



Liberia Inception Report

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CAADP
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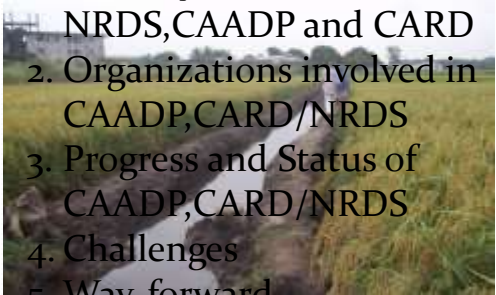




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Presentation Outline

1. Country Activities under the NRDS, CAADP and CARD
2. Organizations involved in CAADP, CARD/NRDS
3. Progress and Status of CAADP, CARD/NRDS
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Organizations involved in the CAADP and the CARD /NRDS process

No	Name of Organization involved in the CAADP/CARD/NRDS Process of Liberia	
1.	Ministry of Agriculture	16. Community of Hope Agriculture Project (CHAP)
2.	Ministry of Youth & Sports	17. United States Agency for International Development
3.	Liberia Champions of Change	18. Japan International Cooperation Agency
4.	Central Agriculture Research Institute (CARI)	19. Food and Enterprise Development
5.	BRAC	20. Farmers Union Network of Liberia
6.	University of Liberia	21. ROPPA
7.	Cutting University	22. Catholic Relief Services
8.	Grain Star	23. International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD)
9.	Arjay Farm	24. West Africa Agriculture Productivity Program (WAAPP)
10.	Smallholder Agriculture Productivity Enhancement Commercialization	25. Climate Change Adaptation and Program Project
11.	Agriculture infrastructural Development Program	26. Agriculture Sector Rehabilitation Program
12.	Africa Lead/USAID	27. Action Aid
13.	World Bank	28. Agriculture Donor Working Group
14.	European Union	29. Oxfam UK
15.	Africa Rice Center	30. CAADP Focal person

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Summary progress in the implementation of the CAADP and NRDS

Liberia has been able to achieved the following under the CAADP,CARD and NRDS :

-  The President of Liberia, H.E. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, on May 9, 2014, in support of rice intensification initiative in Liberia under the NRDS launched the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) champion by Community of Hope Agriculture Project (CHAP) in Zubah Town, Paynesville, Monrovia, Liberia under the Ministry of Agriculture.
-  70-plus Liberian Champions for Change trained in awareness raising in neighboring Ghana under the CAADP framework
-  A prototype rice-weeder was brought into Liberia by CHAP through MOA and 15pieces were fabricated locally by a Liberian youth with support from WAAPP through CHAP.
-  Involvement of Producers organizations in the designs and implementation of NRDS ,CAADP Program
-  Development of the following policies LASIP, LNRDS and 5 concept notes etc

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Involvement in the implementation of NRDS/CAADP


My Involvement	
Participated in Training of Champions on CAADP in Ghana	Participated in launching of the LNRDS
Participated in the Africa Lead Non-State Actor Workshop on CAADP in Liberia	Attended CAADP/LNRDS Task Force meeting
Attended Steering Committee meetings for the approval of CAADP and LNRDS AWPB Projects	Participated in the review of the seed policy workshop
Participated in the regional workshop of SRI in Burkina Faso Served as TASK FORCE member ,FOCAL POINT for SRI Rice	Participated in the validation and launching of LNRDS

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Challenges of CARD/NRDS process and CAADP implementation


- Limited budgetary allocation at national and local levels for CAADP and LNRDS program;
- Government commitment to MAPUTO remained at 2.5% to 3% for the past 10 years under the CAADP Framework;
- High labor and production cost of rice coupled with lack of machines and low yields, including lack of extension services including lack of profit for rice producers ;
- Delay in passing Seed Law, thus affecting seed producers coupled with lack of a seed certification board;

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Measures taken to address above listed challenges





- That the rice sector become more active with clear TOR , budgetary support; Promote Institutional changes, designs proposal/projects that will finance rice producers couple with policy for rice producers;
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 - Development of a new road map for CARI to become semi-autonomous;
 - Inclusion of producers' organizations in the design and implementation of the CAADP and LNRDS, involvement of the private sector ;
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 - Government has decided this current fiscal year 2014/2015 to make available 9.3 million to agriculture sector with special focus on rice producers ;
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 - Launching of the System of Rice Intensification on May 9,2014 at CHAP office and site by the President of Liberia H.E. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf along with Dr. Florence A. Chenoweth, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture;
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 - Ongoing lobbying with donors for buy-in to finance the five the concept notes into full bloom project proposals;




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Way Forward

- 1. There is a need for robust awareness rising on NRDS, CARD and CAADP across the country;
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 - 2. Funding to develop the 5 concept notes into full-project proposal, support rice farmers to make profit from rice production through scaling up SRI Rice;
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 - 3. Develop policy on access to rural finance and mechanization for farmers in urban and rural areas;
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 - 4. Continued Government & donor commitment to support agriculture projects;
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 - 5. Achievement of the Maputo Declaration target (10% of national budget devoted to agriculture).



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