

Construction of Stores and Agro-processing facilities has helped farmers to manage their harvest and improved access to markets.

The project successfully built 6 stores and 3 major agro-processing facilities that have changed the way farmers store and market their produce.



The inauguration of the Ngindo maize mill in Yambio was attended by key government officials and partners. The milling plant has a production capacity of 600kg of high quality flour per hour and is a great boost to the local economy and a big stimulus to increased production of maize in the County.



The opening of a farmer's store in Ombaci by Dr. Anne Itto Leonardo and the World Bank Vice President Joachim von Amsberg, when he visited the project areas in September 2010.

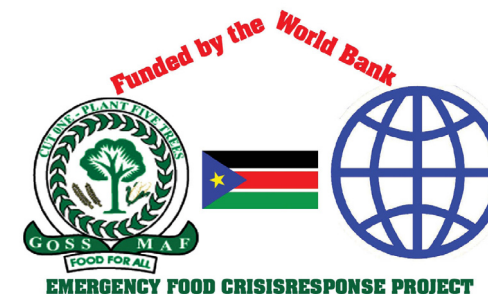


In June 2011, at the inauguration of the maize mill facility at Ngindo Boma, Yambio by the former Minister of Agriculture and Forestry. In the picture the Minister received a bag of fine maize flour as a sample of what the mill produces. The farmers yet again had a reason to rejoice for the maize milling facility, the first of its kind, that has capacity to produce 600 kgs of high quality flour per hour.

The project supported construction of roads to help farmers get their produce to the market through a safety net programme that also supported vulnerable households to secure food.



The 5.7km Yambio-Baguga feeder road in Yambio county is one of the road that has opened up the highly agricultural productive areas.



Emergency Food Crisis Response Project 2009 - 2011

Implemented by:



In collaboration with County Agriculture Departments of Morobo and Yambio Counties

PROJECT INFORMATION

The EFCRP commenced in August 2009 and will continue until end of 2012. The project overall objective is to increase access and availability of food for consumption by households in the targeted counties and focuses on supporting farmers to:

- o Increase food production and income generation
- o Improved technologies of food production
- o Improved storage of produce
- o Provision of cash to eligible food insecure households by participating in public works programs.

AAH-I, in collaboration with the County Agriculture Departments implemented this project in Yambio and Morobo Counties targeting 9,500 households.

The project is funded by World Bank through the Government of South Sudan/Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (Goss/MAF).

PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

Working with farmers increased food production through inputs, seeds and on-farm support

8,743 targeted households were provided with an assortment of seeds and farm tools.

147,488 kilograms (about 150 tonnes) of assorted seeds (maize, beans, sorghum, rice and groundnuts) were supplied to farmers in both counties.

1,605 bags of improved TM -14 cassava cuttings were also supplied to farmers in Yambio.

Farmers were also supported to realize better harvests through on farm training and extension services. In Morobo and Yambio, 1,247 farmers were trained in agronomic practices to equip them with knowledge to improve production. The trainings included post harvest management, row crop planting, soil fertility management and cost benefit.



Farmers in Morobo use the walking tractor to plough their land. The project promoted mechanized agriculture for land preparation to address inadequate labour and to increase acreage under cultivation.

Farmers were supported to open about 300 feddans with tractors while 2 walking tractors were used for ploughing small areas of farmland.

Helping farmers to get the best prices for their crops

The project supported the collection and analysis of market data from major markets and dissemination of the same through Counties' Agriculture Departments and

local radio stations. This has eliminated exploitation by middle men by informing farmers of the prevailing food prices to enable them get the best value for their farm produce.

Increasing yields and raising incomes for households

The combined interventions of the project have enabled farmers produce large volumes of food for consumption with surplus for sale.

Over the 2 years, a total of 9,110 households in the two counties cultivated 8,334 feddans that yielded 6,193 tonnes of cereals and 873 tonnes of pulses. The net surplus for cereals was 1,301 tonnes and 183 tonnes for pulses respectively.

Unlocking the potential of farmer groups

The farmers were also trained to form cooperatives to boost their collective power in processing and marketing of their farm produce. 4 cooperative society members (80 members) were trained in basics of primary cooperative society management, business skills, value addition and book keeping.



The project constructed this 500 metric tonnes store managed by the Yambio Farmers Association (YAFA). The store was inaugurated in June 2011 by the former Minister of Agriculture, Dr. Anne Itto Leonardo.