



Project Highlights

LIBYA

“Emergency food production support to poor families in eastern Libya”

Project code: OSRO/LIB/101/ITA

Donor: Government of Italy

Contribution: EUR 500 000

Implementation: 5 July 2011 to 5 March 2012

Target areas: Al-Beyda, Al-Marj, Benghazi, Darnah

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Objective: To provide immediate livelihood relief to at least 100 vulnerable families in rural and semi-rural areas in eastern Libya through the provision of agricultural inputs and technical support to maintain or expand their vegetable production capacity.

Key partners: Cooperazione e Sviluppo, Benghazi Committee for Agricultural Affairs.

Beneficiaries reached: The project assisted 141 farming households across the eastern coastal belt of Libya from Benghazi to Darnah. The project's support of household vegetable production activities indirectly benefitted an estimated 1 410 additional individuals, including women, children, the elderly and immigrant farm labourers (with almost 100 workers hired by farmers as a result of the project).

Activities implemented:

- 141 crisis-affected households (an estimated 1 410 individuals) were provided with 200 tonnes of fertilizers for vegetable cultivation in a total area of 1 000 hectares.
- Training activities were conducted for 21 extension officers and 154 farmer beneficiaries with the aim of promoting good agriculture practices in horticulture to ensure optimum use of project inputs for yield and quality enhancement.

Impact:

- The distribution of 200 metric tonnes of fertilizer under the project assisted 141 farming households in the cultivation of 1 000 hectares of fresh vegetables in the target areas, providing a critical boost to the livelihoods of farming households and improving dietary diversity and nutritional security at farm and market levels.
- The training provided to farmers and extension officers will contribute to both the optimum use of project inputs and the adoption of best practices for the increased production of high-quality vegetables, thus maximizing the benefits of the project's farming activities.