



“Emergency agricultural assistance to drought-affected vulnerable farmers in the northwestern communes of Haiti”

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Objective: To improve the food security and livelihoods of vulnerable populations affected by the drought in the Nord-Ouest department.

Key partners: The *Bureau agricole communal*, the *Conseil d'administration section communale*, the *Direction départementale de l'agriculture du Nord-Ouest*, the National Seed Service and Non-governmental Organizations.

Beneficiaries reached: 23 125 vulnerable households; eight groups of artisanal seed producers (GASPs); and 12 918 members of 14 community-based organizations (CBOs).

Activities implemented:

- Distributed the following inputs to 23 125 households: 105.5 tonnes of Lima bean seeds, 17.5 tonnes of sorghum seeds, 19.5 tonnes of maize seeds, 38.5 tonnes of bean seeds, 13 tonnes of pigeon pea, 7 399 500 sweet potato cuttings and 3 660 300 cassava cuttings.
- Distributed 377 kg of vegetable seeds (cabbage, okra, pepper, spinach, Swiss chard and tomato) to 12 918 members of 14 CBOs.
- Distributed 600 kg of bean seeds, 1 250 kg of maize seeds, 270 000 sweet potato cuttings, 120 000 cassava cuttings, 480 kg of Lima bean seeds, 240 kg of cowpea seeds and 30 kg of pigeon pea seeds, as well as 24 silos, to the eight selected GASPs for the production of quality declared seed (QSD).
- Trained 120 GASP members on seed and planting material production, and seed packaging and storage techniques.
- Trained 24 GASP members on the management of a seed company, the use of accounting management tools and marketing.
- Trained 32 CBO leaders, who in turn trained 280 beneficiary households, on good nutritional and culinary practices.

Results:

- Obtained a total production of 6 788 tonnes of diversified food, 130.5 tonnes of QSD, 5.4 million of cassava and sweet potato cuttings and 360 tonnes of sweet potato and cassava tubers for a total value of nearly USD 12 million.
- Obtained a total production of 3 662 tonnes of vegetables (cabbage, okra, pepper, spinach, Swiss chard and tomato).
- Strengthened the technical capacities of 456 people (54 percent women).