



“Resuming agriculture and income opportunities for communities affected by the crisis in selected areas mainly in the prefectures of Bamingui-Bangora, Kémo, Nana-Grébizi, Ombella-M’Poko, Ouaka, Ouham, Ouham Pendé and Vakaga”

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- Objective:** To contribute to restore the livelihoods of identified vulnerable rural farming communities, as well as groups severely affected by continued political and security crises in selected areas through resumed agricultural production and income generating activities.
- Key partners:** The Ministry of Rural Development and Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs), the United Nations Children’s Fund and the World Food Programme.
- Beneficiaries reached:** 43 150 vulnerable households, of which 25 150 for the main agricultural campaign and 18 000 for vegetable production; and 2 401 youths.
- Activities implemented:**
- Procured and distributed 772 tonnes of crop seeds (groundnut, maize and rice) and 48 500 hoes to 25 150 households for both cycles of the 2014 agricultural campaign.
 - Procured and distributed 740 kg of vegetable seeds (amaranth, cabbage, cucumber, lettuce, okra, onion, tomato and zucchini) to 18 000 households.
 - Provided training to 150 members of NGOs on the *caisses de résilience* approach who in turn provided comprehensive support to 5 060 beneficiary group members through farmer field schools (FFS) activities, basic rotating savings and credit associations (ROSCA) and village saving and loans associations; groups also received a total of 966 processing machines, including groundnut mills, cassava mills and dehiscing machines.
 - Engaged 2 401 youths in labour intensive work to rehabilitate irrigation infrastructure.
 - Implemented school gardening activities.
 - Procured inputs for the 2015 main agricultural campaign.
- Results:**
- Following overall distributions for the 2014 agricultural campaign, 55 000 ha were cultivated with an estimated production of 55 000 tonnes of food crops.
 - The immediate needs of 18 000 households were met through the distribution of vegetable seeds enabling them to resume agricultural production.
 - The capacities of beneficiary households were reinforced under the *caisses de résilience* approach enabling them to better anticipate food security shocks and identify income opportunities throughout the year; in addition, it allowed them to diversify production, further develop basic ROSCA schemes and significantly increase social cohesion, especially through FFS activities.
 - The 2 401 youths of selected communities installed 55 087 m of gutters, dug 2 652 m of ditches, removed about 1 260 m³ of waste and built 41 500 linear meters of water infrastructure in three districts in Bangui .
 - Established four school gardens.