



“Restoring agricultural livelihoods in conflict-affected communities in North Cotabato, Philippines”

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Target areas: selected municipalities in North Cotabato



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- Objective:** Contribute to the attainment of sustainable peace and development in North Cotabato, by providing support to the rehabilitation and restoration of agriculture and fisheries-based livelihoods.
- Key partners:** Department of Agriculture.
- Beneficiaries reached:** 18 603 households (approximately 93 015 individuals).
- Activities implemented:**
- Provided agricultural input packages to help replace productive assets lost during natural and man-made disasters.
 - Conducted trainings on topics such as (i) basic rice, corn and vegetable production; (ii) seed production and seed certification; (iii) improved livestock and poultry production and management; (iv) community-based disaster risk reduction and management; (v) farmer field schools; and (vi) farmer business schools and skills for income-generating activities.
 - Conducted climate-smart farmer field schools trainings to improve crop management capacity and increase awareness about sustainable agriculture and sound environmental management.
- Results:**
- Contributed to the restoration of agriculture-based livelihoods.
 - Contributed to strengthened resilience evidenced by beneficiaries being able to pay debts, sending their children to school and funding other basic needs.
 - Contributed to 14 percent yield increases and doubled income for 2 500 corn farmers.
 - Contributed to increased incomes derived from proceeds of the sale of goats' (offspring) and duck eggs.
 - Enabled community partners to produce vegetables that provided quick access to nutritious food and supplementary income, while increasing the amount of land under cultivation.
 - Enabled women who benefited from trainings on alternative livelihoods to earn additional income for their families close to home, alleviating the pressure to seek out other income generating opportunities outside their communities.
 - Enabled resource-poor farmers to improve their nutrition and increase their income with the free-range chicken eggs that hatched.
 - Enabled farmers in farmer business schools to improve their knowledge, change their attitudes and enhance their skills towards improved farm productivity and enterprise development.