

Sierra Leone Presentation

3rd CARD General Meeting
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Chronology of the Sierra Leone NRDS

Launching of the NRDS

Participating Partners for the launching were

The National Rice Development Strategy was launched on the 4th and 5th March 2010 with over 60 participants drawn from sectors of the rice value chain.

- Participating partners include researchers, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food Security (MAFFS), Line ministries, Private sector, Input suppliers, Farmers organizations, Intermediaries, etc.

Mid – Year Stakeholder meeting

- The mid – year stakeholders meeting has been scheduled for July 2010. This will include members of the steering committee and other stakeholders in the value chain

Modality of implementing the NRDS in Sierra Leone

Implementation

How the NRDS will be implemented in Sierra Leone

- The main task force is the **Steering Committee** for the implementation of the rice strategy
- Government uses broad policy formulation and stimulation in support of private sector engagement in production and marketing.
- Programmes have sound planning, allocation of appropriate roles to various stakeholders, good management of appropriate institutions and resources and exit strategies from time bound projects.

■ NRDS Implementation mechanism

Provide high quality seeds of improved rice varieties and implement national seed policy for the development of an effective and sustainable seed system.



NRDS Matrix

Stakeholder analysis

- **The Government through its institutions under the coordination of the National Seed Board shall play the lead role to enhance farmer demand for improved seeds and supply.**
- **The MAFFS designates a senior director of the ministry to be a liaison officer for the NRDS.**
- **The Ministry's Project Evaluation and Monitoring division will be responsible for monitoring and evaluating the implementation and achievements of the strategy.**

Constraints for implementation the NRDS in Sierra Leone

Strategic frameworks

- The NRDS will have to be integrated into other Policy frameworks such as the Water and Sanitation Policy, the Medium Term Expenditure Framework, and the Rural and Private Sector Development Strategy which is jointly administered by the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Trade

Programme Management

- Current programmes in Sierra Leone are funded by multiple donors who had developed their own projects before the completion of the NRDS. As such we could identify some key implementation issues:
 - The Government does not have complete control over budget decisions by donors
 - Budgets are not aligned with key value chain activities
 - There is a need for the NRDS to be mainstreamed into the whole programme of the Ministry

Resource mobilisation

- At the current moment the NRDS is not a costed strategy and only exists as a thematic document
- This makes articulating the resource needs of the different value chain activities a challenge for the Ministry.

- NRDS Matrix of on-going and pipeline interventions is currently being updated
- a) Agricultural Sector Rehabilitation Project (ASREP) - African Development Bank
- b) National Agriculture Response Programme - ADB, ASREP, RCPRP, EC Food Facility, FAO
- c) Rural finance and Community Improvement Programme - IFAD
- d) Agricultural Development Project in Kambia – JICA
- e) Use of Stabex Transfers Project - EU
- f) Links Project by CORAD – USAID to CARE, AFRICARE, CRS, WORLD VISION
- g) Hybrid Rice Promotion – PR China Bi- Lateral Assistance
- h) Program for the intensification of rice production – Government of Sierra Leone
- i) Nerica Dissemination Project - ADB
- j) Purchase for Progress (P4P) - WFP
- k) Seed Enterprise enhancement and development – Government of Germany
- l) Diversified Food Production Project Islamic Development Bank
- m) West Africa Agricultural Productivity Program (WAAPP 11) – World Bank, JICA and GOSL

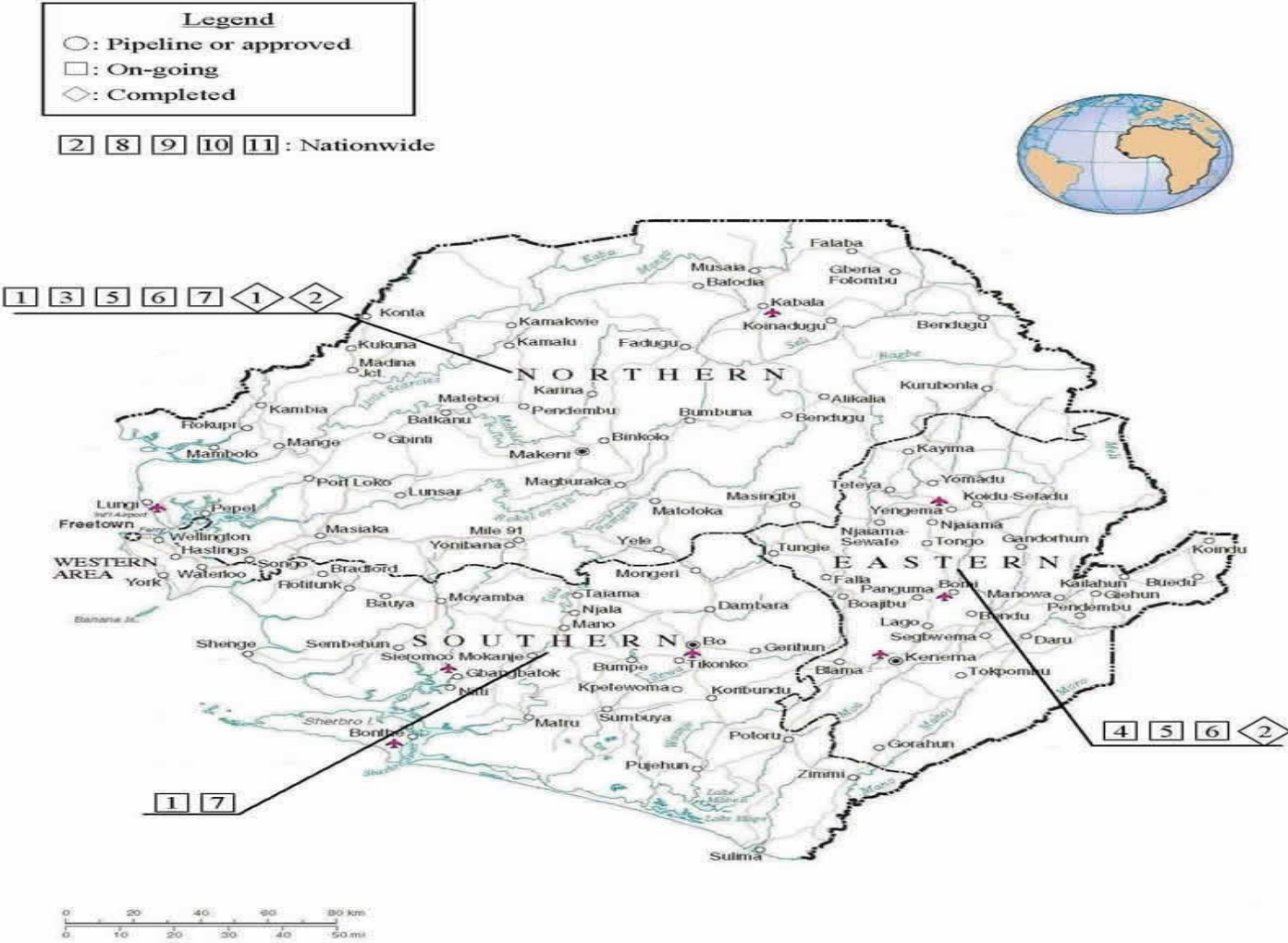
Current situation on rice-related intervention

Rice Related
programmes
and projects

Strategic Location mapping of potential rice production
areas to be developed.

Rice location map

Updating of Rice location map in progress



Map of the Rice Related Projects Showing their Coverage (10/12), Sierra Leone

Future steps to improve NRDS implementation

CARD
Consultancy

Implementation
Strategy

- National consultant recruited by CARD currently involved in mapping exercise.

There is a National Consultant for CARD in Sierra Leone to facilitate the implementation of the mid-year stake holders meeting proposed for July 2010.

- Preliminary results reveal significant gaps in funding for value chain activities.

- Key stakeholder groups to be included in the Task Force Committee

MAFFS, Researchers, NGO'S, Farmers Associations, Farmers Based Organizations ETC

- NRDS to be updated and mainstreamed into the Ministry's programming

■ Document already developed ready for mainstreaming in to the ministry's Programme

- Strategies should be geared to increasing volumes of rice production

- As well as increasing yields of rice varieties and expanding the areas under cultivation

■ Vertical and horizontal increase in rice production

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