



**“Emergency food security assistance through the provision of agricultural inputs in Donetsk and Luhansk regions”**

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- Objective:** To preserve the food security of the local rural population through the provision of inputs to sustain household production of nutritious food and improve livelihoods in the two regions.
- Key partners:** Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food, District Administration Authorities, Country of Free People and Sumy National Agrarian University.
- Beneficiaries reached:** 22 217 households (59 000 people), of which 31 673 were female headed.
- Activities implemented:**
- Distributed 250 tonnes of high quality potato seeds to 2 508 households in 55 villages.
  - Distributed drip irrigation systems, a three-metric tonne water tank and rainwater collection system to 100 households with no or limited access to water.
  - Distributed 1 255 tonnes of livestock fodder (125 kg per household) to 10 608 households.
  - Distributed 55 tonnes of alfalfa hay to 68 households (800 kg per household).
  - Distributed one-day old poultry (22 500 chicks, 20 000 ducklings and 20 000 turkey poults) and 50 tonnes of concentrated poultry feed (100 kg per household) to 2 823 households. Additional one-day old poultry were also provided to 2 753 households.
  - Distributed three young rabbits and a set of rabbit cages to 502 households in seven villages of eastern Ukraine.
  - Provided 150 bee colonies, five beehives each, a set of basic beekeeping tools (including honey extractors) and trainings on modern practices of honey production to 50 households.
  - Provided educational leaflets on sustainable poultry breeding, beekeeping, sustainable rabbit breeding and an overview of the most common diseases affecting poultry and rabbits along with prevention information to 6 128 households.
  - Provided 21 units of agricultural machinery to 16 cooperatives.
  - Trained 264 farmers on cooperative creation, accounting, business planning, marketing, fundraising and food safety legislation.
- Results:**
- Produced up to 300 kg of potatoes per household for own consumption.
  - Increased garden productivity and poultry odds of survival during their first days of life.
  - Sustainably bred rabbits in backyard gardens.
  - Created 14 cooperatives from farmer interest groups, including six cooperatives chaired by women.
  - Ensured the survival of households' livestock through harsh weather conditions.
  - Provided households with source of nutritious food throughout the winter season.
  - Nutrients received from the slaughtered poultry covered households' basic needs in protein for up to seven days for a family of three.