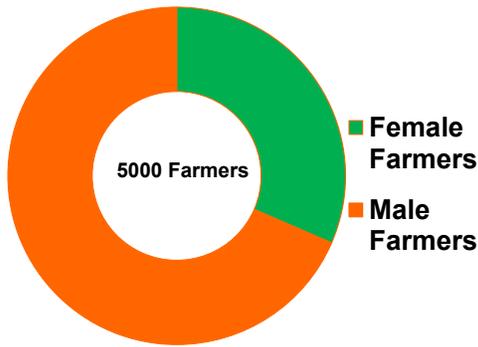


# Improving productivity and increased competitiveness of smallholder farmers through the supply of quality rice seeds

A Matching Grant Fund Project of the Competitive African Rice Initiative (CARI), FYSSO and Atubra Mills



## Goal

The goal of the project is to integrate over 5000 rice producers (32 % women) into sustainable and competitive business models that lead to increased paddy production as well as to improvements in quality. As a result, the income of the farmers is expected to double by the end of the 2-year project. This contributes to the reduction of poverty of smallholder farmers in South Tongu, Akatsti, Ketu North, Ho, Hohoe and Sogakope in Ghana.

## Our Approach

In order to double the yield and income of farmers, support is given to farmers through training in Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and provision of improved technical packages. CARI is supporting FYSSO Ghana (FG) through the active dissemination of GAPs, establishment of demonstration sites and seed multiplication centres, yields of farmers are expected to increase from 2.0mt/ha in 2014 to 4mt/ha in rain-fed 2017.

The out-grower-seed multiplication model of FG empowers 600 seed producers and supplies 7400 smallholder farmers. This increases access to certified seed, with at least 80% increase in quality and volumes of paddy produced. FG works with smallholders from 175 FBOs with an average membership of 30 per FBO to cultivate 30 acres (12 ha) with a total land size of 5250 acres. 6 members from each FBO are trained to produce a minimum of 2,000 MT of seed to supply to farmers as the primary market and to other commercial farmers as well.

By supporting contract farming arrangements between farmers and off takers, the project enables farmers to market their product. FYSSO builds and strengthens respected contractual agreements with financial institutions, mechanization service providers and input service providers in order to make it sustainable for an upscale in 2017.



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