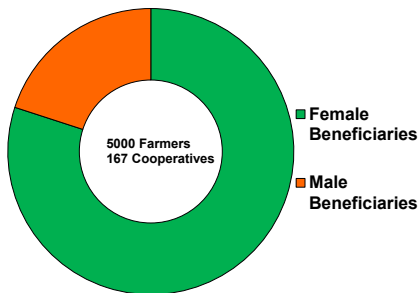


Support Networks for Competitive Rice and Groundnut Production and Processing in Kano State, Nigeria

A Matching Grant Fund Project of the Competitive African Rice Initiative (CARI) and Women Farmers Advancement Network (WOFAN)



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Goal

The project addresses 5,000 beneficiaries of which 80 per cent are women rice parboilers and groundnut processors. This project supports competitive business models that lead to increased paddy production and parboiling, and increased groundnut production and improvements in groundnut processing. As a result, the income of the beneficiaries is expected to double by the end of the 2-year project. This contributes significantly to the reduction of poverty of smallholder farmers and economic empowerment of women in Kano State, Nigeria.

Our Approach

In order to double the yield and income of the beneficiaries, support is given to the beneficiaries through training in Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and provision of improved technical packages. The beneficiaries are set up into 167 cooperatives, out of which 134 cooperatives are women targeted groups of 30 members each while 33 cooperatives of 30 members each are male (youths).

The project strategy includes:

- Training of Trainers in rice production and processing, cooperatives formation and management, and Farmer Business School.
- Organizing farmers into groups and provision of equipment for demonstration purposes.
- Step down training in diversified income sources include parboiling, improved winnowing methods, utilization of rice products to meet nutritional needs, groundnut production and processing.
- Organization of marketing forums, one in each Local Government Area, as platform for interaction between producers and buyers.
- Radio programs and SMS to broadcast extension messages and market information.
- Formation of off-farm clusters to negotiate with buyers.
- Brokering of off-take contracts between farmer clusters and UMZA Rice Mill for paddy and Al-Halon Limited for groundnuts.

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