



“Support for the recovery of agriculture-based livelihoods of vulnerable farmers affected by 2012 floods in Sindh and Balochistan provinces in Pakistan”

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Target areas: Jacobabad and Kashmore districts (Sindh province) and Jaffarabad (Balochistan province)



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Objective: To restore food security and agriculture-based livelihoods of resource-poor, food-insecure vulnerable farming households affected by recurring floods in Jacobabad and Kashmore districts of Sindh province and Jaffarabad district of Balochistan province.

Key partners: Department of Agriculture, national and international Non-governmental Organizations.

Beneficiaries reached: 71 747 flood-affected households (approximately 452 006 people).

- Activities implemented:**
- Provided 40 000 households with crop packages containing seeds (wheat, lentil, sunflower or rice, and vegetable) and fertilizer for the *Rabi*, *Zaid Rabi* and *Kharif* seasons.
 - Established 110 farmer field schools/Women’s Open Schools ([WOS] 25 people each) for kitchen gardening; provided members with vegetable seeds, fertilizer and gardening tools.
 - Established 50 WOS (25 women each) for backyard poultry production; provided members with 15 000 chickens and 300 turkeys (as well as feed and poultry raising equipment).
 - Established 50 WOS (25 women each) for livestock production; provided members with 3.12 tonnes of Berseem fodder seed, 50 manual chaff cutters and livestock feeding kits.
 - Vaccinated 8 435 heads of livestock belonging to 1 275 beneficiaries against haemorrhagic septicaemia and enterotoxaemia.
 - Distributed 404 344 fodder and fruit saplings to 23 779 households.
 - Constructed six raised bed platforms and six fish ponds, benefiting 442 households.
 - Rehabilitated 65 damaged water courses through cash-for-work, employing 969 labourers and increasing irrigation water access for 1 214 households.
 - Introduced the Rice Seed Multiplication Initiative, under which 895 tonnes of flood-tolerant rice seed were produced by 93 households.

- Results:**
- Enabled the production of 13 133 tonnes of wheat grain, 3 380 tonnes of sunflower, 29 760 tonnes of rice and 26 616 tonnes of vegetables.
 - Reduced the incidence of disease among beneficiaries’ livestock by 70-80 percent.
 - Enabled families to generate income through the sale of surplus production, helping them cover household expenses and purchase new agricultural inputs for the following season.
 - Improved beneficiaries’ technical skills, promoted effective decision-making, contributed to increased yields and income generation, and enhanced beneficiaries’ capacity to cope with the impacts of future natural hazards on agriculture.
 - Increased beneficiaries’ consumption of highly nutritious foods (vegetables, eggs, dairy products), and increased the overall diversity of their diets by 10 percent.
 - Decreased families’ reliance on the purchase of staple foods, reducing their vulnerability to price shocks.