

NIGERIA SUSTAINABLE & ECONOMICALLY VIABLE RICE VALUE CHAIN AND BACKWARD INTEGRATION SUPPORT FOR FARMERS

A Matching Grant Fund project of the Competitive African Rice Initiative (CARI) and MASCO Agro Allied Industries

Goals

The goal of the project is to integrate 15,000 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 Kogi, Kwara, Taraba, Nasarawa and Adamawa State(s).



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) and Post-Harvest 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 of the use of the right inputs (fertilizers and agrochemicals) and good farming practices. Farmer Business School training increase farmers' financial literacy and teaches them how to manage their farm as a business.

Female Farmers

30%



Male Farmers

70%

Project strategies

- Engage 15,000 farmers in contract farming agreement for the production of paddy targeting increase in average yield per hectare from 2mt – 4 mt
- Enhanced use of mechanization and improved technologies in production
- Enhanced paddy quality improvement and good post-harvest techniques
- Promote low cost farming techniques for small and medium scale farmers
- Collaborating with financial institutions for provision of farming loans and other financial services.
- Crop diversification to help improve family nutrition and provision of alternative source of income.



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