

Project Highlights

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“Restoring and maintaining household food security of vulnerable populations (IDPs, refugees, returnees and host communities) in the Greater Darfur region”

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Target areas: Greater Darfur region

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- Objective:** To restore the capacities of IDPs, refugees and vulnerable host communities for agricultural and horticultural production; promote training in good agricultural practices through para-agriculturalists; protect livestock resources in areas of high livestock concentration from animal diseases by providing treatment and vaccination through community animal health workers (CAHWs); and improve assessments in the Greater Darfur region.
- Project partners:** State Ministries of Agriculture and Animal Resources, and local and international NGOs.
- Beneficiaries reached:** 40 000 households (crop production), 16 750 households (vegetable production) and 83 917 households (livestock vaccination and treatment) – some households benefited from more than one project component.
- Activities implemented:**
- 485 tonnes of crop seeds (sorghum, millet and groundnut) provided to 40 000 households.
 - 16 750 households provided with 3.65 tonnes of vegetable seeds, 300 treadle pumps and/or 15 000 hand tools.
 - 200 donkey ploughs provided to 1 000 households (shared between groups of five farmers).
 - Training in good practices in vegetable production and plant husbandry organized for 16 750 horticulture beneficiaries by SMOA extension workers and implementing partners.
 - Training in water harvesting and use of treadle pumps organized for 1 500 households.
 - Veterinary drugs, equipment and vaccines procured and used to vaccinate or treat 621 748 animals belonging to 83 917 households against common diseases.
 - 42 new CAHWs trained by implementing partners and 35 existing CAHWs provided with refresher training.
- Results:**
- Almost 50 000 ha of land were cultivated with vegetables and crops, generating an estimated production of 13 372 tonnes of crops and vegetables with a value of USD 6 872 788.
 - There was an increased availability of food for beneficiary households, as well as in local markets.
 - Distribution and training in use of treadle pumps enabled winter production along the *wadis*, generating much-needed extra income for the beneficiaries.
 - After the livestock treatment and vaccination activities, there was an observed reduction in the number of contagious livestock diseases and animals were seen to be more healthy and productive.
 - The CAHW network enables continued delivery of veterinary services in remote areas, despite a volatile security situation.