



Communal Approach to Agricultural Market in Benin -phase 2



About ACMA2

The Program "Communal Approach for the Agricultural Market in Benin - phase 2" (ACMA 2) is a 4-year project funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Benin (2017-2021), with an overall budget of 17,5 million euros, i.e. 11,151,269,000 FCFA. The program is implemented by the International Fertilizer Development Center (IFDC) in consortium with CARE International Benin /Togo and the Royal Netherlands Institute for the Tropics (KIT). The ACMA 2 Program will contribute to improving the food and nutritional security of rural populations in Benin. The target groups are producers, processors, traders, especially young people (aged 18 to 35) and women in 28 communes of four departments of Benin: Ouémé, Plateau, Zou and Collines. The priority products for ACMA 2 Program are: palm oil, palm kernel, corn, soybean, peanut, chili pepper, cassava and its derivatives (gari, tapioca, lafun, chips), and fish (fresh and smoked).

OBJECTIVES

The overall objective is to increase the agricultural incomes of the economic actors at the local level.

The specifics objectives:

- increase trade in agricultural products by organized producers and processors;
- Improve the agricultural productivity of producers and processors;
- reduce trade barriers for agricultural products within Benin and with neighboring countries, particularly Nigeria

STRATEGIES

The strategy of ACMA program is oriented on the agricultural market, especially Nigeria Market, and is based on two components, which are strongly linked: (i) the supply and demand and (ii) the communal approach.

The supply and demand's component take into account the support of the program to economic actors who are linked through the Agricultural Business Cluster (ABC) to buyers of Benin and Nigeria. The second component includes activities that are oriented towards communal consultative committee or inter-communal consultative committee (CCC / CCIC) involving economic actors (ABC - private sector) and municipalities (mayors and municipal councils - representatives of the public sector) to promote a better business environment.

currently, economic actors (65 Agricultural Business Cluster) in intervention area are able to sell their products (palm oil, maize, peanut, cat fish, soya, cassava and pepper) to local and Nigeria market at competitive prices. Women who process the products were coached to improve quality of their products (Gari, palm oil, smoked fish, peanut oil, maize and soya), communal and inter-communal consultative committee are in place, and market infrastructures (shops and market rehabilitation) are being constructed to improve the market dynamics. More than 400 million F CFA (around \$ 200,000) of loans have been granted to 2000 beneficiaries.

SUCSESSES

- ✓ Partnership-Institutional arrangement-sustainability
Interactions with MAEP, INRAB, GEA, ENABEL, etc.
FUPRO
Private Companies (Farmerline / Soft Media / Digital Word Technologies)
Decentralized financial system (Alidé, UNACREP)

Project Name: Communal Approach to Agricultural Market in Benin -phase 2 (ACMA2)

Donor: Embassy of the Netherlands and Government of Canada

Country Program: Benin

Timeframe: Dec 2017 to Nov 2021 (4years)

Budget: €17.500.000 and \$ 2,488,616 for CARE.

Partnership: ACMA2 Consortium (IFDC, CARE B/T; KIT)

Intervention Areas: 28 communes of 4 departments bordering Nigeria: Oueme, Plateau, Zou and Collines

Direct beneficiaries: Farmers, Processors, traders of which 40% are women and 20% are Youngs working in agricultural clusters (fish, palm oil, cassava, soya, peanut, core and chilli)

In the 28 communes

Partners of implementation: Local NGO;

Woman processing peanut



Woman processing cassava



- ✓ Facilitation of input credits up to 100 Million
- ✓ Involvement of small players in the warrantage mechanism
- ✓ Delegation of activities to support structures

Next steps

- ✓ Support from public and municipal authorities for a better structuring and a good functioning of organizations of economic actors to create a more favorable environment
- ✓ Recovery of the TDL to improve the own resources of the town halls and their contribution to the functioning of the CCICs
- ✓ Guarantee to be offered by the actors for the financing of the input credit

Chilli market



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