

# Kebbi Rice Value Chain Development Initiative in Kebbi State

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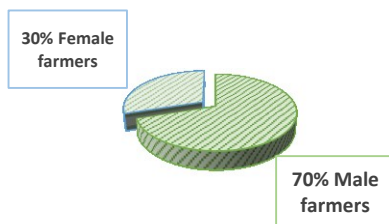
## Goals

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 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 Argungu, Augie, Birnin Kebbi, Jega and Suru in Kebbi State.

## 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, input dealers 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), production of certified seeds 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

- Registration of 10,000 farmers for the production of paddy, out of which 10% will be engaged in rice seed production.
- Enhance the use of improved technologies in production and processing activities.
- Encouraging small scale threshers and winnowers
- Easy access to certified credit on certified seeds and quality inputs (Fertilizer and Agrochemicals) at subsidized price
- Improved linkages among rice value chain actors (Farmers, Extension Agents, Input Dealers, Off Takers and Millers etc).
- Crop diversification to help improve family nutrition and provision of alternative source of income.

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