“Improve food insecure households’ resilience in the eastern region of Burkina Faso”

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Objective: To improve the food security and nutrition of vulnerable households in the provinces and municipalities affected by crop deficits in the eastern region of Burkina Faso.

Key partners: The decentralized services of the Ministry of Agriculture, the regional directorate of agriculture, water resources, sanitation and food security, the general directorate of plant production and Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs).

Beneficiaries reached: 2 322 households.

Activities implemented:

- Distributed 34 830 kg of crop seeds (of which 8 700 kg of rice and 26 130 kg of sorghum seeds), 697 compost kits (shovels, hoes, rakes and wheelbarrows) and 6 971 Purdue Improved Crop Storage (PICS) bags to 2 322 households.
- Trained 60 farmers on crop preservation techniques using PICS bags.
- Organized a workshop on the capitalisation of project results and put in place three technical committees.
- Carried out communication, visibility and information activities (e.g. media coverage of training sessions on the preservation of agricultural products using PICS bags).
- Undertook project monitoring and evaluation.

Results:

- Cultivated 1 129.9 ha of land and produced 1 897.9 tonnes of rice and sorghum.
- Strengthened technical and operational capacities of beneficiaries.
- Increased agricultural production in areas covered by the project.
- Improved crop preservation without the use of pesticides.