



Emergency agricultural assistance to communities affected by farmer-herder conflicts in northwestern Nigeria



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TARGET AREAS Katsina, Sokoto and Zamfara states



BENEFICIARIES 1 650 households (11 550 people)



KEY PARTNERS The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock

Objective

To enhance community-based mechanisms for natural resource management and increase access to improved crops and livestock inputs, to improve the food security and resilience of conflict-affected farmers and herders.

Activities implemented

- Distributed improved seed kits (a cereal kit comprised of 10 kg of sorghum or maize or millet and 10 kg of cowpea along with 25 kg of fertilizer; and a vegetable kit comprised of 0.2 kg of amaranth or 0.4 kg of okra, 10 kg of groundnut or 1.5 kg of sesame along with 25 kg of fertilizer) to 1 350 households for the 2022 rainy season.
Distributed goat kits comprising four goats (three female and one male) and animal feed (two bags of cotton seed cake and two bags of cowpea husks) to 300 female-headed households.
Established five Agropastoral Field Schools, three of which were crop-based and two focused on livestock, spanning across five communities in Sokoto state; and trained 145 participants, 65 percent of whom were women, across the five Agropastoral Field Schools on good crop and livestock husbandry practices.
Conducted the mapping of natural resources and management structures in the states of Katsina, Sokoto and Zamfara.

Results

- Improved food availability thanks to inputs distributed, with about 34 percent of beneficiaries reporting higher than normal yields (crop yields of cereals, cowpea and vegetables increased by 40 to 50 percent), enabling households to cover their food needs for 8 to 10 months.
Empowered female-headed households economically and increased their flock size by an average of 60 percent after only six months; contributed to diversifying their livelihoods by investing in small-scale businesses and engaging in dry season farming with proceeds obtained from the sale of goats.
Developed a framework basis for conflict resolution mechanism and measures of mitigating farmer-herder conflicts which provides guidance to manage natural resources in northwestern Nigeria.



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