



FOOD

SAVIA: the seeds growing food security



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METHOD
Capacity Building
/ Training

LOCAL PARTNERS	NITLAPAN-UCA Research Centre, Universidad Centroamericana UCOSEM - A Cooperative Union of Seeds Producers in the Jinotega Region
FUNDING AGENCIES	PAPSSAN - Project supporting the seeds production for food security in Nicaragua Financed by the European Union and developed by INTA - Instituto Nicaraguense de Tecnologia
STARTING DATE	April 2013
IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD	14 Months
DESCRIPTION	The project aims to boost the production of seeds carried out by local specialised cooperatives, by supporting national policies concerning food security.
OBJECTIVES	The general goal is to enhance the entrepreneurs activities and related development of the sector by increasing the supply of certified bean, corn and rice seeds produced by specialised cooperatives. Specifically, the aim is to support UCOSEM and its organizational, entrepreneurial and governance skills for unlocking a further progress. In addition, on the side of production, the help will be guaranteed during the harvest, the storage, the processing and the distribution phases.
ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCOSEM Strategic Plan 2013 - 2017; • Planning, implementing and monitoring ECOSEM production activities; • Supporting cooperatives; • Software supply and personnel training for accounting use; • Legal assistance; • Supply of productive infrastructures (four warehouses and a facility with refrigerating room and a special area for drying seeds); • Supply of equipment for field production (ten irrigation systems and forty fumigation systems); • Helping production and logistics; • UCOSEM seeds promoting plan for spreading the knowledge of certified seeds benefits.