



**“Emergency support to crop production activities and coordination of the Food and Agriculture Sector for the implementation of emergency activities in response to the ongoing crisis in the Syrian Arab Republic”**

**Project code:** OSRO/SYR/402/USA

**Donor:** United States of America

**Contribution:** USD 1 million

**Implementation:** 01/05/14 – 31/03/15

**Target areas:** Aleppo governorate



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**Objective:** To increase food access and consumption through the restoration of cereal production capacity in crisis-affected areas and ensure strong and effective leadership and coordination of humanitarian food and agriculture response.

**Key partners:** Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform and the Syrian Arab Red Crescent.

**Beneficiaries reached:** 3 825 households (approximately 22 950 people) and humanitarian actors in the Whole of Syria Food Security and Agriculture Sector.

- Activities implemented:**
- Distributed 575 tonnes of irrigated and rainfed wheat seeds to 2 875 households.
  - Distributed 190 tonnes of barley seeds to 950 households.
  - Supported a Crop Production Review which was used by partners for planning and formulating Humanitarian Pooled Fund proposals and drafting the 2015 Syrian Arab Republic Strategic Response Plan and 2015 Syria Humanitarian Needs Overview.
  - Supported critical staff of the Whole of Syria Food Security and Agriculture Sector in Damascus and the Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster in Gaziantep who are key to the smooth running of coordination activities.

- Results:**
- Beneficiary households were able to cultivate at least 1 ha of land with the provided seeds and harvest enough to cover the cereal needs of an average rural family of six for one year.
  - Each farmer is expected to produce an estimated 3 tonnes of fodder/straw, enabling them to feed their animals during the winter.
  - Assisted households will be able to save approximately 250 kg of seeds for the next planting season.
  - The sale of surplus production will allow families to generate additional income to cover expenses and buy new agricultural inputs for the following season.
  - Contributed to the coordination of the Food Security and Agriculture Sector, improving the production of information on and analyses of the food security situation in Syria.