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## Small-scale Family Farming (SSFF)

### JOINT RESILIENCE BUILDING TO MANAGE CLIMATE SHOCKS

The "Joint Resilience Building" Project aims at increasing the resilience of vulnerable communities against droughts and floods to improve maternal and child health while enhancing the adaptive capacity to manage climatic shocks and risks in four selected localities (Aroma, Hammashkoreb, North Delta and Telkok) in Kassala State, Sudan.

#### BACKGROUND

Kassala State has suffered from a decade of war (1996-2006) in addition to drought, displacements, migration and refugee influxes from neighbouring countries. The state also has a chronic food security problem, with the highest level of malnutrition and the second highest level of maternal mortality in the country. The "Joint Resilience Building" Project is comprised of health, nutrition, water and sanitation, food security and livelihoods interventions in order to strengthen resilience against extreme weather shocks, namely droughts and floods.

#### COUNTRY

 **Sudan**

Kassala



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#### ACTION

##### Project Duration: 2014-2017

Along with partner organizations, World Food Programme (WFP) and United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF), the project implementation took place in four localities with three key goals:

- 1 Reduce the levels of chronic malnutrition (stunting) by 10 percent.
- 2 Increase the adaptive capacity of communities to droughts and shocks.
- 3 Increase gender equality and empowerment of women.

In the programme, FAO's work focused on delivering:

- Improved and sustainable management of vegetation cover and/or water management facilities.
- Increased number of smallholder agro-pastoralists with more sustainably productive small ruminants and poultry.
- Increased number of smallholder farmers sustainably producing nutritious food from their home gardens.



Agro-pastoralists herding their flock.  
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A female farmer tending to her home garden.  
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A family working on their home garden.

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## RESULTS

**7 559**

smallholder agro-pastoralists



supported to increase the number of small ruminants and poultry-based food (milk, meat and eggs) for household consumption and income generation

**12 965**

small-scale farmers supported



to increase sustainably produced nutritious foods (legumes and vegetables) in home grown gardens for household consumption and income generation

**7 559**

of El-Niño affected households



enhanced with access to livestock inputs (water, animal feed, fodder and mineral lick)

## BENEFICIARIES

- > 12 965 small-scale family farmers
- > 7 559 drought-vulnerable households

## PARTNERS

- > UNICEF
- > WFP



Home gardening initiatives for improved household nutrition.  
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