



**Democratic
Republic of
Congo (DRC)**



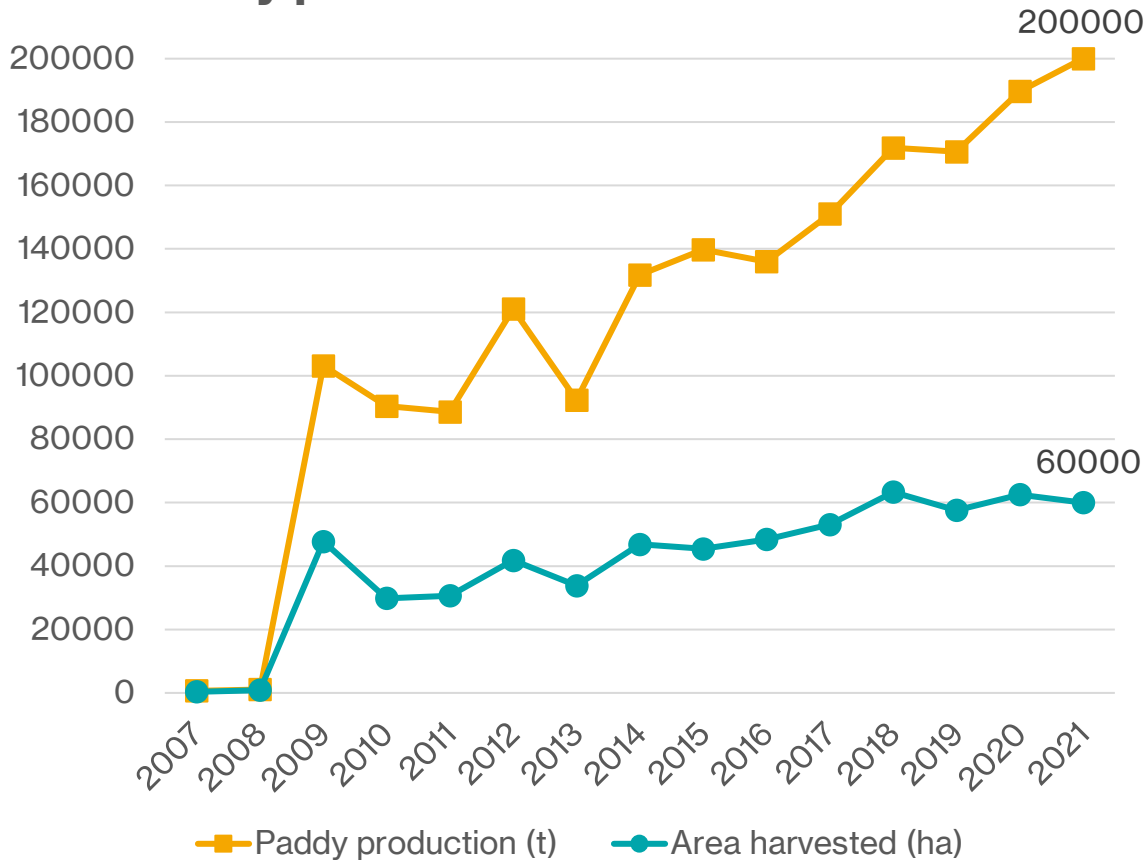
9th CARD General Meeting

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Overall Indicators

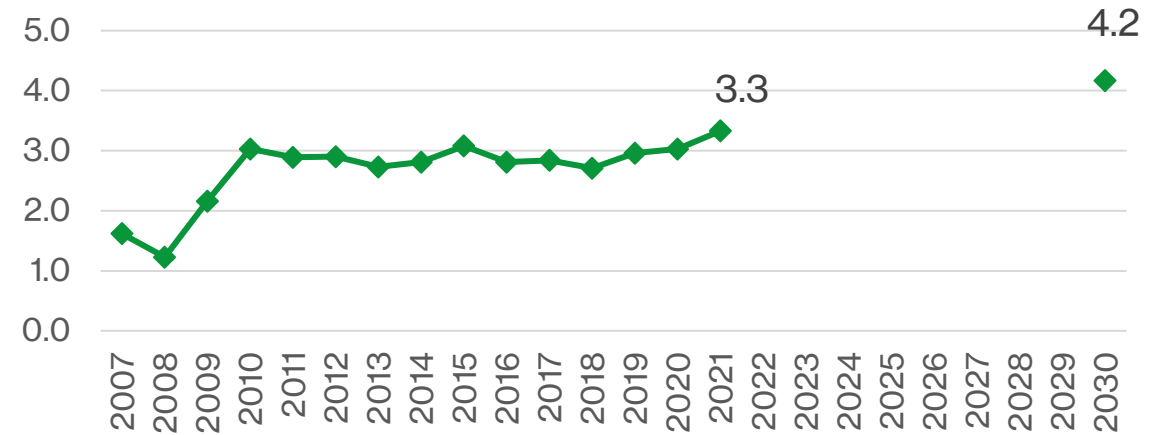
Paddy production and Area harvested



	2007	2018	2030 target
Production (t)	681	171,854	2,000,000
Area (ha)	421	63,362	450,000

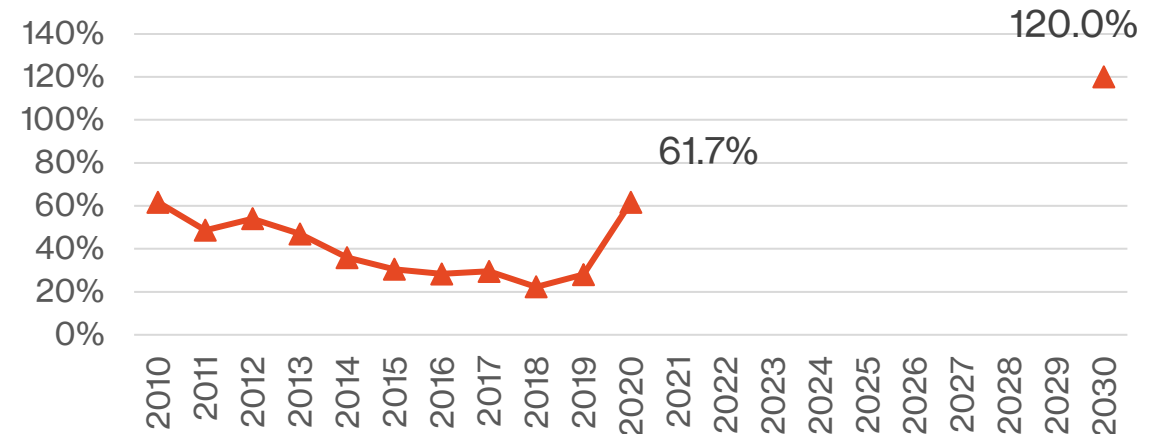
Source: Ministry of Agriculture

Yield (t/ha)



Source: Ministry of Agriculture

Self-sufficiency ratio (%)



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Identified priority areas and concept notes

1. Priority areas

- 1) **Improving access to seeds**, including the identification, production and dissemination of seeds of ecologically appropriate varieties.
- 2) **Use of adapted technologies and crop management**, which consider, among other things, dissemination of efficient rice-growing systems, extension of technologies and technical itineraries
- 3) **Mechanisation**: This involves mechanisation of the whole value chain (production and post-harvest) in line with the needs of the farmers.
- 4) **Infrastructure development**: This involves constructing and rehabilitating hydro-agricultural networks through the Rice Sector Development Poles (RSDP)
- 5) **Improving information systems and marketing channels**
- 6) **Structuring and governance of the sector**

2. Concept notes or ideas for future projects

- 1) Improvement of rainfed rice production
- 2) Development and rehabilitation of rice-growing infrastructure in the Bas-Congo province
- 3) Project to revitalise the extension and research/development system in the rice sector
- 4) Improvement of the quality and marketing of local rice

New projects launched after the start of CARD Phase 2

Heading	Youth Entrepreneurship in Agriculture and Agro-Business Project (PEJAB)	Concept Note	Project to Support Experimentation and Production of Flooded Rice Seeds in the Malebo Pool/ DRC.	Concept Note
Duration	2019 - 2024	Improving the quality and marketing of local rice	Three (3) years renewable.	Improving rainfed rice production
Area of intervention	Throughout DRC		The project will be implemented in the Malebo Pool (more precisely in the agricultural site of Mikonga II, Kingabwa, Masina Rail)	
Nature of the project	Financial support in the form of grants and loans		Technical cooperation	
Implementing partners	AfDB		JICA	
Amount	USD 57,000,000		The project will be funded by JICA.	
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To reduce youth unemployment in the intervention area To improve value addition of the agricultural sector in the target area To improve access to finance in the agricultural sector for young people 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To improve productivity and quality of flooded rice for the welfare of rice farmers. To adapt and promote flooded-rice crop management techniques in order to improve flooded-rice productivity based on available innovations; To multiply selected seed varieties in order to meet the rice farmers' requirements in terms of quality seeds. 	
Orientation/ Specificities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The project aims to establish a rice value chain where local rice of improved quality is supplied in a stable manner and can compete with imported rice in urban markets. 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Increased production of flooded-rice in several sites; Improved access to flooded varieties and quality seeds for small-scale producers Varietal maintenance of germplasm; Capacity building of rice farmers in technical crop management, infrastructure and agricultural equipment. 	

Value chain development through private sector participation

1. COPACO - PRI

Who are they?

- 1) Confederation of Congo's small-scale farmers
- 2) Created in 1998 with representations from all the 26 provinces of the DRC (18 rice development poles)

What do they do?

- 1) Support to more than 5,000 farmers in the rice sector by providing high quality seeds and inputs,
- 2) Training of rice farmers through the Farmer Field School,
- 3) Installation of processing units to facilitate the processing of paddy at a lower cost in some high productivity provinces.

Impacts

- 1) The average income of the rice farmers under supervision has improved by more than 70% as a result of good quality white rice.

Public sector support

- 1) COPACO works in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture through the *Direction d'encadrement des professionnels de l'Agriculture* [Agricultural Professionals Training Department] (DEPA).



Photo



Processing of Paddy Rice at National Rice Programme (PNR) with a Japanese Expert.



African governments are realising that they can no longer rely on rice imports to feed their people

Packing of paddy rice

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
ATTENTION.**

