



Balochistan urgent response for food security project, Pakistan



PROJECT CODE

UTF /PAK/165/PAK



RESOURCE PARTNER

Pakistan, through the Asian Development Bank

CONTRIBUTION

USD 5 million



IMPLEMENTATION

16/02/2023–30/09/2023



TARGET AREAS

Jaffarabad, Naseerabad, Sohbatpur and Usta Mohammad districts



BENEFICIARIES

68 644 households (439 321 people), of whom 10 657 female-headed



KEY PARTNERS

Balochistan Agriculture Cooperative Department (BACD)

Objective

Enhance the food security and rural livelihoods of flood-affected rice farming households.

Activities implemented

- Distributed 2 736 tonnes of certified rice seed to 60 649 households, of whom 60 000 households each received a farming toolkit and a pair of protective footwear.
- Distributed 7 995 farming toolkits and protective footwear to an additional 7 995 households.
- Organized a workshop and two seminars for 26 BACD professionals and 135 households, respectively, on the adoption of climate-resilient farming practices, water and nutrient management, and crop monitoring.

Results

- Enabled 60 649 households to cultivate 55 393 ha to produce 171 718 tonnes of rice, increasing rice production per hectare, and enabling them to preserve high quality seeds for the next two to three years.
- Enhanced the productivity and safety of 67 995 households, thanks to the distribution of farming toolkits and protective footwear.
- Contributed to increasing the involvement of female-headed households in agricultural activities.
- Enhanced the knowledge of 26 BACD professionals and 135 households on climate-resilient farming practices, water and nutrient management, and crop monitoring.
- Contributed to improving the food security of flood-affected households by increasing food production and strengthening their livelihoods resilience.



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