

Activity n.19

Area COMMUNITIES WELL BEING

Activity code: AA4e

Promotion of off season vegetable farming and seeding production

EXPECTED RESULT R4

Local agricultural production improved in accordance with CKNP vision, objectives and regulations

The aim is to increase local people's income from agriculture and improve the security of their subsistence base regarding quality and quantity of nutrition by promoting agricultural activities and techniques that are ecologically sustainable and accord with the CKNP regulations. The project is targeting agricultural production and marketing of grains, vegetables, fruits. Particularly fruit cultivation and marketing will be promoted due to the comparatively high ecological value of fruit plantations. Livestock rearing is the most problematic agricultural activity with regard to CKNP development and regulations, especially wildlife habitats, biodiversity and forest regeneration. For this reason support for livelihood activities related to livestock will focus on qualitative improvements only, predominantly aiming at protecting wildlife habitats and reducing livestock predation as a motivation for local poaching activities

Implementing partners: AKRSP



Implementation Period - 24 Months

Focus area - Braldo and Basha Valleys

Budget - 5,590,000 PKR

Numbers

80 Green houses for off-season vegetable production established.

4 farmers trained on seedling production through green house.



RESULTS:

This activity aims at increasing food security in the project area and alleviate malnutrition by extending the season for agriculture in high altitude through the use of greenhouses. The greenhouses are used by local people to develop seedlings before the agricultural season starts and for vegetable cultivation, particularly in the winter season, where food shortages and malnutrition is most likely to occur.

Keeping in view short season for vegetable production in the area SEED Project introduced green house technology in the area , where vegetable can be produced in off-season also now. to better utilize the facility, farmers have been trained on increasing production and maintaining better quality. As result of the intervention 80 greenhouses have been installed in different villages of CKNP encouraging results have been received over last 2 years. From the Seed internal monitoring visits it was found that communities demands for installing more green houses by seeing the benefits of the already installed greenhouses, which indicates a greater impact of the intervention on the community.

Highlights

A model green house in Tisar valley



Buckwheat packed product

CKNP

The Central Karakoram National Park (CKNP), in the Northern Area of Pakistan, was declared National Park in 1993. In 2014 the CKNP, thanks to the Seed Project, with official approval of the Management Plan by the Gilgit Baltistan Government, becomes fully operational. It is a mountain area covering over 10,000 km² that includes the world's largest glaciers, outside the Polar Regions. CKNP is the highest National Park all over the world encompassing four peaks over 8,000 m including K2 www.ckn.org

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