

**CARD First Group County  
GM4 Presentation  
(CAMEROON)**

# Rice production

(source: [www.countrystat.org/CMR](http://www.countrystat.org/CMR))

Crop	2008	2009	2010	Growth ('10 / '08)
Rice	72 009	ND	174 800	+143%
Maize	1 394 832	ND	1 674 400	+20%
Cassava	2 882 734	ND	3 024 000	+5%
Wheat	0	ND	0	
Plantain	2 500 639	ND	2 604 100	+4%
Millet/sorghum	1 006 478	ND	955 300	-5%

# Priority Areas on SIEM

<b>CAMEROON</b>	<b>Policy / institutional</b>	<b>Infrastructure</b>	<b>Human resource capacity</b>	<b>Provision / support</b>	<b>Information / knowledge</b>
<b>Seed</b>		Breeding facilities including gene banks- Multiplication facilities -Storage facilities -Distribution facilities		Certified seeds provided at subsidized rate through a voucher or other efficient mechanism	
<b>Fertilizer</b>				Fertilizers provided at subsidized rate through a voucher or other efficient mechanism	
<b>Irrigation / water management</b>	Policy on water use -Laws & regulations -Groups (Water use & management associations)	-Full irrigation and Partial irrigation facilities in rain fed lowlands (Wells, boreholes; Canals, dykes) -meteorological stations			
<b>On-farm technology dissemination</b>					appropriate technologies demonstrated to/adopted by farmers
<b>Mechanization</b>					
<b>Quality improvement</b>		-Storage facilities - sufficient number of rice mills (small, medium and large scale) in each rice growing area - Drying yards/facilities			
<b>Access to market</b>					
<b>Access to credit</b>					
<b>Overall policy tools</b>	Regional rice dvpt plans elaborated Agricultural Land Policy				

# Alignment of priority Interventions to national strategies including CAADP

NRDS Projects	DSCE	CAADP	potential investor
Multiplication and distribution of improved rice seeds	« <b>Improvement of agric. Chain values competitiveness Program</b> »	Sub program N° 2.2 on inputs and 1.8 on strategic enterprises	Private sector Government Foreign donors
Support to research on adapted varieties and conservation of basic seeds	« <b>Improvement of agric. Chain values competitiveness Program</b> »	Sub program N° 2.2 on inputs and 1.8 on strategic enterprises	Government (IRAD) Foreign donors
Support to access to seeds and fertilizers of good quality in the rice chain value	« <b>Improvement of agric. Chain values competitiveness Program</b> »		Government
Construction of new irrigated facilities	« modernization of agric. Production infrastructures » <b>Program</b>	Sub program N° 1.5 on water for agric. production	Private sector Foreign donors Government
Characterization of potential basins of rice production and elaboration of a master plan for irrigation	« modernization of agric. Production infrastructures » <b>Program</b>	Sub program N° 1.4 on land management and 1.5 on water for agric. production	Government Foreign donors
Extension of technological packages on rice through the 5 AEZ of the country	« <b>Improvement of agric. Chain values competitiveness Program</b> »	Sub program N° 1.4 on land management and 2.2 on inputs of good quality	Government Foreign donors Private sector
Development of processing and storage infrastructures in the rice basins of production	« modernization of agric. Production infrastructures » <b>Program</b> and « <b>Improvement of agric. Chain values competitiveness Program</b> »	Sub program 1.8. on strategic enterprises ; 2.3 on added value and 2.5 on commercialization	Private sector Foreign donors Government
Update of the NRDS and elaboration of regional development plans for rice	Program on « <b>institutional</b> development and improvement of capacities of agric stakeholders »	Sub program N° 1.4 on land management and 1.8 on strategic enterprises	Government Foreign donors

# List of Champions

NAME	Organisation/structure	QUALITY	Linkage to the NRDS process
M. EKO'O AKOUAFANE Jean Claude	MINADER	General Secretary	Already involved ( Chairperson of the NRDS Steering Committee)
M.GUINDO Ousmane	FAO	Country Representative	Represented by a Program Officer at the Steering Committee
M.TASONG Paul	MINEPAT	General Secretary Chairperson of the Follow Up Committee of the National Strategy for Growth and Employment Co- Chairperson of the multi partner Committee	Represented by an Officer at the Steering Committee
M. OUM ELOMA Janvier	MINEPAT	General Director of Planning	
M. Nadine GBOSSA	IFAD	Chief of the Country desk	Represented by a Program Officer at the Steering Committee
M. BELA Lazare	Ministry in charge of Finances	Chef of Department of Economics Affairs	Represented by a Program Officer at the Steering Committee
M.BAMZOCK N. Cyprien	MIRAP	Manager	Represented by an Officer at the Steering Committee
NWANA SAMA Bernard	CAPEF	General Secretary Chairperson of the rice platform settled by the CFC/IRAD Project	Represented by an Officer at the Steering Committee
The Chief of the French Service of Cooperation and Cultural Action (SCAC)	French Embassy	Co- Chairperson of the multi partner Committee	Invited but not represented at the two last sessions of the Steering Committee

## Action Taken to Materialise: Day 5 Participants List

<b>Participating Organizations to the Day 5 meeting</b>
<b>Government ( 05 representatives of the Ministries of Agriculture and Rural Development; Trade; Finance; Economy and Planning; Research)</b>
<b>Institute of Agricultural Research for Development</b>
<b>Chamber of Agriculture, Fishery , Livestock and Forests</b>
<b>Parastatal rice growing Entreprises : Upper Nun Valley Development Authority</b>
<b>Authority in charge of the regulation of the market of high consumption commodities</b>
<b>Private sector ( Rice importer SOACAM,</b>
<b>Foreign donors and other partners ( CARD Secretariat, FAO, IFAD, KOICA, KRC, African Union, Korea Rural Community Corporation, Korean International Cooperation Agency)</b>

**Action Taken to Materialize:  
Other Efforts to Government Sector, CAADP & Development Partners**

Date	Actions taken (meeting etc)
28/04/2011	Preparation of a request for a pilot project to KRC
May 2011	discussions with the representative of IFAD on the possible support to NRDS/TF, (to be continued)
June 2011	Discussion with the Department of Economic Affairs of the Ministry of Finance on priority actions to develop the rice sector in Cameroon
13/07/2011	Discussions with authorities of MINFI/DAE on the ways and means to improve the trade balance of the country
September 2001	Ministry of Finance relented by MINADER to release 500 000 000 FCFA (about 1.2 million USD) allocated to 18 rice producer's organisations for the acquisition of inputs 'seeds, fertilizers, pesticides.

## Success ?

Priority project	Adoption by the government / CAADP / DPs
Development of new irrigated facilities	<p><i>A Pilot project sponsored by the Korea Rural Community Corporation (KRC), titled "Mechanized Complex Development Project for Irrigated Rice Cultivation of Centre Region in Cameroon" has been identified following the participation of representatives of this institution at the day 5 meeting of the 2nd working week; The Record of Discussions has been signed on the 19th August 2011 and Experts are awaited on October 2011 for the beginning of the project to be executed under the MINADER</i></p>
Updating of NRDS and elaboration of regional rice development plans	<p>Informal agreement of IFAD to support the NRDS/TF according to the official data published by the Custom services, importations of rice has decline in Cameroon by 100 000 tons in 2010 as compare to 2009 (470 000 tons).</p>
Multiplication and distribution of improved rice seeds	<p>Project on Upland Rice Development of the Tropical Forest Zone in Cameroon Sponsored by JICA; Ongoing since May 26th, 2011. Executed by MINADER</p>



# Issues

- **Regarding implementation of the Working Weeks:**

*Lack of financial incitation for the mobilization of the task force members resulting in their non or poor availability when needed*

- **Regarding negotiating the champions:**

*Implication of the sole already busy Focal Point due to low/non availability of task force members*

- **Regarding securing the funds on rice-related interventions:**

*Difficulty to obtain in time the provision made by the MINADER in his budget to support rice farmers and rice enterprises of the public sector*

*Poor financial credibility of private partners interested in the Public Private Partnership*

**Regarding the impact of the NRDS implementation:**

*Lack of means for the NRDS Task force to finance some follow up missions in rice production enterprises and basins*

*Difficulty for the task force to cross-check the information released by some stakeholders*

# Challenges

Many challenges remains in the implementation of the NRDS among which:

- the difficulty to maintain a good working spirit among the Task Force Team without any particular financial motivation;
- The necessity to improve the coordination of the interventions planned and/or realized by different stakeholders of the rice chain value, in order to avoid duplications and antagonisms;
- The “reluctance “of some foreign donors due to the difficulties in line with previous important initiative in which they were involved (the settlement of a SWAP in the agriculture and livestock sector

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## List of Abbreviations

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Full Name</b>
<b>AEZ</b>	<b>Agro Ecological Zone</b>
<b>CIDA</b>	<b>Canadian International Development Agency</b>
<b>CAPEF</b>	<b>Chamber of Agriculture, Fishery , Livestock and Forests</b>
<b>DSCE</b>	<b>National Strategy for Growth and Employment Paper</b>
<b>IRAD</b>	<b>Institute of Agricultural Research for Development</b>
<b>JICA</b>	<b>Japanese International Cooperation Agency</b>
<b>KRC</b>	<b>Korea Rural Community Corporation</b>
<b>MINADER</b>	<b>Ministry of Agriculture and rural Development</b>
<b>MIRAP</b>	<b>Authority in charge of the regulation of the market of high consumption commodities</b>