



Project Highlights

Ethiopia

“Disaster risk management – seed response intervention in the Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples’ Region”

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Target areas: Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples’ Region

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Objective: To improve the food security of poor smallholder farmers who have been affected by two successive below-normal *Belg* rains, and who are producing less food and are therefore more vulnerable to malnutrition.

Project partners: CRS, GOAL, Food for the Hungry and World Vision Ethiopia.

Beneficiaries reached: 11 189 beneficiary households received haricot bean seed and 15 848 beneficiary households received teff seed.

Activities implemented:

- Held an inception workshop with 32 participants from the region, zone and *woredas*, including focal persons, finance officers, *woreda* extension heads and development agents, to familiarize partners with the project.
- Distributed a total of 144.4 tonnes of haricot bean to 11 189 beneficiary households and 106.5 tonnes of teff seed to 15 848 beneficiary households.
- Collected feedback from farmers and agriculture experts on seed and planting material quality.

Results

- Inception workshop enabled participants to discuss the project objectives, strategies, activities, targeting criteria and processes, roles and responsibilities of partners involved in project implementation and planting windows.
- Based on estimates made from a sample of teff farmers, farmers produced a total of 5 756 tonnes of teff from the 106.5 tonnes of seed distributed, with each household producing an average of 3.63 quintals (2.9 quintals - 4.7 quintals); production was enough to feed a family of 6.5 people for 122 days.
- Even though the haricot bean crops were affected by moisture stress, 11 189 beneficiary households produced 2 707.5 tonnes from the 144.4 tonnes of haricot bean seed provided by FAO, enough to feed a family of 6.5 people for 2.71 months.
- Beneficiaries and agriculture experts rated the quality of the inputs as very good.