



“Restoring food security and improving income generation through the promotion of livestock and crop production in the affected prefectures of Bamingui-Bangoran, Ouham, Haute-Kotto and Vakaga”

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Objective: To provide assistance to restore food and nutrition security and improve the livelihoods of vulnerable groups.

Key partners: The decentralized technical services of the Ministries of Rural Development, and Water, Forestry, Hunting and Fishing, Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) and local authorities and associations.

Beneficiaries reached: 19 785 vulnerable farming households.

Activities implemented:

- Identified 19 785 beneficiary households and organized them into 741 farmers' groups.
- Procured and distributed agricultural inputs to the beneficiaries, including 3 011 800 of cassava cuttings, 157 182 kg of groundnut seeds, 427.5 kg of haricot bean seeds, 214 550 kg of maize seeds and 65 500 kg of rice, as well as 19 291 hoes.
- Provided training to 4 400 facilitators, selected among the project beneficiaries, who in turn trained the remaining group members, focusing on the following: (i) cassava pests and diseases; (ii) disease and pest control techniques; (iii) technical itinerary of cassava production; and (iv) cassava processing techniques.
- Carried out activities to develop the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) map, including: (i) the update of the database following information and data collection on the food insecurity situation per prefecture; (ii) the organization of data analysis workshops; (iii) the drafting of the analytical report; and (iv) the presentation of the results of the analysis firstly to the members of the Cluster, during the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs inter-cluster meeting, and secondly to government representatives for their approval.
- Held biweekly Cluster meetings with national and international NGOs, whereby a mapping of NGOs operating in the food security sector in the country was developed.

Results:

- Cultivated a total land area of 10 821 ha with food crops.
- Produced the following: 903.5 tonnes of cassava chips, 17 186 000 cassava cuttings, 1 572 tonnes of groundnut, 7 152 tonnes of maize, 1 638 tonnes of rice paddy and 17.1 tonnes of haricot beans.
- Reinforced the capacities of the beneficiaries in terms of cassava production and processing techniques, as well as cassava pests and disease control.
- Updated the IPC map.
- Strengthened coordination of the Food Security Cluster.