

STRENGTHEN RICE VALUE CHAIN IN ZANZIBAR (ZANRICE)

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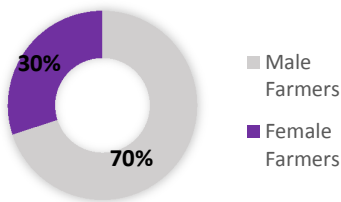
Goals

The goal of the project is to integrate 4,573 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 Kibokwa, Kilombero and Cheju Rice valleys, Zanzibar, 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 information sharing and contract farming arrangements between farmers and aggregators 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), good farming practices and resource conservation. Farmer Business School (FBS) training increase farmers' financial literacy and teaches them how to manage their farm as a business.



Project strategies

- Enhancing rice production capacity of 5,500 rice farmers
- Enhanced use of certified seeds and improved inputs (fertilizer and agrochemicals)
- Conducting GAP trainings on System of Rice Intensification (SRI), Water Warvesting Integrated Pest Production Management (IPPM) and Post Harvest Handling
- Improved information sharing ICT platform that enable farmers monitor and manage their rice supply chain facilitated by aggregation of paddy by Farmers Business Organizations (FBOs)
- Improved linkages among rice value chain actors (Farmers, Extension Agents, Input Dealers, Offtakers, Millers and Financial institutions)
- Encouraging crop diversification to help improve family nutrition and provision of alternative source of income.

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