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Project Highlights MYANMAR

“Empower marginalized landless poor and vulnerable women-headed households in Northern Rakhine State through vegetable and poultry production support”

Project code: OSRO/MYA/903/CHA

Donor: CERF

Contribution: USD 400 000

Implementation: 01/05/09 – 31/12/09

Target areas: Maungdaw, Buthidaung and Rathedaung townships

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Objective: To improve the food, nutrition and livelihood security of the marginalized landless poor and vulnerable women-headed households in four townships, namely Maungdaw, Buthidaung, Rathedaung and Sittwe, of Northern Rakhine State.

Key partners: The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Myanmar Agriculture Service, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Myanmar Livestock Federation and non-governmental organizations.

Beneficiaries reached: 6 100 households

Activities implemented:

- Distributed 27 000 packets of vegetable seeds to 5 000 beneficiary households.
- Distributed 63 tonnes of mixed inorganic fertilizer to 1 100 beneficiary households.
- Provided 16 000 egg-laying hens to 1 600 women-headed households.
- Organized technical training programmes on improved agricultural production and good poultry production practices following the distribution of inputs.

Impact:

- The provision of egg-laying hens increased the availability of eggs, which will be used for household consumption and income generation.
- The provision of quality vegetable seeds resulted in the increased production of food, and improved food and nutrition security at the household level.