

# RESILIENT AGRICULTURE FOR IMPROVED NUTRITION (RAIN)



The RAIN project engages the private sector, grassroots groups and relevant authorities in **strengthening the resilience and nutrition security of 5,580 vulnerable households** in Northern Bahr el Ghazal State of South Sudan. Through the more effective performance of agricultural service and input providers, the RAIN project aims to improve and diversify food production, food utilization and marketing capacity of livestock and crop-producing households. In order to ensure that the project effectively contributes to the improved nutritional status of the local population, the RAIN project employs PIN's **Integrated Programming for Improved Nutrition (IPIN) approach**. IPIN uses a range of proven, nutrition-sensitive and nutrition-specific interventions to address the key underlying causes of undernutrition.

The RAIN project is implemented by two cooperating partners of NGO network Alliance2015 – **People in Need (PIN) and Cesvi** – with the financial support of the European Union. It works closely with State and County level representatives of the Ministry of Animal Resources and Fisheries and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Cooperatives and Rural Development. With a duration spanning into late 2016, a total budget of 1.6 million EUR and a team of 33 staff, the RAIN project is among the largest projects focusing on linking relief with rehabilitation and development (LRRD approach) in the State.



# RAIN FOCUSES ON:



## INCREASING RESILIENCE

The RAIN project aims to strengthen the resilience of farmers' livelihoods by supporting floods protection and water harvesting structures and easing farmers' access to essential inputs and services.



## ENGAGING THE PRIVATE SECTOR

The RAIN project supports local sellers in enhancing the availability of the key agricultural and veterinary inputs and in increasing farmers' demand.



## INTEGRATING PROGRAMMING FOR IMPROVED NUTRITION

The RAIN team promotes nutrition-sensitive agriculture while integrating key WASH and health activities to address the key underlying causes of undernutrition.



## STRENGTHENING LOCAL CAPACITIES

The RAIN project focuses on reducing the main gaps in the advisory, treatment and training skills of local agriculture and animal health extension workers.

The Czech NGO **People in Need** (PIN) has been working in South Sudan since 2012, assisting the most vulnerable groups in Central Equatoria and Northern Bahr el Gazal States in improving the productivity and diversity of their agricultural production and strengthening the service delivery capacity of the health sector.

The Italian NGO **Cesvi** has been operating in Northern Bahr el Ghazal State since 2009, focusing on strengthening the food security and livelihoods of vulnerable populations while improving the hygiene, sanitation and access to water of local communities.

Cesvi and PIN are partners in **Alliance2015**, a strategic network of eight European NGOs engaged in humanitarian and development work. Five of them operate in South Sudan. In 2013, Alliance2015 members implemented projects in 86 countries with a total budget 758 million Euro.

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