



MOLDOVA

Disaster Interventions

Disaster Context

The Republic of Moldova is prone to different kinds of natural disasters, such as landslides, floods, droughts, and frosts, which have led to considerable material and human damage. A severe drought crippled Moldovan agriculture in the spring and summer of 2000. The early cessation of rainfall from the second half of May until the end of July had a grave impact on districts including Cahul, Tighina, Taraclia and Orhei. Precipitation was 80 percent less than the historical average in May and 61 percent less in June. The proportion of overall agricultural losses in affected areas was between 70 percent and 90 percent.

Project Title

Emergency Procurement and Distribution of Vegetable Seedlings and Maize Seeds to Drought-Affected Farmers (TCP/MOL/0165)

Sector

- Agriculture

Funding

The total budget of the project is \$392,000, of which \$287,235 has been allocated for procurement of vegetable seedlings and maize seeds.

Partners

- Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry and the Departments of Agriculture of the four districts
- FAO
- Civil Protection and Emergency Situations Department

Programme Activities

Under the general supervision of the government's Special Relief Operations Service, direct supervision

of the UNDP Resident Representative in Moldova and technical guidance of the relevant technical service at FAO Headquarters, and in cooperation with the national concerned authorities, the following activities have been implemented:

- Identification of national consultants and the targeted beneficiaries of the project
- Review of the technical specification of locally adapted varieties of crops and identification of local suppliers and beneficiary selection criteria
- Drafting of the distribution plans and establishment of input delivery points
- Local procurement of vegetable seedlings and maize seeds
- Definition of parameters and procedures for the monitoring of the project activities
- Delivery of 182.04 metric tons of maize seeds
- Delivery of more than 8 million seedlings
- A DMTP subregional workshop for Moldova, Romania and the Ukraine occurred in June 2003. The focus was environmental and technological disasters