

Inception Report

1. Basic Information

Name	PALE REMY
Country	BURKINA FASO
Organization	Rainfed Rice Project / Ministry of Agriculture and Hydraulic
Position	Head of monitoring-evaluation of Rainfed Rice Project (PRP)

2. Current Situation concerning CARD (Coalition for African Rice Development) and NRDS (National Rice Development Strategy) in your country

(1) Achievements, on-going activities, and way forward

Please attach following documents which were generated through the CARD Initiative and explain major points of each document, according to the category of your country

Category 1: Cameroon, Ghana, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda

Category 2: Benin, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Kenya, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, Togo and Zambia

Category 3: Liberia and Sierra Leone

Category 4: The Gambia

	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4
- National Rice Development Strategies - Map of rice production and market (format will be provided)	v	V	v	v
- <u>LATEST</u> list of rice-related interventions (on-going / recently closed) - <u>LATEST</u> Sub-sector Intervention Element Matrices which maps out the above-mentioned rice-related interventions (so called "Resource SIEM") - <u>LATEST</u> Sub-sector Intervention Element Matrices which maps out the required outputs as per the National Rice Development Strategies (so-called "Needs SIEM") - <u>LATEST</u> Sub-sector Intervention Element Matrices which highlights the priority areas of investment - <u>LATEST</u> list of priority projects with clear indication of the potential source of funding (government, development partners, CAADP)	v	v	v	
- List of 'champions' whom the NRDS Task Force will lobby in order to materialize the priority projects	v	v		
- List of priority projects with clear indication of how each project is partly / fully funded (or earmarked) by which avenue (i.e. government, development partners, CAADP)	v			

To achieve its objective Burkina Faso's NRDS is structured in 4 Major points:

- **Axe 1: Expansion of land developed/reclaimed for rice cultivation ;**
- **Axe 2: Sustainable intensification of rice cultivation ;**
- **Axe 3: Paddy rice valorization;**
- **Axe 4: Research-dissemination, technical support and capacities strengthening of rice chain stakeholders.**

(NRDS Attached: unfortunately we haven't English version)

(2) Organizations involved in CARD initiative and NRDS process

Please attach following documents and explain major points of each document.

- List of NRDS Task Force core members
- List of NRDS Task Force full members
- Organogram which shows major related organizations and indicates the position of Task Force - Level of linkage with the CAADP Country Team (if available)

3. Duties of Your Organization/Department and Yourself

(1) Duties of your organization in general and with reference to the implementation of NRDS

- **Increase rice production through lowland development;**
- **intensify rice cultivation through high yield improved seed;**
- **diversify production on rice site through vegetable production for enhancement of farmers' incomes and poverty alleviation;**
- **Strengthen rice farmers, processors and traders organization capacity**
- **PRP is the focal point of NRDS/task force so our organization have supported NRDS elaboration and contributed to achieve NRDS objectives through its activities as lowland development and national rice consumption promotion**

(2) Duties of your department in general and with reference to the implementation of NRDS
My department is in charge of data collection, planning and monitoring/ evaluation PRP activities. Also, I am head of department and member of NRDS /Task Force therefore our department was really involved in data collection for NRDS formulation. Our department supported workshop for NRDS formulation and its dissemination to the rice chain's stakeholders (public sector and private sector).

(3) Duties of yourself in general and with reference to the implementation of NRDS

- **I am member of the task-force and the core in charge to development of the concepts notes on the priority actions of the NRDS**
- **I am in charge of development of a system of monitoring-evaluation of the NRDS**
- **I involved in the development of the supports of communication on the NRDS**

(4) How you have been involved in the implementation of NRDS

Please list all the CARD/NRDS events you have participated since January 2009, for example, a) CARD General Meetings, b) Regional Workshop of NRDS Formulation, c)

training visit to Nairobi, d) participation to the CARD Working Week as a core / full member of the NRDS Task Force, or e) other meetings on consultation / validation and launching of NRDS.

I am a core member of NRDS formulation. Since January 2009, I has been involved in 2 Regional workshop of NRDS formulation, I participated to the CARD Working Week as a core member in Senegal. I work with consultant dispatched by CARD for NRDS draft improvement. I collaborate with core member of NRDS for its validation and launching.

4. Challenges of CARD or NRDS process

(1) Challenges as a focal point/ a taskforce member regarding the implementation of NRDS process (e.g. institutional, capacity)

Our NRDS is already validated and launched since October 2011. Now our challenge is to finalize concept notes and promote NRDS to donors for implementation.

(2)Background of the above-mentioned challenges

- **The finalization of the conceptual notes in which priorities projects will be identified**
- **Sharing NRDS document and the conceptual notes with donors**
- **Sharing NRDS and concept notes documents with the key stakeholders of rice sector**
- **Developing device for NRDS follow-up-evaluation**
- **Seeking financial and technical resources for the implementation of conceptual notes linked to the NRDS**

(3)Your tentative idea for solving the above-mentioned challenges or improving the present situation

The task force has organized two regional workshop (west region and Est region) to share the components of NRDS and concepts notes with rice chain local stakeholders and get their suggestions and recommendations to improve documents formulation. The core members of task force will gather during 2 to 3 meeting to improve the quality of concept notes (6 concepts). After finalizing, the concept notes will be promoted and disseminated to donors. Agriculture sector donors will be sensitized to support rice chain regarding NRDS objective and strategy.

(4) Your expectation to the course with reference to the challenges

- **Improve our system of data collection for best monitoring rice sector activities;**
- **Strengthen my skill for Development of action plans**
- **Installation of the device of monitoring-evaluation of Rainfed Rice Project**
- **Development of the tools of communication**