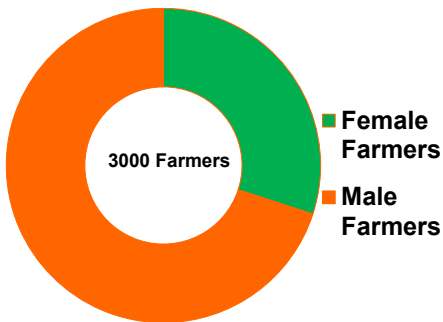
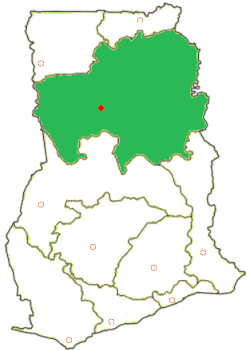


Increasing quality paddy rice production and improving efficiency

A Matching Grant Fund Project of the Competitive African Rice Initiative (CARI) and Savannah Agricultural & Trading C. Ltd - SATCO



Goal

The goal of the project is to integrate over 3000 rice producers (30% 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 Chereponi, 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. The overall intent of SATCO is to develop an effective and efficient supply chain system through Grower Services working with rice smallholder farmers cultivating 6,174 hectares in the project area. Through the active dissemination of GAP and establishment of demonstration sites, a steady increase in the yields of smallholders from 2.0 MT/ha in 2014 to 3.5 MT/ha and above in 2017 is expected.

SATCO is also strengthening ties between the farmers through mobilization and formation of Farmer Based Organisations (FBOs), sensitization and training of farmers and capacity building. The project also improves for improved variety of aromatic seed and introduce the farmers to modern technology of rice cultivation to increase paddy quality, and provides farmers access to service providers.

TechnoServe, SATCO and synergy consortium have designed and are implementing a viable business model which engages financial institutions to provide funding to the FBOs through SATCO Grower Services under a guarantee mechanism. By supporting contract farming arrangements between farmers and off takers, the project also enables farmers to market their product.

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