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

| People trained in community organization | 32,487 |
| Cisterns constructed | 13,921 |
| Farmers who received specialized agricultural training | 9,417 |
| Backyard gardens constructed | 4,894 |

| Total survey sample | 2,019 |
| Survey subsamples |
| Water infrastructure only | 34% |
| Water infrastructure, backyard gardens | 30% |
| Water infrastructure, backyard gardens, technical assistance | 23% |
| Other (component 1 only) | 13% |

2007-2013

**Water access**
+34%

**Corn production per year**
+162%

**Housing assets**
+10%

**Total assets**
+2%

Impacts are in comparison with the control group.
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**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.