



**TRAINING AND DIALOGUE PROGRAMS ON THE PROMOTION OF RICE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH STRENGTHENING, COORDINATION BETWEEN CARD AND CAADP FOR SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN COUNTRIES**

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- The Gambia with an area of just under 11000 km<sup>2</sup> is the smallest country on mainland Africa and is surrounded by Senegal on all sides except on the western side**
- The topography is largely riverine flats and mangrove swamps intersected by tidal creeks and savannah woodland with shrub and grass.**
- Dissected by The Gambia River, four major landscapes have been identified: the floodplains, the colluvial slopes, and the lower and higher plateaus.**

- **The climate is Sudano-Sahelian (semi-arid) marked by a rainy season between June and October which often result in flash floods and heavy rain falls and a long dry season from December to May.**
- **Mean temperature is 25 Degree Celsius with a low of 18 and a high of 38 degrees.**
- **The country's estimated population is 1.8 million inhabitants with an annual growth rate of 2.0 percent.**

# FOOD SECURITY

- **The country relies heavily on food imports, especially rice, the main staple food. 99.7% of all households consume cereals, as rice is the staple food in the country.**
- **The bulk of the rice consume is imported from Asia, some of which is reexported to third countries**

# Rice production in the Gambia

- **The Gambia is yet to develop a concept note because of funding. Plans are under way to develop on under the NEMA Project.**
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- **Task Force on National Rice Development Strategies (NRDS) for the Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD).**

# The members of the CARD/NRDS Task Force

- National Agricultural Research Institute
- Office of Director General, DOA
- Regional Directors
- National Agricultural Research Institute, Cereals Programme (Rice)
- Deputy Director, DOP
- Deputy Director, Technical Services, attention SWMU
- Deputy director Agricultural Engineering
- Deputy Director, Agricultural Communication

- **Director National Environmental Agency**
- **Deputy Director, Agric Business**
- **Project Coordinator, CPCU**
- **Ministry of Agriculture, Projects and Programmes**
- **Ministry of Trade**
- **Ministry of Finance**
- **Farmers association (Farmers Platform)**
- **NGO Representative**



# AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PRODUCTION IN THE GAMBIA

- In the Gambia a National Agricultural Sample Survey (NASS) conducted each year since 1974. This annual survey is undertaken every year by the Agricultural Statistics and Resource Economics Section (ASRE) of the Planning Services Unit (PSU) , Department of Agriculture (DOA) ,Ministry of Agriculture (MOA).







CROP	PRODUCTION (HA)			
	2012	2007-2011 5 -Year Average	% Change of 2012 over 2011	% Change of 2012 over 5-Year Average
<b>Early Millet</b>	<b>96,467</b>	<b>85,536</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>12.8</b>
<b>Late Millet</b>	<b>19,622</b>	<b>16,339</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>20.1</b>
<b>Sorghum</b>	<b>23,146</b>	<b>19,090</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>21.2</b>
<b>Maize</b>	<b>28,934</b>	<b>30,703</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>-5.8</b>
<b><i>Total Coarse Grain</i></b>	<b><i>168,169</i></b>	<b><i>151,668</i></b>	<b><i>28</i></b>	<b><i>10.9</i></b>
<b><i>Total Paddy</i></b>	<b><i>54,218</i></b>	<b><i>44,227</i></b>	<b><i>6</i></b>	<b><i>22.6</i></b>
<b><i>Total Cereal</i></b>	<b><i>222,387</i></b>	<b><i>195,895</i></b>	<b><i>21.8</i></b>	<b><i>13.5</i></b>
<b><i>Total Groundnuts</i></b>	<b><i>119,614</i></b>	<b><i>99,285</i></b>	<b><i>42.6</i></b>	<b><i>20.5</i></b>

CROP	AREA (HA)			
	2012	2007-2011 5 -Year Average	% Change of 2012 over 2011	% Change of 2012 over 5-Year Average
Early Millet	92,490	92,150	3.3	0.4
Late Millet	21,092	18,832	0.5	12
Sorghum	29,602	26,301	0.1	12.6
Maize	38,486	33,311	52.4	15.5
<i>Total Coarse Grain</i>	<i>181,670</i>	<i>170,594</i>	<i>9.9</i>	<i>6.5</i>
<i>Total Paddy</i>	<i>63,592</i>	<i>39,754</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>60</i>
<i>Total Cereal</i>	<i>245,262</i>	<i>210,348</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>16.6</i>
<i>Total Groundnuts</i>	<i>116,507</i>	<i>116,855</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>-0.3</i>