“Restoration of livelihoods and resilience strengthening of small scale vulnerable households affected by the passage of Cyclone Kenneth through agricultural activities”

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**Implementation:** 01/04/2020 – 31/01/2022

**Target areas:** The islands of Anjouan, Grande Comor and Mohéli.

**Objective:**
To improve the resilience of at least 600 vulnerable households affected by the passage of Tropical Cyclone Kenneth in the Union of the Comoros, through early warning and intervention.

**Key partners:** Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Environment, Tourism and Handicrafts, and Rural Economic Development Centres (Centres ruraux de développement économique [CRDE]).

**Beneficiaries reached:** 645 vulnerable households (3 225 people).

**Activities implemented:**
- Distributed 6 000 banana seedlings, 30 000 cassava cuttings, 15 000 sweet potato cuttings, 44 800 taro seedlings, 1 500 kg of taro corm, 300 kg of embrevade seeds, 300 kg of maize seeds, 1 500 kg of embevade seeds, 300 kg of maize seeds, 1 500 kg of egg-laying feed and 1 500 kg of growth feed to 645 vulnerable households, including 304 households organized into 19 groups.
- Distributed tomato (10 kg/household), carrot (10 kg) and lettuce (10 kg) seeds to 111 vulnerable households, among the 341 households; and trained them on vegetable production management.
- Provided 19 groups (16 people/group) with productive inputs, of which seven groups received agricultural kits composed of a total of 12 kg of maize seeds, 12 kg of embrevade seeds, 1 992 cassava cuttings, 996 banana tree shoots, 13 200 taro seedlings and 1 992 sweet potato cuttings; seven groups received livestock production kits composed of a total of 420 hens and 96 roosters of kurole breeder, 12 chicken coops, 60 feeders, 60 drinkers, 24 rearing trays, 120 egg trays, 1 500 kg growth feed and 1 500 kg of egg-laying feed; and five groups received both types of kits.
- Trained group members on seed multiplication and the use of planting tools, as well as on goat and laying hen rearing, depending on the type of kit received.
- Trained one person per group (19 people) on facilitating farmer field schools (FFS) for the dissemination of climate-smart agriculture (CSA) practices.
- Trained 16 agronomists from the four CRDE on the production of quality seeds, small livestock, FFS, production of chicks using incubators and CSA.
- Distributed 12 kg of maize seeds (3 kg/CRDE), 12 kg of embrevade seeds (3 kg/CRDE), 1 000 cassava cuttings (250 cuttings/CRDE), 500 banana tree shoots (125 shoots/CRDE), 1 000 taro seedlings (250 seedlings/CRDE), 1 000 sweet potato cuttings (250 cuttings/CRDE) and 2 000 bales of fodder (500 bales/CRDE); four incubators and four solar kits; four chicken coops, four goat farms; 140 hens and 44 roosters of improved breed, as well as 500 kg of growth feed (125 kg/CRDE) and 500 kg of laying feed (125 kg/CRDE) to the four CRDE.

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Results:

- Produced 300 tonnes of diversified foods (cereals, legumes, bananas and tubers) valued at approximately 33 million KMF (about 69,466 USD).
- Produced 88 tonnes of vegetables (at least 800 kg of vegetables/household).
- Enabled each household to produce enough food to feed their family for more than six months and to generate income thanks to the sale of surplus production on local markets.
- Disseminated CSA practices and strengthened technical capacities among communities through field trainings organized by the 19 facilitators.
- Enabled the four CRDE to generate income, while enabling households to quickly multiply laying hens (2,310 eggs hatched among households who had received hens) thanks to the incubator and other inputs distributed.
- Enabled affected households to recover their livelihoods after the passage of Cyclone Kenneth and to avoid dependence on food aid.