



KOGI STATE

**INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
UNDER
THE GYB ADMINISTRATION**

KOGI INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT /VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

The New Direction Administration of His Excellency Governor Yahaya Bello through its policy document outlined that for government to achieve strategic outcomes for the much-required development, it will require technical and financial collaboration and partnerships with other governments, private sector, including local and international partners. A key approach to bring this forth will be to drive many of its core packages through partnerships for which robust legal and technical framework shall be developed and implemented.

This framework will be modelled after successful global partnership experiences of places like Rwanda, Dubai, Lagos and other parts of Nigeria where successful partnerships has been demonstrated. With the human capital and a supportive institutional framework for partnerships, Agriculture through various partnerships has been unlocking the enormous economic potentials of Kogi State.

The policy thrust of the New Direction Administration on agriculture focused on boosting the Agriculture Sector and its value chains as a profitable State stimulated venture and encourage organized business enterprises and international agencies to lead the development of agriculture and other areas in the State. This partnerships and collaborations includes: Agriculture value chain addition and development, Industrialization programs, Trade and Commerce in order to ensure proper and sustainable management of the PPP arrangements in the state.



The Value Chain Development Programme (VCDP) is an Agricultural programme of the Federal Government of Nigeria assisted by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) design to develop the Value Chains of cassava and rice in nine ((9) States of Anambra, Benue, Ebonyi, Niger, Ogun, Taraba, Kogi, Enugu and Nasarawa respectively.

The programme development objectives is to enhance on a sustainable basis the increase of incomes and food security of poor rural households engaged in production , processing and

marketing of rice and cassava in the programme areas. It is a market driven, demand driven and private sector led intervention programme engaging various stakeholders along the chains of production, processing and marketing.

The Vision and commitment of His Excellency Governor Yahaya Bello on Agriculture as a key to emancipate the poor and the entire Kogites from the pangs of poverty and misery has helped in the planning and implementation of IFAD programmes across some identified LGAs across the State. This was made possible with the provision of enabling environment and financial support for the project to thrive.

Programme Objectives:

The Programme Development Objective (PDO) is “to enhance on a sustainable basis Incomes and food security of poor rural households engaged in the production, processing and marketing of rice and cassava and to leverage on government activities on the following areas: achieve food security, increase production and productivity, expand the rural economy for employment and income generation, expand exports and reduce food imports.

The Programmes Modest Contributions.

Kogi VCDP has proved capability with the short period of implementation since inception the State Programme coordinator rolled out massive advocacy visit to all the participating LGAs and met with the Local Government Administrators, the paramount Rulers, opinion moulders and the communities at large which all were sensitized on the programme objectives, activities and implementation processes of the project. Prominent among the royal father was His royal highness the Obaro of Kabba Chief Solomon Dele Owoniyi, Oda-Ojiji of Imane in Olamaboro LGA. and many others.



State Programme Coordinator Sensitizing and addressing Oba-aro of Kabba, Oba Solomon Owoniyi (ObaroOweyomade I) during Advocacy visit



Sensitization and re-validation of Farmers at Kabawa, Lokoja

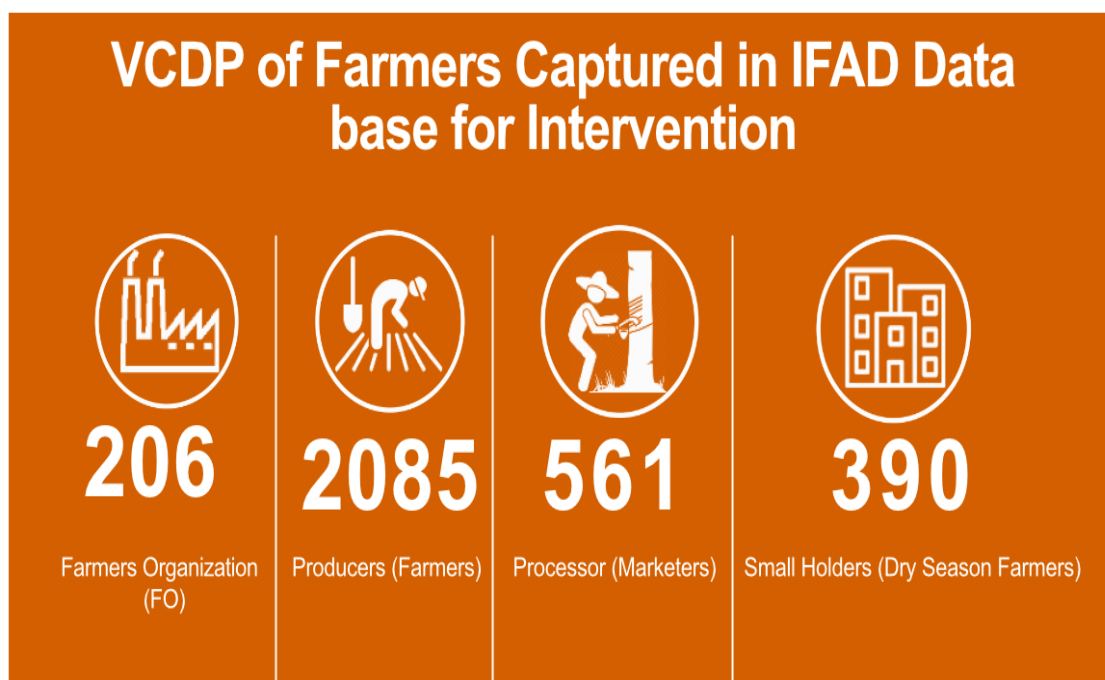


Sensitization of farmers Ejule-Ojebe, Ibaji LGA



Sensitization and re-validation of profiled farmers at Ajaokuta LGA

The Programme has identified and captured a total of 206 Farmers Organizations (FOs) which comprises of 2085 producers(farmers), 561 processors/marketers in VCDP Data base for interventions, a total of 390 smallholders dry season rice farmers were trained on good agronomic practices and provided with improved seedling (9750kg of Faro 44) in which farmers have started harvesting and reporting increase in yield, in addition to this, 300ha of land has been surveyed for land development at Ajaokuta, Kabba-Bunu, Lokoja and Olamaboro to strengthening farmers organisations and support to smallholder's farmers especially Women and Youth group, following this, (1) hectare demonstration plot was established at Ejule ojebe in Ibaji LGA.



Sensitization/Profiling of Farmers Organization at Kabba/Bunu LGA



Sensitization/Profiling of Farmers Organization at Ejule-Ojebe, Ibaji LGA



Profiling of Farmers Organizations at OlamaboroLGA



Women Farmers Transplanting on the Demonstration Farm at Ejule-Ojebe Ibaji LGA



Establishment of demonstration farm and transplanting of rice at Ejule Ojebe, Ibaji LGA



Demonstration farm for rice few weeks after transplanting at Ejule Ojebe, Ibaji LGA

Kogi VCDP has constructed solar powered boreholes in four LGAs (Ajaokuta, Ibaji, Olamaboro and Lokoja), also the programme has recorded a huge success in providing market infrastructures to the beneficiary LGAs which includes two (4) market stalls, two (2) market stores and one (1) rice processing mill and (1) completed parboiling slab



Rice Processors Centre, Market stall and a solar powered bore hole at kungbani, Lokoja LGA



Kogi VCDP completed market stall at Kungbani, Lokoja LGA



Kogi VCDP completed Market Stall at Egah Market Ibadan, LGA



Kogi VCDP completed Market Stall at Imane, Olamaboro LGA



KG/IFAD/VCDP market stall at Oke-dayo in Kabba/Bunu LGA



KG/IFAD/VCDP market store in Ijhor, in Lokoja LGA



Kogi VCDP completed Rice Processing Mill at Kungbani, Lokoja LGA



Kogi VCDP completed Parboiling shed and drying slab at Kungbani, Lokoja LGA

In pursuit for gender and women participation, Kogi VCDP has trained youth and women on Entrepreneurship to develop skills in Rice and Cassava Value Chain, a total 60 rice processor has been trained on False Bottom Technology to improve the value of milled rice compare the regular method used by our rice processors.



Training of Farmers on false bottom technology at Kpata, Lokoja LGA



Picture comparing rice Processed from same paddy after False bottom technology training at Kpata, Lokoja LGA

In other to boost the morale of famers, Kogi VCDP has identified off-takers such as OLAM, Unicane and Crest Agro Product among others which was followed with several advocacies, familiarization tours and meetings with the off-takers and drafting of memorandum of understanding to enable our farmers have market opportunity with ease after production.

More also, Several Study has been conducted by the M&E unit to monitor the programme activities such Baseline surveys and farmers crop yield survey in all the participating LGA.

In the course of implementation, IFAD has also embarked on some projects across the State.

