



Project Highlights

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“Support to the Food Security and Agriculture Cluster in Yemen”

Project code: OSRO/YEM/302/USA

Donor: United States of America

Contribution: USD 500 000

Implementation: 08/04/2013–31/03/2014

Target areas: Yemen



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Objective: To ensure that affected populations receive appropriate and sufficient food security solutions in times of emergency.

Key partners: World Food Programme.

Beneficiaries reached: 46 members of the Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC), including United Nations agencies, national and international Non-governmental Organizations and community-based organizations.

Activities implemented:

- Organized monthly meetings among FSAC partners to share information on the implementation of their respective programmes across the country.
- Facilitated the production and/or circulation of various food security assessments and analysis reports to provide baseline data for the 2014 Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan (YHRP).
- Engaged Cluster partners in the development of the 2014 Food Security Strategic Response Plan, which was fully integrated into the 2014 YHRP.
- Implemented a new information management system to eliminate gaps and overlaps in Cluster partners' service delivery.
- Attended meetings of various clusters (Early Recovery, Health, Nutrition, etc.) to enhance intersectoral coordination.
- Facilitated the implementation of emergency food distribution activities for internally displaced and conflict-affected populations, as well as safety net and cash and voucher programmes (conditional and unconditional cash assistance benefited 130 000 people in 2013; 55 000 people assisted and improved their food consumption scores in the first six months of 2014).

Results:

- Made considerable progress in increasing the FSAC's field presence, analysing food security gaps and building the capacity of its partners.
- Enhanced synergies in terms of programme approaches, geographical coverage and needs assessments through improved information sharing among partners.
- Enabled partners to better prioritize interventions and use resources more efficiently.
- Helped to identify priority areas of intervention, allowing for targeted advocacy messages to be disseminated to the donor community.
- Increased awareness of FSAC's activities among non-traditional donors, providing new funding opportunities for Cluster members.
- Contributed to ensuring continued stable and predictable leadership for humanitarian agencies operating in the food security and agriculture sector in Yemen.