

# **Overview of the rice sector and/or the National Rice Development Strategy in new member countries**

## **Burundi**

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# The Rice Sector in Burundi - Context

## Why promote the rice sector?

In Burundi, rice is a strategic crop which is key to food security. Rice is mainly used to feed the local population but is increasingly becoming a source of income for the people of Burundi.

## Main challenges and opportunities

### ➤ Challenges

- Local rice production is insufficient to meet requirements despite huge potential
- The country must pay above its means for imported rice
- Locally produced rice is not sufficiently promoted to local consumers

### ➤ Opportunities

- The availability of land to grow rice and water for irrigation
- Partnerships with national and international research centres and development institutions
- The country recognizes that rice is a strategic crop

# Burundi's NRDS – Conceptual framework

## Aim

To promote the production and sale of rice to improve food and nutrition security and boost the national economy.

## Targets

	Area (ha)	Yield	Prod. (t)
2018			
2025	80,601	5	403,005
2030			

## Strategic/specific objectives

- Increase rice production
- Promote the rice produced
- Coordinate and strengthen the partnership

## Priority actions

	Action	Period	Budget (USD)
1	Develop land and roads for rice farming	2021-2025	660,200,000
2	Support the seed sector	2021-2025	475,173,000
3	Promote the use of fertilizer	2021-2023	51,787,000
4	Promote rice sales	2021-2025	2,627,000
5	Create and strengthen the partnership	2021-2025	977,650,000

# Rice sector structure in Burundi

Organisation	Role
<b>(Public Sector)</b>	
ISABU FABI	Research
SRDI	Operational support, Seed production
DPEAE	Regulation, Operational support, Seed production
<b>(Private Sector)</b>	
University of Ngozi	Research
CAPAD , Diverse cooperatives	Leading projects to facilitate production, Seed production
Diverse NGOs	Leading projects to facilitate production
<b>(Development Partners)</b>	
IRRI	Research & development, pre-base seed production
World Bank	Funding development projects
IFAD	Funding development projects
FAO	Funding development projects

# Expectations for the CARD initiative

- Technical support to finalize the NRDS
- Support to find funding