoods of vulnerable households in Darfur"

Project code: OSRO/SUD/111/USA

Donor: OFDA

Contribution: USD 2 000 000

**Implementation:** 01/09/11–31/03/12

**Target areas:** Three Darfur states

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**Objective:** 

To enhance crop production and livestock health and productivity of 22 300 targeted

households in Darfur.

**Key** partners:

State Ministries of Agriculture and Animal Resources, local and international NGOs.

Beneficiaries reached:

98 385 households – 4 800 farmers (seed multiplication); 71 569 livestock-owning households (vaccination and treatment); 21 932 households (water sources); and 84 community animal health workers (CAHWs).

## Activities implemented:

- Technical and financial support provided to State Ministries of Agriculture to conduct post-harvest assessments for 2011/12 season in three Darfur states.
- 35 tonnes of improved groundnut, sorghum and millet foundation seeds provided to 2 000 farmers for multiplication.
- Seed banks established in five villages and Village Agricultural Committees set up and trained to manage the facilities.
- 822 000 doses of veterinary vaccines procured, along with veterinary drugs and vital equipment (e.g. syringes, thermometers, ice boxes).
- Five *hafirs* rehabilitated, benefiting over 5 000 people and their animals.
- 16 water troughs installed in eight yards, benefiting 12 660 households.
- 90 livestock-owners trained on importance of water hygiene and role of water in spreading human and livestock diseases.
- 84 CAHWs provided with refresher training.
- 51 UN, government and NGO staff trained in Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards and 20 staff trained in participatory impact assessments.

#### **Results:**

- Improved food and livelihoods security of beneficiaries by protecting vital livestock assets and increasing their access to quality seeds and water sources.
- Increased veterinary outreach to pastoralists, particularly in remote areas.
- Reduced livestock morbidity and mortality among targeted herds.
- Community-based seed banks facilitate the preservation and dissemination of improved seed varieties at village level in the longer term.

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