**Project Highlights**

**CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC**

“Restore food security and build the resilience of vulnerable households through agricultural input distribution, income-generating activities and support to early warning systems in the Central African Republic”

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**Objective:**
To support early warning mechanisms in the Central African Republic and assist vulnerable households in resuming their income-generating activities to increase their resilience.

**Key partners:**
The decentralized technical services of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Non-governmental Organizations and local associations and authorities.

**Beneficiaries reached:**
3 100 households.

**Activities implemented:**
- Identified, sensitized and selected beneficiary households.
- Procured and distributed 155 kg of vegetable seeds (aubergine, cabbage, cucumber, lettuce and okra) and 15 400 tools (hoes, rakes, shovels and watering cans) to 3 100 vulnerable households.
- Provided beneficiaries with training on vegetable production techniques through the farmer field school approach.
- Carried out monitoring and evaluation activities in collaboration with the Ministry.
- Set up and trained a network of agents to conduct household surveys and collect data on market prices, agricultural activities and rainfall in order to assess the food security and nutrition situation thus reducing the risk of malnutrition.
- Contributed to the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification analyses of August 2016 and February 2017 thanks to the data collected through the early warning mechanism established, and shared results with partners through the Food Security Cluster.
- Produced 12 bulletins on various topics, including early warning, the 2016 agricultural campaign, etc.

**Results:**
- Cultivated an average of 120 m² per beneficiary and obtained a total production of about 97 tonnes of vegetables, allowing for beneficiaries to access food for 2 to 4 months.
- Strengthened the technical and operational capacities of project beneficiaries.
- Reinforced data collection related to food security and nutrition on a regular basis.
- Increased food availability and contributed to improving the livelihoods of beneficiaries through the sale of production surplus.

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