

Sustainable Rice Production in (SURIPRO) in Singida Region

A Matching Grant Fund project of the Competitive African Rice Initiative (CARI) and BioSustain Tanzania Limited.



Goals

The goal of the project is to integrate 5,229 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 are expected to double by the end of the 2-year project. This contributes significantly to the reduction of poverty of small holder farmers in Mgungira and Iyumbu wards, Ikungi District, Singida Region, Tanzania.

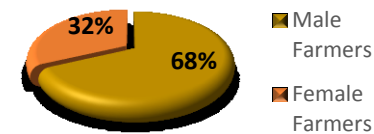
Our Approach

In order to double the yield and income of beneficiaries, support is given to the beneficiaries through training on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and access to modern agricultural technologies. 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 on the use inputs (fertilizers and agrochemicals) and good farming practices. Farmer Business School (FBS) training increase farmers' financial literacy and teaches them how to manage their farm as a business.

Project strategies

- Enhancing production capacity of 5,229 rice farmers from 0.8MT/hectare to about 1.5MT/hectare
- Access to improved inputs (Seeds, Fertilizer and Agrochemicals) and mechanization services.
- Improved linkages among rice value chain actors (Farmers, Extension Agents, Input Dealers, Offtakers, Millers and Financial institutions)
- Upgrading efficiency of rice milling machines to 70% capacity for improved quality and quantity.
- Sustainable Public Private Partnership role playing
- Crop diversification to help improve family nutrition and provision of alternative source of income.



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