



Emergency support to save lives, protect livelihoods and build resilience in drought-affected rural areas of Somalia

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Objective: Emergency support to save lives, protect livelihoods and build resilience in drought-affected rural areas of Somalia.

Key partners: Non-governmental Organizations.

Beneficiaries reached: 65 580 households.

Activities implemented:

- Distributed 14.98 tonnes of assorted vegetable seeds, 624.30 tonnes of cowpea seeds, 811 590 hermetic storage bags, 210 tonnes of maize seeds and 778.95 tonnes of sorghum seeds to 62 430 riverine and rainfed farming households in 41 districts.
- Provided 3 650 rainfed farming households with 10 950 tractor-hours for land preparation.
- Trained 6 458 beneficiaries to be lead farmers on good agronomic practices, water usage and management and post-harvest management.
- Supplied 520 households with emergency fishing kits containing cool boxes, handlines, fishing lines, hooks, swivels, sinkers, filleting knives and buckets.
- Distributed 2 951 parcels of 50 g of high value dried fish to local communities.
- Trained 520 households on fishing techniques, fish handling and processing, hygiene, bookkeeping and maintenance of fishing kits and refrigerators.
- Developed market linkages for dried fish products and promoted the consumption of locally processed dried fish within inland cities.
- Provided 153 664 animals belonging to 17 240 households with 42 tonnes of molasses urea mineral blocks.

Results:

- Produced 123 244 tonnes of cereals (approximately) worth over USD 101 000 000.00, enough to feed 1 825 837 people for six months before the following harvest.
- Contributed to increased fish consumption in 82 percent of surveyed households.
- Enabled supported households to catch an average of 34 kg of fish per week with 6.4 kg of the catch being sold in local markets at USD 2.00/kg (USD 12.80 /week/household).
- Contributed to enhanced nutrition, improved livestock body conditions and increased milk production of 153 664 animals belonging to 17 240 households.
- Improved post-harvest handling and storage, reducing post-harvest grain losses.
- Increased awareness of the nutritional benefits of fish consumption.
- Increased opportunities to sell dried fish in local markets, providing immediate income to marginalized fishing families and enhancing fishing communities' drought resilience.