



“Emergency support to promote household food security and early recovery of sustainable livelihoods of small-scale coconut farmers severely affected by Typhoon Haiyan”

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- Objective:** To restore resilient livelihoods of small-scale coconut farmers and improve food security and nutrition at household and community level through intercropping, climate-resilient coconut-based farming systems, livestock integration and promotion of community-based processing and value-adding enterprises.
- Key partners:** Department of Agriculture and Local Government Units (LGUs).
- Beneficiaries reached:** 4 000 households (20 000 people) and 72 community-based organizations (CBOs).
- Activities implemented:**
- Distributed 1 119 bags of certified rice seeds to 1 221 households and 588 bags of corn seeds to 654 households, along with fertilizers.
 - Distributed planting materials (13 650 cassava stalks, 4 980 kg of ginger and 6 250 abaca plantlets) and 489 bags of fertilizer among 271 households.
 - Provided 4 000 households with post-harvest equipment and basic household production packages (vegetable seeds and fertilizer).
 - Distributed 113 carabaos, 27 cattle, 250 goats, 1 086 chickens and 150 piglets (along with starter and grower feed) among 720 households, and provided veterinary kits to nine LGUs.
 - Provided animal-drawn farm implements to 113 households (carabao beneficiaries), and large farm machinery and small farming tools to 71 CBOs.
 - Established five nurseries and 15 contour farming sites using Sloping Agricultural Land Technology (SALT), and provided CBOs in these sites with seeds, planting materials and tools to initiate production.
 - Conducted trainings on: crop care and management; nursery establishment; climate-smart farmer field schools; livestock; seed production; establishment and management of SALT sites; value-addition; and entrepreneurship and asset building.
 - Distributed certified rice seeds, vegetable seeds and/or fertilizer to an additional 9 421 households affected by Typhoons Hagupit, Koppu and Melor in 2015 (as a result of cost savings during the project).
- Results:**
- Contributed to restoring agricultural production by providing alternative coconut-based farming livelihoods.
 - Reduced beneficiaries’ expenses related to production and post-harvest activities, increasing their savings and reducing debt.
 - Enabled greater crop diversification through intercropping of several vegetables, root crops and corn.
 - Increased beneficiaries’ awareness of potential hazards in their communities, and increased preparedness for future disasters by equipping them with the skills necessary to prevent losses and reduce risks.