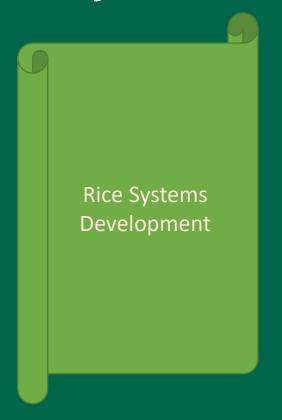


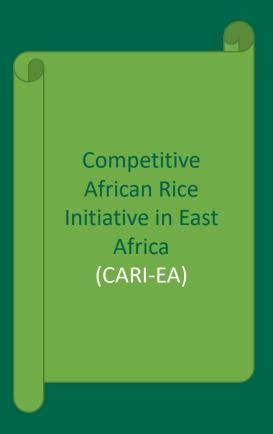


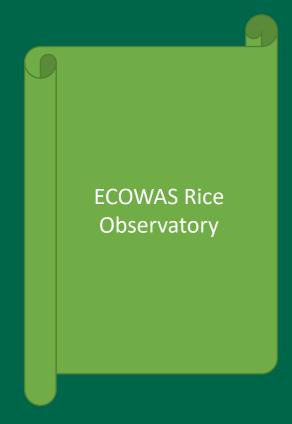
# AGRA's Support to the Rice Industry in Africa

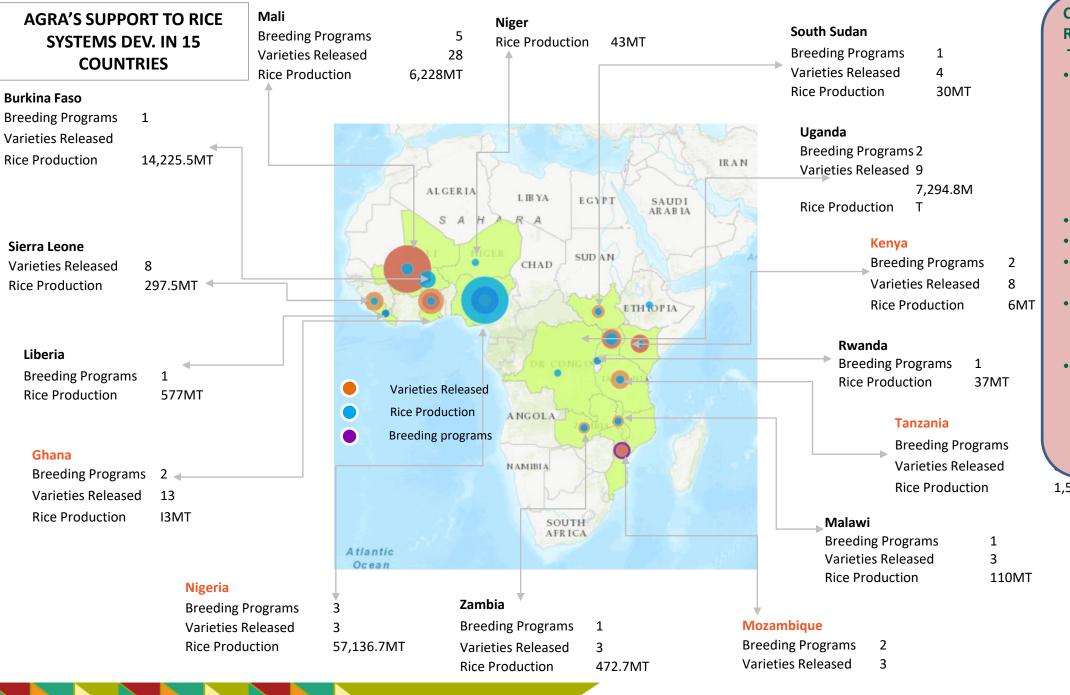
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### **Key Rice Initiatives Supported by AGRA**









Consortia Investments in Rice

Tz, Moz, Ghana, Nigeria

- Uptake of new varieties, improved GAP, more seed companies including rice in their portfolios, Yield increase of 12-56%
- Ready markets
- Reduced PHL
- Increased mechanization
- Increased SMEs in rice value chain – creating ready market
- In Ghana rice is listed on the Ghana Commodity Exchange

1,575.7MT

### CARI-EA Key Results (Apr 2019 – Dec 2021)

#### Farmers & Inputs



**188,884** SHFS integrated in structured input & output markets



**22,955 MT** of quality agro-inputs (seed & fertilizer) accessed



services

**178,702** value

chain actors access

extension support

**USD 6.2 Million** leveraged from public & private sector investments by CARI-EA

#### Access to finance



**32,100** value chain actors access financial services



of loans accessed by value chain actors from financial institutions

**USD 10.7 Million** 



Paddy production

valued at USD 46.8

Million sold through structured markets

## Processing and marketing/branding



**101,884 MT** of milled rice valued at **USD 71.2 Million** sold through structured markets (national & across borders)



3 rice brands developed/ improved

# Job creation and networking



**2,144** new jobs created



1 regional rice platform established

22 lead firms

AGRA has partnered with like minded organizations including CARD/JICA, BMGF, World Bank, FCDO, GIZ, AFRICA RICE, ands IsDB to support the operationalization of ECOWAS Rice Observatory (ERO).

The aim is to increase investments in the rice industry, facilitate intra-regional trade, and set standards for safe and nutritious rice as well as promote climate-smart practices in the rice farms and processing facilities.

**Objective 1: Recommend solutions to** help overcome market failures impeding the development of the rice sub-sector: Use expert knowledge and evidence to identify, develop, inform and/or influence at least one policy, regulation or standard that helps promote capital investment in rice/rice products across ECOWAS on annual basis. Assess which market incentives and penalties could be utilized to support the further development of rice subsector.

Objective 2: Recommend interventions that will contribute towards growth in intra-regional trade? Serve as a resource for national and regional platforms by identifying enablers and recommending interventions, at least one annually, that will contribute towards growth in intra-regional trade in rice.

Objective 3: Develop a common set of standards that can be deployed and enforced at the regional level: Ensure that food safety, quality, environmentally sustainable, and climatesmart best practices are aligned to international standards within five years.



### **Thank You**

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