

SUSTAINABLE IMPROVEMENT IN RICE PRODUCTION AND ITS VALUE CHAIN IN GHANA

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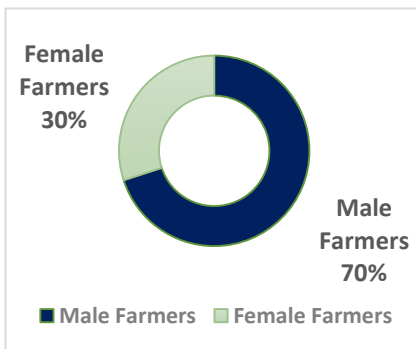
Goals

The goal of the project is to integrate 3000 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 Likpe, Tafi, Logba, Ve, Breweniase, and Nkwanta North, Northern Volta Region, Ghana.



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.



Project strategies

- Registration of 3000 farmers for the production of paddy, with the aim of boosting their average yield per hectare from 2.0 mt to 4.5 mt by 2017
- Enhanced use of mechanization and improved technologies in production and processing activities.
- Enhanced post-harvest and paddy quality improvement techniques
- Encouraging farmer cooperative development and group strengthening.
- 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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