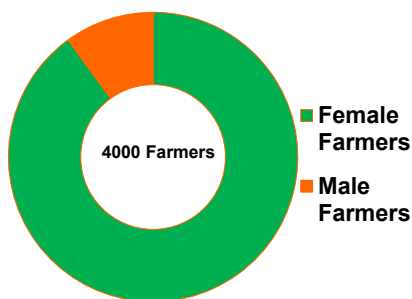
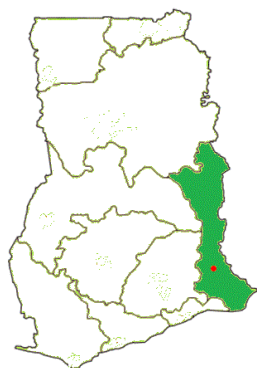


# Technical and Capacity Building Support for Rice Value Chain Actors in the Volta Region of Ghana

A Matching Grant Fund Project of the Competitive African Rice Initiative (CARI) & Christian Rural Aid Network (CRAN)



## Goal

The Walmart foundation is supporting CARI to enhance the economic development of women through paddy production and diversification activities. The goal of this project is to integrate 4000 rice producers (80% women) into competitive business models that lead to increased paddy production as well as to improvements in quality. This project contributes to the reduction of poverty and especially to the economic empowerment of women in Hohoe and Kpando Municipalities and Afadjato South District of the Volta Region 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. By supporting contract farming arrangements between farmers and off takers, the project enables farmers to market their product.

CRAN improvises for tailor-made capacity training to rice farmer-based organizations (FBOs) and processor-based organizations and other value chain actors. CRAN conducts participatory needs assessment including training needs assessment on the target beneficiaries namely rice producers, processors, marketers, rice mill operators and transporters, rice input suppliers using participatory rural appraisal methods.

CRAN facilitates the organization of a “trainer of trainers” workshop where participants are equipped with practical knowledge and experience on the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) in GAP. GAP encourages the use of improved rice varieties for planting; transplanting in lines, the use of integrated pest management and the right use of agrochemicals. The project ensures dissemination of new knowledge/rice production technologies and information to the beneficiaries of the projects. Beneficiaries are also trained in business skills and crop diversification as well as animal rearing.

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