



## Project Highlights

# NICARAGUA

**“Immediate assistance to prevent food losses, re-establish food production and the livelihoods of the vulnerable farmers affected by Tropical Depression 12E in 26 municipalities of 7 departments of Nicaragua”**

**Project code:** OSRO/NIC/102/CHA

**Donor:** CERF

**Contribution:** USD 370 862

**Implementation:** 7/11/11 – 6/4/12

**Target areas:** Departments of Nueva Segovia, Madriz, Matagalpa, Managua, León, Chinandega and Estelí

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**Objective:** To support 5 000 subsistence farming families that are food insecure by restoring short-term food production and preventing food losses in the departments affected by Tropical Depression 12 E.

**Project partners:** Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Health, UN agencies, local Municipal Offices and NGOs.

**Beneficiaries reached:** 17 571 individuals, including 10 028 children, 2 166 women and 5 377 men.

**Activities implemented:**

- Carried out a Rapid Food and Nutrition Security Assessment in 29 municipalities affected by flooding.
- Distributed 37 tonnes of certified INTA ROJO bean seed and 45 tonnes of synthetic fertilizer to 1 010 bean producers; 589.18 quintals of certified variety NB6 maize seed and 1 734 quintals of urea fertilizer to 1 741 maize producers; and vegetable seeds (tomato, onion, squash and pumpkin) to 1 008 families to establish small home gardens.
- Strengthened 155 community seed banks with 678 metal silos, each having a 200 kg capacity with the potential to store about 123 tonnes of food grain or seed.
- Implemented 108 technical assistance field visits for basic management of crops and gardens.
- Organized 15 training sessions for community leaders, involving 508 farmers (304 men and 204 women heads of households).

**Impact:**

- Improved beneficiaries food production capacity and generated additional income through the sale of surplus production.
- Diversified the diets of households by improving their access to additional sources of protein and carbohydrates.
- Trained beneficiaries on agronomic management of basic grain crops, as well as home garden and community seed bank management.
- Improved access to seed banks for 3 784 families and helped to facilitate better seed and food management.