



FOOD

Supporting the agricultural production



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COUNTRY
Cuba



BENEFICIARIES
139.425



METHOD
Humanitarian aid

LOCAL PARTNERS	ACTAF - Associazione Cubana di Tecnici Agricoli e Forestali
FUNDING AGENCIES	European Commission Embassy of Japan in Cuba
STARTING DATE	February 2011
IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD	36 Months
DESCRIPTION	Despite Cuba's abundance of natural resources, the population suffers because of difficult socio-political conditions. Especially in the West Region, people have no food security and autonomy. With these preconditions, the program aimed to boost the production of local cultivations, as beans, corn, sorghum and strengthen the oil extraction process at local level, by using plants in the area. Thanks to the selection of the most productive seeds and best suitable lands for their farming, together with the supply of specific machineries for harvest and extraction of oil, the goal should be reached.
OBJECTIVES	The program aims to set the basis for food security in the Cuban West Region, by raising the amount of local products as beans, corn and plants for extracting oil for food use.
ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selectioning the most productive seeds, mapping the most fertile areas, renewing irrigation systems and establishing centres for organic fertilizer and biological pesticide production. • Farm machineries purchase and start-up to be used in every municipal farm; classroom requalification for hosting technical and management training for experts; professional assistance during sowing, harvest and post-harvest phases. • Purchase and start-up of sunflower oil extraction and storage machinery; special training designed for municipal farm personnel about vegetal oil production. • Market surveys for directing the final distribution.