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Project Highlights

SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

“Emergency support to winter wheat production in the Syrian Arab Republic”

Project code: OSRO/SYR/308/ITA

Donor: Italy

Contribution: USD 689 655

Implementation: 18/11/2013–30/09/2014

Target areas: Aleppo, Al-Hasakeh, Hama and Idleb governorates



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Objective: Improve the food security, livelihood and nutrition conditions of vulnerable households living in crisis-affected areas through the provision of cereal seeds.

Key partners: Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform, Federation of Syrian Chambers of Agriculture and Syrian Arab Red Crescent.

Beneficiaries reached: 2 756 households.

Activities implemented:

- Distributed 449 tonnes of wheat seeds (349 tonnes of irrigated wheat and 100 tonnes of rainfed wheat) to 1 796 households.
- Distributed 240 tonnes of barley seeds to 960 households.
- Provided training to 1 133 farmers in the framework of FAO's 2013/14 winter cereal campaign programme, covering topics such as anti-rust techniques, weeding, harvesting and marketing crops.

Results:

- Crisis-affected households harvested an average of 1.8 tonnes/ha – enough to cover the cereal needs of a family of seven people for one year.
- Each farmer is also expected to have produced around 3 tonnes of fodder/straw, enabling them to feed their animals during winter.
- The sale of surplus production allowed families to generate additional income to cover expenses and buy new agricultural inputs for the following season.