

<p>Symbol and title: <i>GCP/RLA/160/BRA: "Iniciativa América Latina y el Caribe Sin Hambre 2025" (ALCSH 2025) – Contribution of the Federal Republic of Brazil for Humanitarian Assistance</i> Reporting period: June /December 2011</p>
<p>Recipient Country: Guinea Bissau Baby Number: 05 Baby Title: Strengthening of the rice production system Date of approval: June 2010 EOD: June 2010 NTE: December 2011 – Activities completed Budget: USD 269 882 Delivery: USD 253 000 (93.7%)</p>
<p>Objectives/Expected results: Objective: Improve the quality and quantity of rice seeds on the local market</p> <p>Result 1: Increase technical capacity of INPA (Instituto Nacional de Pesquisa Agricola) and MADR (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural development) staff and private farmers</p> <p>Result 2: Implementation of three PVS (Participatory Variety Selection) in research centers in collaboration with farmers for selection of improved rice varieties (lowland, mangrove rainfed rice)</p> <p>Result 3: Conservation and packaging of seeds is improved.</p>
<p>Major achievements/outcomes (or major activities being planned towards the expected results):</p> <p>Result 1: Activities under this result were concluded at the time of the last report, the project team conducted several missions in the field to follow up the activities with the farmers who were trained.</p> <p>Result 2: In order to replicate the first PVS¹ for lowland rice seeds, 15 sites located in the three main agro-ecological regions adapted to lowland rice were identified. PVS were initiated in the identified sites, and finally seven sites completed the whole cycle, whereas for the remaining nine locations, the agro-multipliers faced problems such as mix of seedlings during transplantation, lack of rain or poor soil quality. Harvest period is between December and January, INPA is financing the follow up of the last harvests.</p> <p>Result 3: The project assessed the needs in terms of equipments for packaging and conservation for the research stations of Contuboel and Caboxanque and the rice production centre of Carantaba.</p> <p>In each location one rice husker, one rice thresher, one air screen seed cleaner and grader, two sowing machines and one scale were installed. These equipments will reinforce the capacity of the research stations to improve the quality of seeds' packaging. The research station of Contuboel has been equipped with two power tillers, two waterpumps and two moto-cars (motorbique with three wheels and a platform to carry material) to provide services to the farmers around the station. This will generate some revenues to increase the sustainability of the intervention.</p>

¹ The first PVS for lowland rice has been conducted during the 2010/11 rainy season in the research station of Contuboel

Any deviation from work plan (changes of planned activities, change of timing of activities etc):

N/A

Comments – Issues that need to be brought to donor attention

This kind of intervention has been well received by the beneficiaries, there is a strong commitment from INPA in testing varieties and continue with this kind of activity for other crops.

Final report is under preparation.

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