



RESTORING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION FOR DROUGHT-AFFECTED HOUSEHOLDS IN MOZAMBIQUE

Mozambique has suffered from the effects of the El Niño-induced drought of 2016, which has also affected the whole of Southern Africa. The drought significantly impacted upon the agricultural sector, with the central and southern provinces of the country hit particularly hard. An assessment of the situation in February 2016 in Gaza, Inhambane, Manica, Sofala and Tete provinces found that although more than 45 percent of households sowed least three times in the agricultural season, losses among the main food crops (maize, sorghum, groundnut and cowpea) were very high. With 80 percent of farmers losing their crops as a result of the drought – in many cases resulting in livestock deaths – the project was implemented in response to the concerns of the Government of Mozambique over the lack of seeds that might enable affected families to restore their production capacity and reduce their dependence on food aid.



WHAT DID THE PROJECT DO?

The project assisted drought-affected families in the provinces of Tete and Gaza by providing certified seeds, insecticides and technical support to households, in order to restore agricultural production and increase the resilience of the affected population. To facilitate implementation, letters of agreement were signed with local government agencies in the respective districts and selected NGOs, with a view to providing resources for coordination of activities and technical assistance to beneficiaries.

IMPACT

The quality of the seed distributed will generate production, not only for food consumption, but also – with appropriate selection – for use in new sowing patterns. As a result of the project, beneficiary farmers will therefore have the capacity to produce in the next agricultural season using their own seed.

KEY FACTS

Contribution

USD 443 000

Duration

November 2016 – August 2017

Resource Partners

FAO

Partners

Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security

Beneficiaries

9 250 households to benefit from agricultural inputs (seeds and post-harvest insecticides) and technical support

RESULTS

- Kits for production systems based on maize and sorghum provided to a total of 14 457 beneficiary households (an increase on the target of 9 250 households).
- 600 g bottles of post-harvest insecticide provided to a total of 7 750 households for grain treatment. Training provided to all beneficiaries in the safe handling and use of the treated product.
- 204.6 tonnes of seed distributed, allowing sowing of around 10 819 hectares.



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Project Title

Emergency assistance to vulnerable smallholder households affected by El Niño-induced drought

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