

PROSELL

Factsheet

European Union Support to Food Security and Resilience in Taraba State

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ABOUT PROSELL

PROSELL is a 66-month Food Security and Resilience project funded by the European Union and implemented by Oxfam and Development Exchange Centre (DEC) in Taraba State. It helped to improve the food security and resilience of over 42,000 households, and improve the livelihoods of poor farming households in 80 rural communities in six LGAs of Taraba State.

To build the resilience of 40,000 small farmers, fishermen and livestock owners (women, youths, and vulnerable households) on commodity value chain and rural enterprise in Taraba State.

Project Goal

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- 1** Increase the income of small-scale farmers by enhancing their agricultural productivity, market access, and job creation along crop, fish and livestock value chains.
- 2** To enhance adaptive capacities and resilience of small-scale farming households to climate change.
- 3** Promote cooperation and mutual benefits of farmers, livestock owners, and all value chain actors.

PROJECT IMPACT FIGURES

83.2%

Livelihood asset increase in households

82.1%

Farmers with enhanced production in livestock and fish value chain

55%

Women with increased access to resources and control over assets

35%

Farmers achieving $\geq 15\%$ increased crop yield

53.7%

Increase in farmers' income

RESOURCE PROVISION

3 Climate change adaptation plans

developed: (i) Use of alternative energy for cooking, (ii) reduction in felling of trees, and (iii) Tree planting and natural regeneration.

44 private nursery owners trained to raise tree seedlings.

700 food reserve/grain banks built, supplying **660.93 tons of grains** to **16,184 households** (8,349 Women and 7,835 Men).

6,729 Cash for Work beneficiaries (3,396 Women, 4,333 Men).

52,495 bags of fertilizers distributed (NPK = 43,843; Urea = 8,652).

9,000 female headed households received home gardening kits for vegetable farming.

6 greenhouses established in 6 LGAs.

4,500 individuals received livestock (2,444 Women, 2,056 Men): 2,500 Does, 500 Bucks, 2,000 Ewes, 500 Rams, 4,500 Cockerels, 45,000 Local Hens.

264 water pumps distributed to households (43 Women, 221 Men) for dry season irrigation farming.

TRAININGS

- 80 Farmer Field Business Schools established in 80 communities.

- 39,740 individuals trained in good agronomic practices (18,644 Women, 21,126 Men).

- 1,210 households (466 Women (39%), 744 Men (61%)) graduated as Lead Farmers.

- **Ardo-Kola:** 276 (146 Women, 130 Men)

- **Donga:** 191 (64 Women, 127 Men)

- **Kurmi:** 195 (68 Women, 127 Men)

- **Takum:** 165 (60 Women, 105 Men)

- **Wukari:** 158 (56 Women, 102 Men)

- **Zing:** 225 (72 Women, 153 Men)

- 390 individuals (300 Women, 90 Men) trained in agriculture and vocational skills.

- 23,476 households sensitized on gender issues; 520 (14,587 Women, 9,258 Men) trained.

- 296 persons trained on fish value chain; 13 (2 Women, 11 Men) started fish business.

- A total of 1,760 training sessions were conducted.

- 192 persons trained in Rapid Care Analysis/GALS (86 Women, 106 Men).

PERSONNELS ENGAGED

- 6 veterinary doctors engaged.

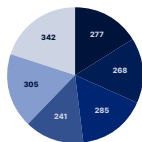
- Number of staff from partner organizations: 92 (31 Women, 61 Men).

- Number of staff from Oxfam: 13 (3 Women, 10 Men).

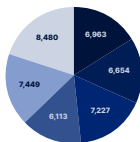
- 80 Extension Agents engaged; 20 Women, 60 Men.

- 385 community volunteers engaged.

VILLAGE SAVINGS AND LOANS ASSOCIATION (VSLA)

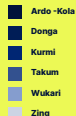


Total VSLA Groups per LGA



Total VSLA Members per LGA

Local Government Areas (LGAs)



Gender Distribution Across the Six LGAs

Men > **38.9%**

Women > **61.1%**

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

₦ 1,001,357,888

VSLA Assets Value

₦ 115,729,295

Net Profit

14.0%

Return on Savings

The Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA) is a key part of Oxfam's gender-focused initiatives in Nigeria, providing self-managed community groups with basic financial services. These groups, comprising 15 to 25 members, aim to increase household financial assets and reduce vulnerability to shocks by offering secure savings, flexible borrowing, and affordable social insurance. After about 12 months, savings and earnings are distributed proportionally among the members.

GOVERNANCE AND INFLUENCING

- PROSELL supported state government in Open Government Partnership, developed State Action Plan, gazetted VAPP Law, organized first State Budget Town-Hall, and conducted four budget analyses with two published reports and two community development planning evaluations.
- 215 radio programme episodes aired.

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CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

Tree seedling distribution beneficiaries

30,197

12,524 Women | 17,673 Men

798,915

Tree seedlings distributed

55.4%

Avg. survival rate



205,478

Guava

61.9%



195,268

Mangoes

53.7%



197,606

Orange

53.7%



173,283

Moringa

66.9%



27,280

Palm Tree

41%