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Project Highlights

THE PHILIPPINES

“Support to flood-affected farming communities in the provinces of Eastern Samar and Leyte in Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)”

Project code: OSRO/PHI/803/SPA

Donor: Spain

Contribution: EUR 300 000

Implementation: 21/07/08 – 20/07/09

Target areas: Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)

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- Objective:** To sustainably restore and strengthen the food security of flood-affected families through the provision of agricultural inputs and technical assistance on improved agricultural practices, and capacity building.
- Key partners:** Department of Agriculture and provincial/municipal Local Government Units.
- Beneficiaries reached:** 2 411 households.
- Activities implemented:**
- Provision of certified rice seeds (40 kg), assorted vegetable seeds (60 kg) and fertilizers (100 kg) to 1 390 households.
 - Distribution of approximately ten assorted fruit-tree seedlings to 2 176 families.
 - Provision of carabaos (38) and goats (197) to 235 families (alongside their organized groups/communities).
 - Training in crop and livestock management (696 beneficiary famers) and in diversified livelihood and craft skills (162 women).
- Impact:**
- 1 390 hectares of rice farms cultivated in Eastern Samar and Leyte, producing an estimated 4 865 tonnes of un-milled rice (palay), with increases in rice production of up to 65 percent in Eastern Samar, as compared with average yields.
 - Improved access to nutritious vegetables to meet household food needs and generate income.
 - Increased availability of vegetable seeds, as the seeds provided were of open pollinated varieties and after the harvest can be stored and used in future planting seasons.
 - Contributed to replenishing the local stock of animals (carabaos and goats) lost due to the floods, providing a vital source of draught power, meat and milk.
 - The fruit-tree seedlings planted will also serve as wind barriers, control soil erosion and contribute to the national/global efforts on climate change adaptation.
 - Improved and diversified livelihood skills, with special focus on women.