

Annex 1: INCEPTION REPORT - GHANA

1. Basic Information

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2. CURRENT SITUATION CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTION PLANS FOR CAADP-NRDS ALIGNMENT

1. The Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD) supported the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MOFA) to develop a National Rice Development Strategy in 2009. As part of the arrangement for the implementation of the NRDS, the CARD is further assisting the promotion of better alignment between the CARD and the CAADP.

As part of the implementation of the proposed action plans,

- Training report on alignment was developed and circulated to the Taskforce leader.
 - CARD supported the taskforce to brief our major policy makers
 - New governance structure has been proposed with a Focal Person identified
 - NRDS document revised
2. As part of the implementation of the action plans on communication, a back-to office report on the training program was prepared and circulated to all taskforce members. Additionally, a team from the CARD Secretariat supported the task team to meet and brief policy makers (Deputy Minister and Chief Director) on the activities of the CARD and the implementation of the NRDS. The outcome of the brief meeting was the revision of the NRDS document to address current challenges facing the rice sub-sector. As part of the revision process, a new governance structure was proposed and a monitoring and evaluation framework was developed as part of the document to assess progress of implementation of the strategies proposed.

The proposed action on Institutional Coordination has resulted in the inclusion of a farmer representative who is the Executive Secretary of the Seed Producers Association of Ghana (SEEDPAG). The matrix of the alignment has been produced but there is the need for it to be reviewed. The review of concept notes for resource mobilization is yet to be done after finalization of the revised NRDS document. The annual implementation plan of the NRDS is yet to be developed. The activities relating to the rice sub-sector in the new policy document (GASIP) was incorporated using the targets and implementation plan of the NRDS.

3. Ministry of Food and Agriculture
 - a. Directorate of Crop Services
 - b. Plant Protection and Regulatory Services Directorate
 - c. Policy Planning Monitoring and Evaluation Directorate
 - d. Agricultural Engineering Directorate
 - e. Directorate of Agricultural Extension
 - f. Statistical Research and Information Directorate
 - g. Grains and Legumes Development Board

Ghana Irrigation Development Authority

Council for Scientific and Industrial Research

- a. Crops Research Institute
- b. Savanna Agricultural Research Institute

Farmer Representative

- a. Seed Producers Association of Ghana
- b. Ghana national Association of Farmers and Fishermen

Ghana Rice Inter-professional Body (GRIB)

4. Successful Experiences in the Implementation of the Alignment of CAADP and NRDS

NRDS has been revised in line with current MOFA policies in the Rice sub-sector

Process of forming a Rice Coordinating Council to oversee the implementation of the

3. Duties of your Orgaization/Department and Yorself

The Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MOFA) is the lead agency and focal point of the Government of Ghana, responsible for developing and executing policies and strategies for the agriculture sector within the context of a coordinated national socio-economic growth and development agenda. By means of a sector-wide approach, the Ministry's plans and programmes are developed, coordinated and implemented through policy and strategy frameworks.

2. Duties of your department regarding the alignment process between CAADP and NRDS

The Directorate of Crop Services is responsible for policy formulation and development of programmes and projects that will promote sustainable crop production systems whilst ensuring the conservation of environment. The Directorate collaborates with partners in the development and provision of technical services on crop improvement and

productivity enhancing technologies to relevant institutions and farmers through the extension services delivery systems.

The NRDS is to support the achievement of objective One of the Food and Agricultural Sector Development Policy i.e. Ensuring Emergency Preparedness and Food Security (FASDEP), by accelerating the production and processing of rice, which is one of the five key commodities to be promoted under the objective.

The Policy Planning Monitoring and Evaluation Directorate is responsible for policy harmonization, planning and monitoring in the Ministry. It ensures that there is synergy in the implementation of all development programme and projects. It also ensures that these programme and projects are adequately monitored and evaluated to ensure value for money.