



# Improvement of food security and labour market access in Eritrea

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## CONTEXT



Despite GDP growth in recent years, Eritrea remains one of the least developed countries in the world, with high poverty rates.

The context is characterized by a precarious political and socio-economic situation, affected also by the long conflict with neighboring Ethiopia, which has immobilized the country for years.

The agriculture and livestock sectors are predominantly subsistence, with outdated infrastructure, inputs and technologies that limit production yields, which are also affected by seasonality and natural disasters. Most of the workers employed are informal.

The creation of decent and secure jobs is one of the priorities of international cooperation and, in the framework of this project, also as a means of protecting and integrating vulnerable groups such as women, youngsters and people with disabilities.

## OBJECTIVES

The aim of the project is **to contribute to the improvement of the socio-economic inclusion conditions of the most vulnerable population in Eritrea.**

Through technical and vocational training and the provision of productive inputs, the partnership aims to **improve food security, awareness and opportunities of decent work** for the most vulnerable population in the rural areas of the Anseba region and the Asmara and Massawa areas.



## BENEFICIARIES

The main beneficiaries are young people, women and people with disabilities, who will be involved in training and information activities.

In particular:

- **30 young people** will be trained in agriculture and provided with agricultural inputs;
- **30 women** will be trained in livestock farming and provided with small animals;
- **8,000 people** will be reached by the awareness-raising and advocacy campaign on occupational health and safety, decent and inclusive work, food security and climate change;

- **30 persons** with disabilities will be trained on food processing, catering/hospitality and ICT;
- **40 people** from basic unions will be trained on occupational health and safety and provided with kits/PPEs to become trainers themselves.



## **ACTIVITIES**

The project focuses on the areas of **agriculture and food security, protection and inclusion of people with disabilities and economic recovery and infrastructure.**

In particular:

1. Organisation of an **agricultural training course** for young people to start and/or strengthen their businesses. Great emphasis will be placed on the concept of agroecology and combating/adapting to climate change. At the end, agricultural and productive inputs (hoes, rakes, spades, seeds, irrigation systems, water pumps, etc.) will be distributed.

2. Organisation of a **training course in livestock farming** for women to learn the correct management, feeding and care of animals. At the end, small animals (goats, sheep, poultry) and inputs (fences, drinking troughs, etc.) will be distributed.
3. Organisation of an **awareness-raising campaign on occupational health and safety, decent and inclusive work, food security and climate change**.
4. Realisation of 4 **training courses on food processing, catering/hospitality and ICT** (basic and advanced) for people with disabilities.
5. Organisation of a **training course on health and safety in the workplace** for people belonging to trade unions, with distribution of different types of PPE and toolkits to replicate the training.



## PROJECT PARTNERS



### **NEXUS Solidarietà Internazionale Emilia Romagna ETS**

NGO that carries out international cooperation activities to contribute to improving the quality of life and strengthening democratic institutions with full respect for cultural diversity and the principle of self-determination of peoples.

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### **ISCOS - Istituto sindacale per la cooperazione allo sviluppo**

NGO that promotes international cooperation actions and projects, according to the principles of solidarity, social justice, human dignity and peace, whose priorities are the defense of trade union freedoms and human rights, the fight against poverty and discrimination, and support for communities affected by natural disasters and wars.

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### **PROGETTO SUD ETS**

NGO engaged in international development cooperation activities in various countries around the world, promoting the principles of sustainable development, decent work, gender equality and women's empowerment, solidarity and cooperation between trade unions, the fight against inequalities and the protection of human rights.

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### **NCEW - National Confederation of Eritrean Workers**

To date it is the only trade union movement in the country. Its mission is to contribute to the creation of an organised, skilled and professionalised workforce as well as to ensure decent and socially protected jobs. NCEW is a member of ILO, ITUC, ITUC Africa, OATUU, HACTU the Confederation of Trade Unions of the Horn of Africa.

# THE PROJECT AT A GLANCE

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**Starting date:** 01/12/24

**Project duration:** 12 months

**Area of intervention:** Eritrea - Anseba Region, Asmara and Massawa areas

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### Local partner

NCEW - National Confederation of Eritrean Worker



### In collaboration with

CGIL - Italian General Confederation of Labour

CISL - Italian Confederation of Trades Unions

UIL - Italian Labour Union

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