

Strengthening vegetable value chains in Pakistan for greater community livelihood benefits



Key details

Location

Pakistan

Duration

Start Feb 2018

End Dec 2022

Budget

AUD 2,895,679

Commissioned organisation

Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience
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Partners

Agriculture Research Institute, Pakistan;
Department of Agriculture Extension Punjab;
Mojaz Foundation; National Agricultural
Research Centre; Sindh Agricultural University;
Sindh Department of Agriculture Extension;
University of Agriculture Faisalabad; University
of Queensland; Women Agriculture
Development Organisation

Project Leader

Babar Bajwa

Program

Horticulture

Project code

HORT/2016/012



Overview

This project aimed to strengthen the value chains of four vegetable crops (onions, potatoes, tomatoes and chillies) in Pakistan using a community-based approach.

The production and marketing of vegetables is an important component of rural industry in Pakistan and can improve the economic wellbeing and nutrition of those living in poverty.

The rural poor, particularly women and youth, are disadvantaged and unable to participate effectively in existing vegetable value chains. This is due to constraints that include: a lack of standardised production technologies; the absence of post-harvest handling infrastructure and protocols; a lack of awareness of marketing options; obstacles to financial support and technical and business knowledge; and a host of social and cultural barriers.

This project is part of the Agriculture Value Chain Collaborative Research Program (AVCCR), which has the goal of seeing the rural poor, particularly women, living in the Punjab and Sindh benefiting from improvements in strategically selected agricultural value chains.

Project outcomes

- Increased capacity and incomes of farming families, traders and intermediaries in vegetable value chains.
- Improved household income and livelihoods of resource-poor communities.
- Empowered rural women and youth through value chain improvements.
- Strengthened women and youth groups involved in value chains, who are enabled to source and finance inputs; adopt improved crop management, harvest and postharvest practices; engage in value-adding activities; identify market opportunities and risks; and market fresh and processed commodities.
- Increased availability of high-quality, safe and fresh vegetables.



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