Key results of GDV impact assessment

Rural Communities Development Project in the Poorest Areas of the State of Bahia (Project Gente de Valor)

Brazil

Project objectives

To empower and increase productive capacities of rural communities in Brazil's drought-prone *sertão* region

Inputs and activities

- 1. Empower communities to manage development plans
- 2. Construct water-harvesting infrastructure

Total survey sample

2,019

3. Provide technical inputs, agricultural assistance, and backyard gardens



32,487 People trained in community organization



13,921 Cisterns constructed



9,417 Farmers who received specialized agricultural training



4,894 Backyard gardens constructed

2007-2013

Water infrastructure only 34% Water infrastructure, backyard gardens 30%

Survey subsamples

Water infrastructure, backyard gardens, technical assistance 23%

Other (component 1 only) 13%

Water access

+34%

Corn production per year

+162%

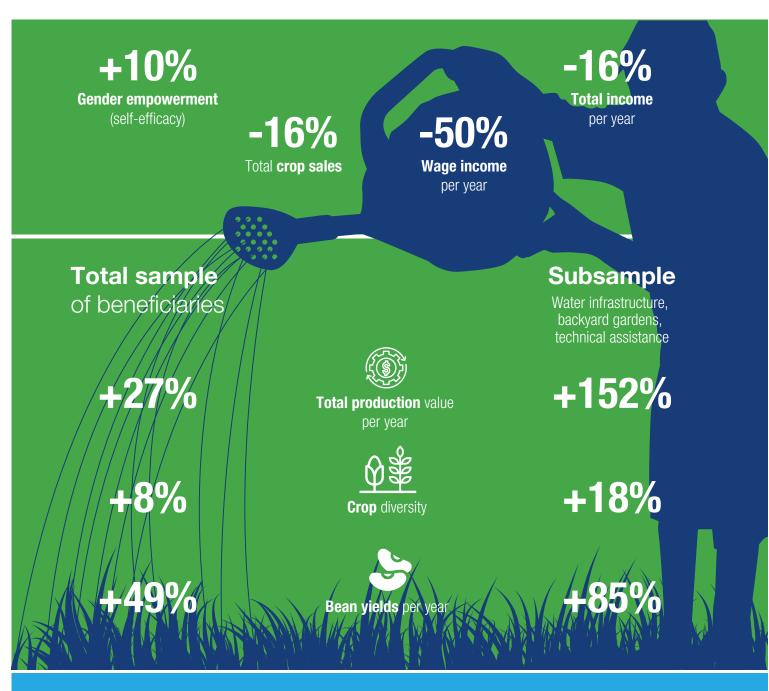
Housing assets

+10%

Total assets

+2%

JLIFAD Investing in rural people



Lessons learned



Diversification for increased adaptation

Efforts to mitigate climate shocks in contexts of severe drought should include off-farm diversification.



Holistic interventions

For transformative impacts, beneficiaries should receive interlinked activities that can generate multiplier effects on the ground.



CDD implementation

CDD Implementation capacity not sufficient to deliver adequate technical training to ensure sustainable productive outcomes.

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