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Agrifam: Family Farming and the Production of Bio-Fuel

Supporting family farming in the AltoParanaiba region of the state of Minas Gerais.

 <p>COUNTRY Brazil</p>	 <p>BENEFICIARIES 3.000</p>	 <p>METHOD Capacity Building / Training</p>
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LOCAL PARTNERS	FETRAF-MG COONAT
INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS	FSV CEVI BOOREA
FUNDING AGENCIES	Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
STARTING DATE	January 2010
IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD	36 months
DESCRIPTION	Agrifam supported the family farmers adhering to the Ibiabiocoopagricultural and bio-fuel production cooperative active in the Alto Paranaiba region.
OBJECTIVES	The project aimed to make small business owners more autonomous so that their income can guarantee self-sufficiency and social growth, in particular working with the production of vegetable oils, to make them more competitive on the free market of bio-fuels, guaranteeing food security to producers in respect for the environment, local culture, and local traditions.
ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and organization of the industrial processing of oilseed plants; • Organization of collective forms of production, agricultural processing, and marketing; • Improvement of agricultural production; • Promotion of social and economic inclusion; • Awareness raising on issues such as food security, agricultural ecology, and bio-fuels.