

# INCEPTION REPORT - GHANA

## 1. Basic Information

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## 2. Current Situation Concerning CARD And NRDS In Ghana

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

The National task Force has achieved a lot over the past years. The strategy has gone through a lot of revision with inputs from key stakeholders in the rice sector until it was finally launched. At the CARD working week in 2010, rice projects undertaken between years 2000 to 2010 were examined as regards their objectives and major issues along the value chain addressed. This was followed by profiling the projects and matching them in the Needs-Resource Gap. The levels of Sub-Sector Interventions which the NRDS proposes to address were matched against the thematic areas of the NRDS. This led to the proposition of eight key projects. The CAADP / METASIP relation to the NRDS was discussed and ways of integrating NRDS implementation into CAADP process was also considered. Following the second rice working week in 2011, priority areas have been mapped out and major interventions have been proposed. These have been developed into concept notes and are now being fully developed into proposals to seek for funding and full implementation.

### List of ‘champions’ of the process (which is the output of the First Working Week)

The list of ‘champions’ included Development Partners, Non Governmental Organizations, Peasant Farmers Association, Food and Agriculture Organization among others. Some were part of the meetings while others had the opportunity to criticize and make more input into the proposed interventions of the NRDS

### ATTACHMENTS to have been generated through the CARD Initiative and Explain major points of each document.

- National Rice Development Strategy (This is a 35 page document. )
- Latest list of rice-related interventions (on-going/recently closed)
- 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)

(2) **Organizations Involved in CARD Initiative and NRDS Process**

**List of NRDS Task Force Core Members**

	<b>Core Members</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Expertise</b>
1.	Richard Twumasi-Ankrah	Crops Service Directorate – MoFA	NERICA Rice project Coordinator/ Focal Person
2.	Edwin Sonne	Crops Service Directorate – MoFA	Inland Valley Rice Project – Coordinator
3.	Joseph Gayin	CSIR-Food Research Institute	Post Harvest / Grain Quality/Sensory Evaluation
4.	Gordon Ekekpi	Deputy Director, MoFA	Rice Sector Support Project – Coordinator
5.	Cletus Acaab	Plant Protection and Regulatory Directorate- MoFA	Rice Seed production and Distribution
6.	Theresa Owusu-Ansah	Policy Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Directorate -MoFA	Policy Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation
7.	Representative	Ghana Rice Inter-Professional Body	Private Sector Coordinator
8.	Wilson Dogbe	CSIR- Savanna Agricultural Research Institute	Rice Breeder
9.	Ralph Bam	CSIR – Crops Research Institute	Rice Breeder
10.	John Nortey	Statistics Research and Information Directorate-MoFA	Statistician
11.	Kenneth Nyalemegbe	University of Ghana, Agricultural Research Station, Kpong	Agronomist/Irrigation Specialist
12.	Patrick Aboagye	Agricultural Engineering Services Directorate- MoFA	Agricultural Engineer

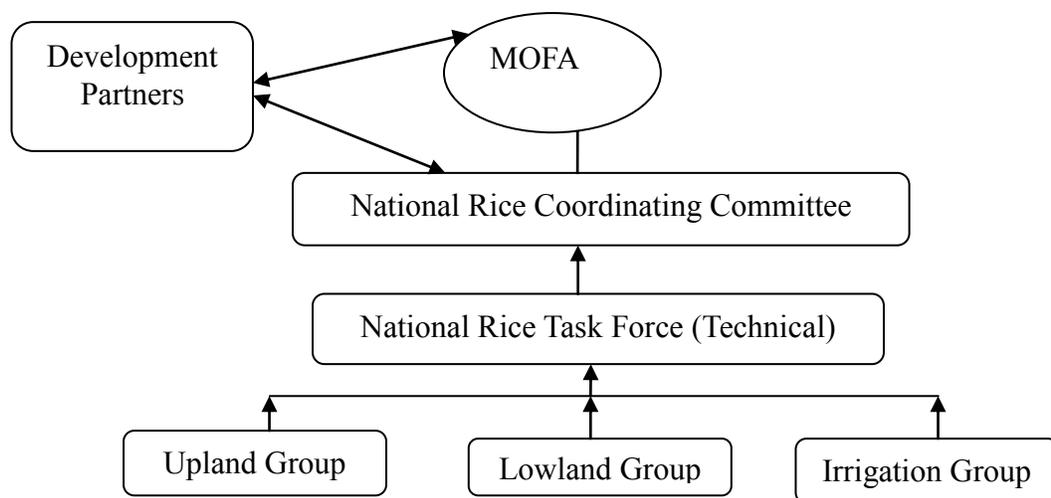
**MoFA- Ministry of Food & Agriculture, CSIR-Council for Scientific & Industrial Research**

**- List of NRDS Task Force Full Members**

	<b>Full Members</b>	<b>Institution</b>
1.	Richard Twumasi-Ankrah	Crops Service Directorate – MoFA
2.	Edwin Sonne	Inland Valley Rice Project – Coordinator
3.	Joseph Gayin	CSIR-Food Research Institute
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12.	Hassan Imoro	Directorate of Crops Services -MoFA
13.	Addae Manu	Directorate of Crops Services -MoFA
14.	E. Swatson	Kpong Irrigation Project - GIDA
15.	Patrick Aboagye	Agric. Engineering Services Directorate
16.	Representative	Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning
17.	Representative	Ministry of Trade and Industry

- Organogram Which Shows Major Related Organizations and Indicates the Position of Task Force

**Organogram of the NRDS**



*Figure 1: Governance of NRDS*

- Level of linkage with the CAADP Country Team (if applicable)

**A CAADP representative participated in the following workshops**

1. Ghana Rice Working Week (Accra-Ghana 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2010)
2. Ghana Rice Working Week (Accra-Ghana 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2011)

### **3. Duties of Your Organization/Department and Yourself**

**(1) Duties of your organization with reference to the implementation of NRDS**

The Ministry of food and Agriculture is the mother ministry responsible for food security in the country. Rice is one of the food security crops that the ministry is working on to ensure the country's self sufficiency in it.

**(2) Duties of your department with reference to the implementation of NRDS**

My directorate, the Statistics, Research, and Information is responsible for the generating all agricultural statistics in the country. She does well to meet the demands on agricultural statistics from the other departments of the ministry.

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

I have been ensuring that the data on production, cropped area and average crop yield is supplied when needed. I have also been working closely with my colleague at SARI to come out with information on the Emergency Rice Data System Survey. My directorate, Statistics, Research, and Information is giving a new face to her Multi-Round Annual Crop and Livestock Survey with assistance from the International Food Policy Research Institute and I am key player in this process.

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

I was nominated by my organisation by virtue of my position as the statistician and the second coordinator with the Emergency Rice Data Systems Project to the NRDS. I have been part of the Africa Rice various data collection on rice. I have since worked with the team in finalising the strategy and the development of priority areas and concept notes of the proposed priority areas to intervene.

**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)

The main challenge has to do with funds to effectively run the activities of the taskforce. In addition there is the challenge of lobbying other development partners to buy into the NRDS and offer support and funding for the implementation of the entire strategy.

(2) Your tentative idea how you can deal with the above-mentioned challenges

The Ministry of Food and Agriculture must be the first to seriously buy into the strategy thus making enough budgetary allocation for the NRDS in the national annual budget.

## List of Rice-Related Interventions

	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Start year</b>	<b>End Year</b>	<b>Field of Support</b>
1.	Expanded Rice Programme	On-going	2008		Extension & Training, Production, Post-harvest, Irrigation, Credit, Seed, Capacity building
2.	Dissemination of Improved Rice Production Systems with Emphasis on Nerica to Reduce Food Deficit and Improve Farmers Income in Ghana (UN-FAO/UNIDO-JAPAN GOV'T)	On-going	2011	2014	Extension & Training,
3.	Improving Yield, Quality and Adaptability of Upland and Rain fed Lowland Rice Varieties in Ghana to Reduce Dependency on Imported Rice (CRI-AGRA)	On-going	2009	2012	Research & Development
4.	Development of Rice Varieties with Enhanced Nitrogen-Use Efficiency and Salt Tolerance (NUE-EST-AATF)	On-going	2010	2015	Research & Development
5.	Development of low-input rice cultivation system in wetland in Africa	On-going	2009	2015	Research & Development
6.	Project for Sustainable Development of Rain-fed Lowland Rice Production	On-going	2009	2014	Extension & Training, Production, Post-harvest, Credit
7.	Rice Sector Support Project	On-going	2008	2014	Extension & Training, Production, Marketing, Post-harvest, Credit, Capacity building
8.	Inland Valleys Rice Development Project	Completed	2004	2011	R & D, Extension & Training, Production, Marketing Post-harvest, Irrigation, Credit, Seed,

**List of Priority Projects with Clear Indication of the Potential Source of Funding (Government, Development Partners, CAADP)**

	<b>Priority Projects</b>	<b>Potential Funding Source</b>
1.	Human Resource Development for Seed Production and Distribution Seed	GoG, DP
2.	Infrastructural Development to Improve Rice Seed Quality	GoG, DP
3.	Infrastructural development for Irrigation/Water Management	GoG, DP
4.	Support Provision for On-Farm Dissemination	GoG, DP
5.	Provision of Support for Mechanization	GoG, DP
6.	Infrastructural Development for Mechanization	GoG, DP
7.	Quality Improvement – Provision	GoG, DP
8.	Infrastructural Development for Quality Improvement	GoG, DP

GoG,-Government of Ghana, DP – Development Partners