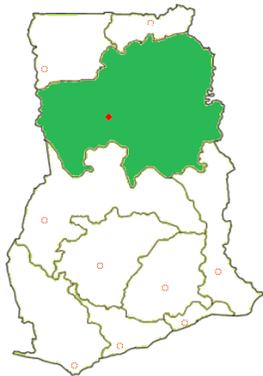


Smallholder Sustainable Rice Production and Marketing Project

A Matching Grant Fund Project of the Competitive African Rice Initiative (CARI) and SABVAN



Goal

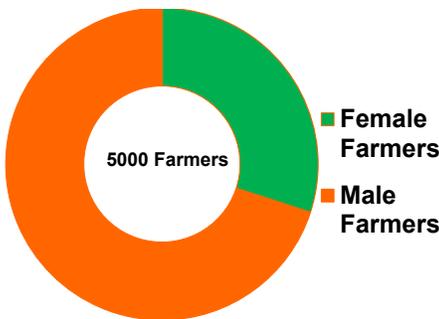
The goal of the project is to integrate over 5000 rice producers (30% female farmers) into sustainable and competitive business models that lead to increased paddy production as well as to improvements in quality. As a result, the income of the farmers is expected to double by the end of the 2-year project. This contributes to the reduction of poverty of smallholder farmers in Tamale Metro, Sagnerigu District, Mion District and East Gonja District, 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.

Increasing productivity requires farmers to adopt GAP. This intervention strategy ensures setting up of demonstrations at the farm level. Post-harvest management trainings are carried out to improve quality of paddy supplied by farmers. The intervention areas of capacity building also focuses on promoting the transfer of innovative production methods to farmers. Special emphasis will be capacity building on fertilizer usage, seed, plant protection products as well as introducing farmers to labour saving/simple farm implement such as seeders and rippers.

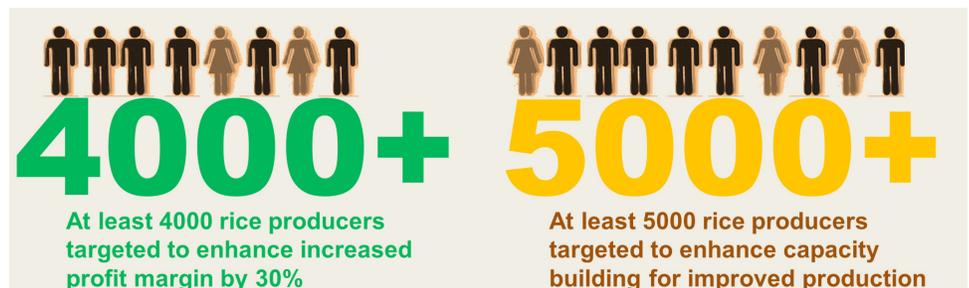
The strategy for enhancing flow of funds into the rice sector has involved facilitating the development of financial arrangement with potential institutions to enhancing farmer's access to credit. Options being explored also include direct financing through financial institutions or a refinancing arrangement by the project, support for the development of business plans and facilitation to access credit, facilitating the promotion of products of financial institutions and sensitizing financial institution about the potentials of the rice sector.



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