



Project Highlights

Ethiopia

“Disaster risk management – root and tuber crops response intervention in the Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples’ Region”

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Target areas: Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples’ Region

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Objective: To improve household food and nutrition security in poor smallholder farming communities affected by two successive below-normal *Belg* rains.

Project partners: Catholic Relief Services, Food for the Hungry, GOAL, International Medical Corp, ChildFund, Concern and World Vision Ethiopia.

Beneficiaries reached: 14 245 households in five *woredas*.

Activities implemented:

- Held an inception workshop with 25 participants from the region, zone and *woredas*, including focal persons, finance officers, *woreda* extension heads and development agents, to familiarize partners with the project.
- Distributed a total of 10 million sweet potato cuttings and 750 000 cassava cuttings to 14 245 beneficiary households, more than 14 percent above the planned number of beneficiaries.
- Collected feedback from farmers and government extension officers on the quality of the planting material.

Results

- Inception workshop enabled participants to discuss the project objectives, strategies, activities, targeting criteria and processes, roles and responsibilities of partners involved in project implementation and planting windows.
- Good performance of both crops helped drought-affected farmers improve their food security and also strengthened local seed systems.
- Experts and beneficiaries confirmed that the quality of the planting materials was significantly higher than what they had used in the past.