



## Project Highlights

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**“Support to urban internally displaced persons, vulnerable communities in rural areas and communities at risk of displacement in the Departments of Sucre and Bolívar”**

**Project code:** OSRO/COL/701/ITA

**Donor:** Italy

**Contribution:** USD 1 386 050

**Implementation:** 31/08/07 – 30/09/09

**Target areas:** Sucre and Bolívar Departments

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**Objective:**

To increase food security and contribute to the restoration of sustainable livelihoods of urban internally displaced persons/families and rural communities at risk of displacement in the Departments of Sucre and Bolívar.

**Key partners:**

Municipal government, United Nations organizations, non-governmental organizations and civil society.

**Beneficiaries reached:**

8 252 households

**Activities implemented:**

- Procurement and distribution of hand tools, construction materials, fertilizers, seeds, seedlings and plant material.
- Distribution of materials to construct 8 252 family gardens in 193 communities and 52 districts of 11 municipalities.
- Training of 8 252 families on issues related to seed varieties, planting methods, plant nutrition, crops, etc.
- Development of a monitoring system: mapping and prioritization of geographical area and implementation of a geographic information system.

**Results:**

- 885 tonnes of green corn, 275 tonnes of Creole rice, 290 loads (36 250 kg) of Hartón plantain harvested.
- An average of 15 USD per family saved owing to consumption of vegetables, allowing them to buy food and cover other household expenses.
- Dependence on food aid decreased, local traditions promoted, communal bonds strengthened and diets diversified.