

# Enhancing the Performance of the Rice value Chain in Jigawa State

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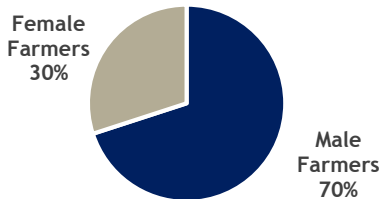
## Goals

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 Auyo, K/Hausa, Jahun, Miga and Kazaure LGA(S) in Jigawa state, Nigeria.

## 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 Rice System Intensification (RSI). 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.



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## Project strategies

- Registration of 10,000 farmers for the production of paddy, formed into self-help Groups in which youths will form a greater number of the population.
- Enhance the use of mechanization and improved technologies in production and processing activities.
- Encouraging bulk purchase of inputs for easy access to quality inputs at cheaper rates.
- 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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