

ANNEX I

1. Basic Information

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2. Current Situation concerning NRDS and CARD related activities, as well as alignment in Sierra Leone, that were formulated in the training in the previous year

1. Summary progress in the implementation of NRDS.

On consultation with CARD focal point in Sierra Leone, upon our discussion, some issues were discussed on the achievement and on-going activities concerning NRDS implementation and other CARD-related activities.

Some achievements by NRDS implementation are;

- The JICA TP-R project have taught the right bearers to do second cropping and good agronomic and maintenance practices, have increased their yield from 1.5mt/ha to 3.5mt/ha in Kambia District.
- The NERICA project has disseminated over 1000mt of seed rice (NERICA) to farmers which is in circulation that most farmers have it in their seed banks. The NERICA is a short duration variety of which when cultivated twice in the year, food will be readily available to farmers, through that food security will be attained.
- In the rural finance, farmers can boast of having a financial institution that is accessible and affordable for loan in their communities of which they can take loan with a very small interest rate of 2.5%.

For on-going activities;

- Farmers have just benefited from the Post Ebola seed support of which over 5,000 of them have benefited for this cropping season.
- The Agricultural Business Centers (ABC's) are presently supplying over 2,000 bags of rice to WFP for the P4P.

2. Summary of current situation of marketing infrastructure development and operation in Sierra Leone.

The current status, achievements, on-going activities are;

- ASREP has supported the Ministry in terms of infrastructure like stores, office space are rehabilitated so as to support in the market infrastructure.
- On the intensification of rice production, WAAPP, JICA and World Bank donated seed rice (NERICA) for the post Ebola support to the government to supply farmers to help them revive their seed banks because there was no farming during the Ebola outbreak, and the farmers have eaten all their seeds.

- In the area of planning, some ABC's are to be transformed to cooperatives of which they will be given a start-up kit, which they can cultivate rice, value addition, packaging, storage and sales to the public.

The implementation of other CARD related activities are successful. Some of these activities are;

- Hybrid rice production by JICA.
- Agricultural Development project by JICA.
- Agricultural sector rehabilitation project by AFDB

3. **List of successful experiences are:**

- The breakthrough of the P4P in the country of which farmers can be boastful to be able to supply about 200,000 bags of rice to WFP for Kambia District.
- The accessibility of the Financial sector (FSA) by the farmers, of which all their transactions are made through the community banks.
- The provision of seeds to the farmers by WAAPP has increased the productivity and production of the farmers.

3. **Duties of Ministry of Agriculture and Extension Officer**

1. The Ministry of Agriculture is the hub of all agricultural activities implemented in the country. So they oversee some activities implemented by partners and also they implement some, of which MAFFS will sign a memorandum with these implementing partners to make sure the right thing is done in the field. Also the MAFFS M@E and Extension are continuously supervising the implementing partners at district level to ensure transparency and quality work.

2. The Extension division is responsible for the dissemination of technology adopted by CARD/NRDS and also is in constant communication with the implementing partners to ensure that the projects goals are achieved.

Photos of projects supported by the NRDS (National Rice Development Strategy) in Sierra Leone



Cross section of rice at Takorrodi ABC, Rokupr for the P4P



Exchange visit by farmers supported by the JICA on second cropping at Masineh



Sabenty of Romaneh community doing a demo on the WAAPP project