



**“Emergency assistance to restore agriculture-based livelihoods of vulnerable earthquake-affected smallholder farmers in the six most affected districts in Nepal”**

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**Target areas:** Dhading, Dolakha, Gorkha, Nuwakot, Rasuwa and Sindhupalchowk districts



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**Objective:** To assist earthquake-affected smallholder farming households to resume agricultural activities and protect animal health.

**Key partners:** District Disaster Relief Committees, District Agriculture Development Offices, District Livestock Service Offices and local Non-governmental Organizations.

**Beneficiaries reached:** 90 000 households.

- Activities implemented:**
- Provided 45 000 households with vegetable seeds for the summer and winter planting seasons.
  - Provided 25 300 households each with 10 kg packets of wheat seeds.
  - Rehabilitated five community grain and seed storage facilities and 24 community-managed small-scale irrigation schemes.
  - Provided 15 000 households each with one multi-purpose metal bin to protect grains and seed stocks from insects and pests.
  - Provided 45 000 households each with 2 kg packages of mineral mixture to boost livestock health.
  - Provided 180 households (members of 36 women’s groups) with materials for the construction of plastic tunnels for off-season vegetable production.
  - Provided 450 households with drip irrigation sets.
  - Provided 3 000 households with corrugated iron sheets to rehabilitate animal shelters.
  - Distributed 127 mini-tillers to support land tilling and harvest, benefiting 6 350 households.
  - Conducted two assessments on the food security, livelihoods and early recovery situation after the earthquakes.
  - Conducted trainings on plastic tunnel construction; production of urea molasses mineral blocks; maintenance of small-scale irrigation schemes; operation and maintenance of mini-tillers; and safe construction of animal shelters.

- Results:**
- Enabled beneficiaries to resume their farming activities, prevent further economic losses, restore their food security and build resilience against future shocks.
  - Early-maturing and high-yielding seed varieties allowed for multiple plantings and greater income for beneficiaries, in addition to providing immediate nutritional support (in the case of vegetables).
  - Safeguarded livestock health and improved productivity through the provision of mineral mixture.
  - Helped beneficiaries to efficiently utilize scarce water resources through the use of drip irrigation systems.