

# Rice Value Chain Development in Hadejia Valley, Jigawa State

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## Goals

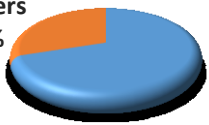
The goal of the project is to integrate 10,000 rice farmers into sustainable and competitive business models that lead to increased paddy production as well as improvements in quality. As a result, income of the farmers is expected to double by the end of the 2-year project. This contributes significantly to the reduction of poverty of small holder farmers in Jigawa state, Nigeria

## Our Approach

In order to double the yield and income of beneficiaries, support is given to the beneficiaries through training in Good Agricultural Practices (GAP). By supporting contract farming arrangements between farmers and off takers, the project enables farmers to market their products.

The technical packages and GAP training includes demonstrations of the use of the right inputs (fertilizers and agrochemicals) and farming practices. Farmer Business School training teaches farmers how to manage their farm as a business.

**Female  
Farmers  
30%**



**Male  
Farmers  
70%**



## Project strategies

- Registration of 10,000 farmers for the production of paddy with the aim of increasing their average yield from 2.5 tons/hectare to 5.6 tons per hectare.
- Promote mechanization in production and processing activities.
- Collaborating with financial institutions for provision of farming loans and other financial services.
- Improved linkages among rice value chain actors (Farmers, Extension Agents, Input Dealers, Off Takers, Millers and Bankers etc).
- Crop diversification to help improve family nutrition and provision of alternative source of income.

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