

Project Highlights

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**“Emergency support to reintegration of returnees, IDPs and vulnerable host communities in Blue Nile state” and
“Support to marginalized households through promoting and strengthening livelihoods coping mechanisms,
including income-generating activities in Blue Nile state”**

Project code: OSRO/SUD/805 and 806/CHF

Donor: Common Humanitarian Fund for Sudan

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Implementation: 01/05/08 – 31/12/08 and 01/01/08 – 30/06/09

Target areas: Blue Nile state

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Objective:	To provide humanitarian assistance for the reintegration of returnees, IDPs and crisis-affected vulnerable communities in Blue Nile state; and to enhance the resilience and coping capacities of targeted populations in Blue Nile state through the restocking of small ruminants to support income-generating activities and improve household diets.
Project partners:	State and Federal Ministries of Agriculture and Animal Resources, and local and international NGOs.
Beneficiaries reached:	26 106 vulnerable households under both projects.
Activities implemented:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 51.7 tonnes of crop (maize and sorghum) seeds distributed to 12 300 households, of whom 2 100 also received 4 200 hand tools (hoes and sickles).▪ 6 608 households provided with 1 784 kg of various vegetable seeds.▪ 75 000 animals belonging to 5 400 households vaccinated against or treated for common livestock diseases or parasites.▪ 1 055 fishing families benefited from fishing gear and/or training in net-making, boat building, fish processing and conservation, and fisheries data collection.▪ 150 ex-combatants received inputs and training to set up three communal vegetable gardens.▪ 90 households provided with inputs and training to start beekeeping activities.▪ 168 households, mainly women-headed, received goats to restock their herds and passed on goats' offspring to a further 300 households.▪ 35 community animal health workers (CAHWs) trained and provided with veterinary supplies.
Results:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Over 7 257 ha of land cultivated using the distributed crop and vegetable seeds, yielding 2 104 tonnes of crops and 2 451.7 tonnes of vegetables, with an estimated total market value of nearly USD 1.5 million.▪ Livestock vaccination campaign reduced the number of disease outbreaks in the targeted areas and contributed to increased milk and meat production.▪ Livestock curative services effectively eliminated parasitic infection among treated animals.▪ 20 villages now have access to veterinary services owing to trained CAHWs.▪ Sources of income expanded owing to provision of inputs and training for beekeeping and fishing.▪ Initial distributed stock of 685 goats for restocking increased to over 1 500 head, increasing milk production and herd sizes in the target areas.

