

Overall Introduction for CARD Regional Workshop

CARD Regional Workshop
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CARD Secretariat



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<Background 1>

- IFAD has supported in the CARD Initiative in “South-South Cooperation” and “Integration of CARD related activities in the overarching development frameworks and sector strategies”
- South-South Cooperation under CARD has been “from Asia to Africa”, while there are some success cases in Africa.
- Arising needs for scaling-up mindset for larger impacts.
- We can take stock of best practices from Sub-Sahara Africa and share among African countries for scaling up
- IFAD decided to provide supports to the CARD secretariat in the stocktaking of best practices and analysis on them for scaling up/out to other countries.



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<Background 2>

- Insufficient supply of quality rice seeds is the problem commonly shared among the CARD member countries
- Seeds is one of the top priorities in all CARD member countries for improved rice productivity.
- Difficulties; Lack of adequate Legislation/Policies/Institutions, Diverse Stakeholders, Needs to consider market force, Technical Difficulties, and Capacity Constraints
- Challenges scattered across the whole production and supply chain - Needs to have comprehensive interventions in all difficulties
- CARD Secretariat launched the Pilot Initiative for Improved Rice Seed Sector in 10 countries, with the objective to develop country-specific Rice Seed Development Strategy, "Rice Seed Road Map", and future investment/intervention plans for the realization of Rice Seed Road Map



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Progress in the two initiatives;

- Stocktaking of Best Practices

A number of cases were identified as best practices and preliminary analyses for scaling up were conducted.

- CARD Rice Seed Pilot Initiative

10 target countries conducted/ are conducting following exercises; information collection, situation analysis, consultation with stakeholders in rice seed sector, and strategy development.

Based on the above exercises, the Rice Seed Development Strategy was drafted in respective countries.



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<Objectives>

To share the progress made in;

- i) Analytical work under the IFAD funded project for scaling successful models of interventions in CARD countries, and
- ii) Development of “Rice Seed development Strategy” in the CARD Pilot Initiative for Improved Rice Seed Sector.

<Program Components>

- “Best Practices for Scaling Up” (DAY 1)
- “Progress of Development of Rice Seed Development Strategy” (DAY 2 &3)



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<Participants>

- Some CARD Steering Committee Members
(Africa Rice, AGRA, FAO, FARA, IFAD, IRRI, JICA, JIRCAS, and World Bank)
- Delegations from the countries participating in the CARD Pilot Initiative on Improved Rice Seed Sector
- Other Resource Persons
(African Seed Network)



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Details on each component of the workshop (Best Practice for Scaling up, and CARD Rice Seed Pilot Initiative) will be explained in separate presentations.....



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