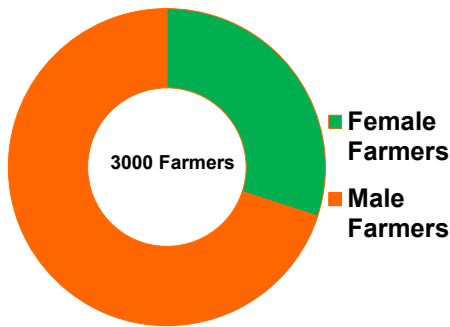
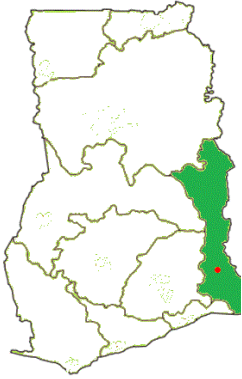


EmoMpontuo Outgrower Scheme

A Matching Grant Fund Project of the Competitive African Rice Initiative (CARI) and Worawora Rice Mills Limited



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 project contributes to the reduction of poverty of smallholder farmers in Biakoye, Jasikan, Kadjebi, Krachi East and Nkwanta South Districts of 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.

GAP remains an important factor to ensure product quality and production efficiency. The types of medium (Extension) for the information flows is also important. Worawora Out-grower Services (WOS) ensures a good spread of information concerning good agricultural practices. WOS recruits Extension Officers who provide services to the Farmer-based Organizations (FBOs) at the community level. WOS organizes forums within the operational areas in order to build good relationships between smallholders, input dealers, mechanization service providers' financial service providers and CARI partners. The project is also implementing strategies to establish seed multiplication units, aggregation centers and post-harvest handling, and developing pilot irrigation schemes.

This project facilitates a viable business model which engages financial institutions to provide funding to the FBOs through a guarantee mechanism; key support to be sought from TechnoServe include the preparation of simple business plans with cash flow projections and loan application procedures.

By supporting contract farming arrangements between farmers and off takers, the project enables farmers to market their product.

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