



Project Highlights

ETHIOPIA

“Disaster risk management – smallholder farmer seed and planting materials response project”

Project code: OSRO/ETH/303/CHA

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Implementation: 20/03/2013 – 20/10/2013

Target areas: East and West Hararghe zones



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Objective: To improve the agricultural production and associated food and nutrition security of drought/hazard-affected smallholder farmers through the provision of high quality seed and planting materials.

Key partners: Catholic Relief Services, Concern, Food for the Hungry, GOAL, International Medical Corps and World Vision Ethiopia.

Beneficiaries reached: 14 372 vulnerable households.

Activities implemented:

- Held an inception workshop with 13 participants from the targeted region, zones and *woredas*, including focal persons, *woreda* extensions heads, development agents and health extension workers.
- Distributed a total of 187 100 kg of seed – 55 500 kg of maize, 5 100 kg of sorghum, 51 500 kg of haricot bean and 75 000 kg of wheat.

Results:

- Workshop participants were able to discuss the objectives, strategies, activities, targeting criteria and processes, and the roles and responsibilities of partners involved in project implementation, as well as the planting window.
- A total of 7 599 ha of land was planted in the target area, and some 16 434 tonnes of additional grains and pulses were produced during the 2013 *belg* and *meher* seasons.
- The timely delivery of high quality seed helped drought-affected farmers improve their food security and strengthen their local seed system.
- Beneficiary farmers were able to cover annual food needs of a family of five.