

PROGRESS OF CARD PHASE 2 AFTER SC20 (JULY 2024) AND ITS FUTURE DIRECTION



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Agenda

- 1. Overall Progress of CARD Phase 2**
- 2. Recap of Discussions in CARD SC20 (July 2024)**
- 3. Progress of CARD Phase 2**
 - (1) M&E
 - (2) Country level
 - (3) Sub-regional level
 - (4) Support by CARD steering committee members
 - (5) Thematic issues
 - (6) Public relations
 - (7) Co-knowledge creation programme (Training)
- 4. Future Direction of CARD Phase 2**
 - (1) New membership of 5 countries
 - (2) Priority areas to be promoted
- 5. 10th CARD General Meeting (GM10)**

1. OVERALL PROGRESS OF CARD PHASE 2



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Overview of Overall Indicators in Sub-Saharan Africa(SSA)

Paddy production in SSA :

- **Target (2030):** 56,000,000
- **Current (2024):** 38,343,589
- **Phase 2 Baseline (2018):** 33,552,534

Area Harvested in SSA:

- **Target (2030):** 18,666,667
- **Current (2024):** 18,177,700
- **Phase 2 Baseline (2018):** 15,428,331

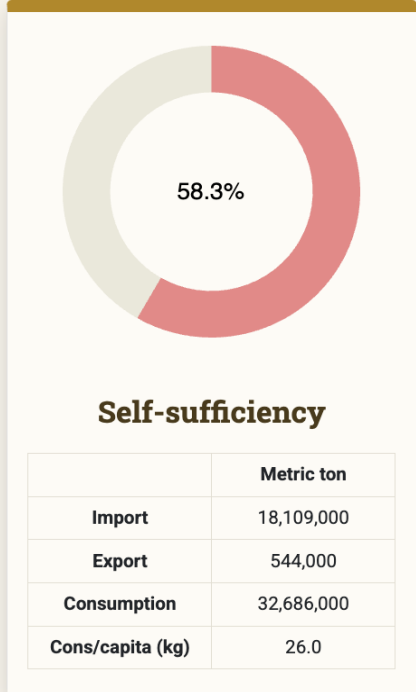
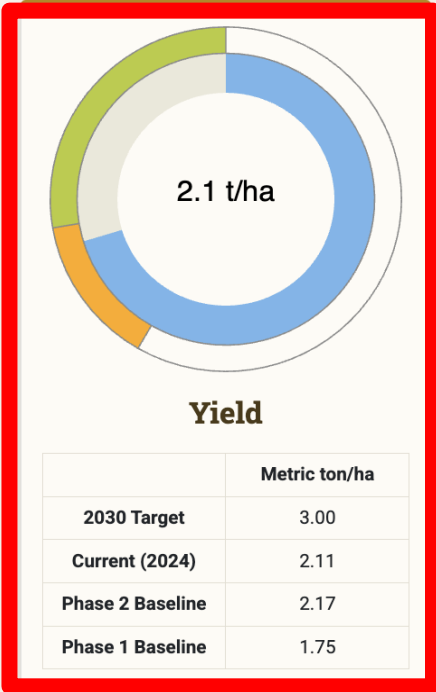
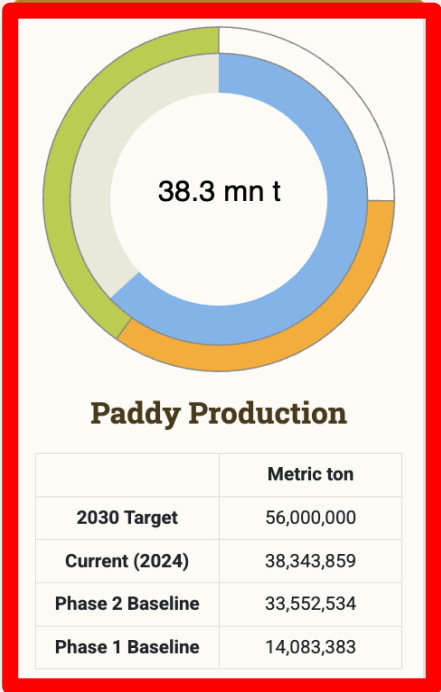
Yield

- **Target (2030):** 3.00
- **Current (2024):** 2.11
- **Phase 2 baseline (2018):** 2.17

Self-Sufficiency rate (2023): 58.3%

“Paddy Production” & “Yield” : Not on track

Progress Monitoring



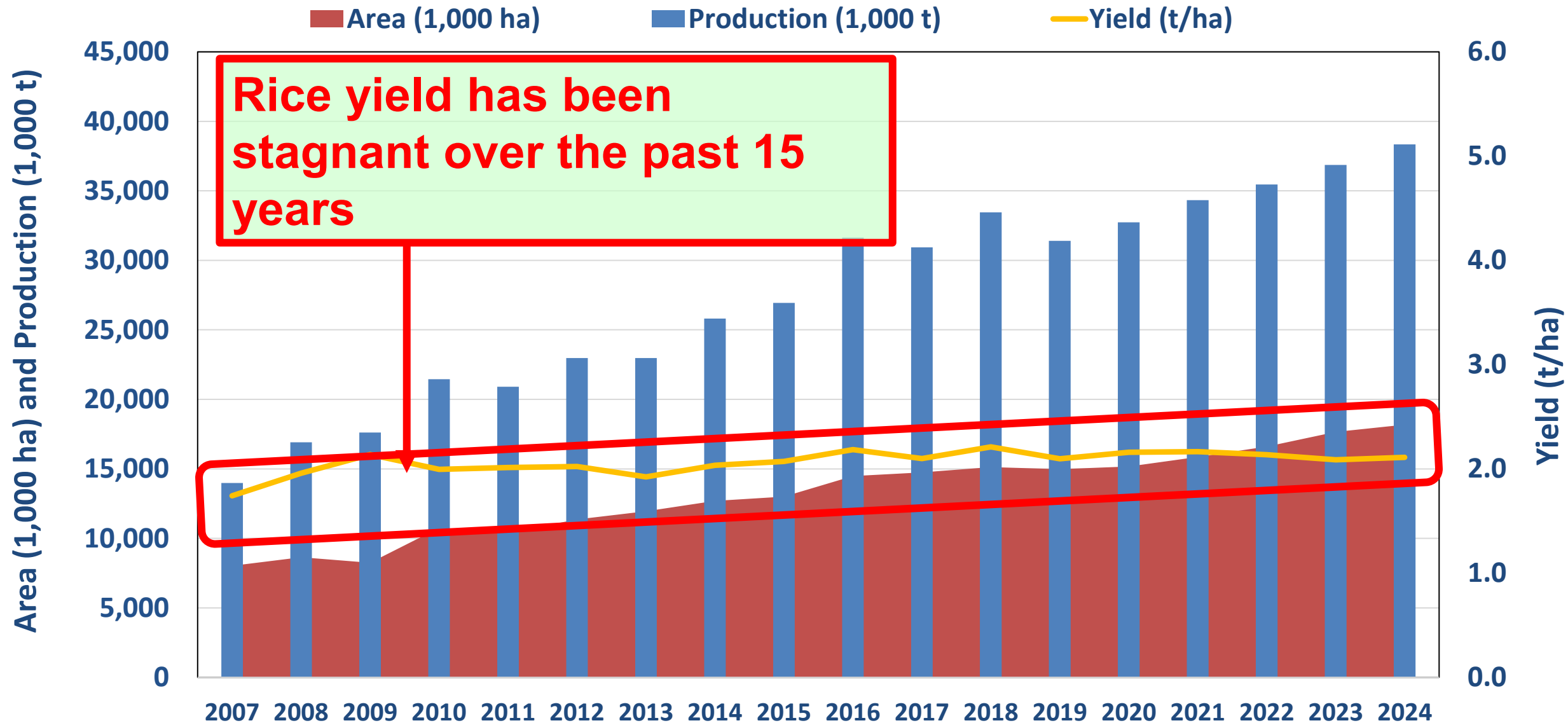
□ Baseline 2008 ■ Current situation ■ Increase during Phase 1 ■ Target increase during Phase 2

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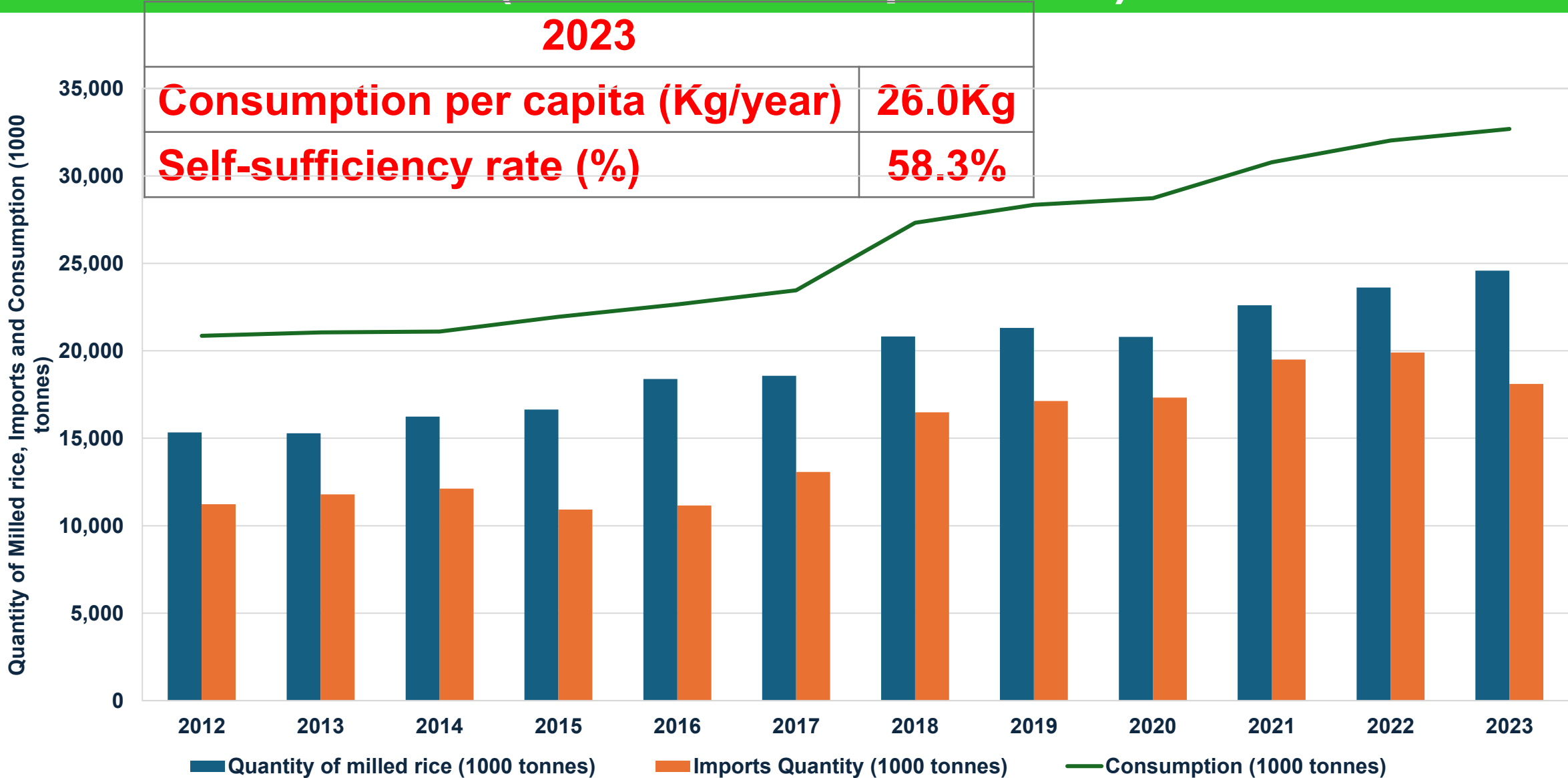
Paddy production, Area, and Yield: Phase 1 baseline, Phase 2 baseline and current: Calculated using data from FAOSTAT (figures for 2024). Not only 32 CARD member countries but all Sub-Saharan African countries are included

Self-sufficiency: Self-sufficiency ratio: FAOSTAT Food Balance Sheet (figures for 2023). Self-sufficiency ratio is calculated using the definition of FAO: $\text{Production} / (\text{Production} + \text{Imports} - \text{Exports}) \times 100$. Imports, Exports, Consumption and Cons/Capita: FAOSTAT Food Balance Sheet (figures for 2023). Data are converted from paddy to milled rice equivalent, using the rate of 0.667, which is also used by FAOSTAT. Consumption refers to the element "Food" in Food Balance Sheet.

Progress of Production, Area Harvested and Yield in Sub-Saharan Africa (2007-2024)



Overview of Production, Imports and Consumption in SSA (Milled Rice Equivalent)



2. RECAP OF DISCUSSIONS IN CARD SC20



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Issues and progress (2)

	Issues	Comments	Progress
1	Climate Change	CARD needs to balance mitigation/adaptation of climate change and doubling of rice production in CARD member countries.	- NRDS covers on climate change. ARSRMs hold discussions on it. - CARD Newsletter (March 2025) published an article on climate change “Rice: Irony of a staple food that is both vulnerable to climate change and a High GHG Emission.” - As one of the GM10 thematic events, climate change session will be held with resource persons from AfricaRice, IRRI and FOFIFA (Madagascar). - CARD Sec will continue to closely monitor progress on mitigation and adaptation measures, such as Alternative Wet and Dry (AWD).
2	South-South cooperation	To promote SSC, CARD should help member countries evaluate in-house needs, capacities and modalities (both supply and demand) for advancing rice value chain development.	- Training course “Rice Production Technologies for Food Security and Sustainability of African Countries” commenced at Kasetsart University in Thailand in 2025 with support from JICA. It will be organized for three years. - Brazil participated in ARSRM in Mozambique. - As a result of discussions at CARD Secretariat, it was confirmed that (a) the biggest effort should be made to accelerate implementation through resource mobilization; (b) relationships with potential stakeholders with sufficient resources (e.g., CARD SC Organization) should be strengthened rather than SSC.



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3	Sub-regional level Activities (RECs)	- Countries should evaluate (needs, capacities and modalities) at (1) in-house capacities and (2) gaps in supplies (for example, industrialization of mills) – CARD should become a facilitator by providing information on the supply side (demand is largely known) e.g., TZA as center of excellence. - Organizing regional mapping for RECs that could lead to actionable and implementable agendas for stakeholder investments (similar to ECOWAS' identification of 'major rice production basins') shall be considered. - Role of RECs at a sub-regional level and actional planning is needed.	Progress at each RECs are as follows: ✓ ECOWAS: Rice development activities for CARD Phase 2 are being promoted in close collaboration with ERO. ECOWAS is keen to mobilize resources and "2026 Regional Round Table" will be held. ECOWAS and CARD hold monthly meeting to move forward. ✓ EAC: WSs were held in March and August 2025 to advance ERDS. Data collection and analysis based on the M&E Framework were conducted and 2nd ARSRM was held in January 2026. Results will be reported at EAC Sectoral Council on Agricultural and Food Security in June 2026. ✓ ECCAS: WSs were held in February and June 2025 to draft RRDS. Validation on RRDS is planned in 2026. ✓ SADC: WS was held in November 2024. ✓ COMESA: No progress.
4	Annual Rice Sector Review Meeting (ARSRM)	- CARD needs to leverage Annual Rice Sector Review Meetings (ARSRM) more effectively for mobilizing resources for NRDS implementation in CARD member countries. - Planning, Coordination and Partnerships are the important elements for successful implementation for the CARD Initiative.	- ARSRM was introduced in May 2024. Since July 2024, ARSRMs were held in 11 countries & RECs. More ARSRMs are planned. - To enhance sustainability, CARD Secretariat supports strengthening resource mobilization by each country's NRDS TF. Since July 2024, WW/WSs in 4 countries and 1 REC (ECCAS) were held with funding by 6 organizations (rikolto, IRRI, IsDB, IFAD, WB and FAO). - Strengthening involvement of AGRA Country Offices in the NRDS Process is underway.

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5	Private Sector	- Private sector has an important role in driving 'sustainability' of the rice sector. To promote private sector participation in NRDS implementation, CARD should: - ➤ identify two or three big private players (preferably associations of value chain actors) in each country, collaborate and engage them in CARD-organized meetings at country, regional and continental levels. ➤ also collaborate with those SC members who have several grass-root level connections, such as IRRI and AfricaRice.	▪ In organizing ARSRM in each country, participations from private sector and farmers' associations are encouraged. • ECOWAS: The "National Chapter", ECOWAS Rice Observatory (ERO), consists of half from private sector. ECOWAS countries promote private sector involvement. • EAC: one member of EAC Rice Platform (ERP) are selected from private sector among three representatives in each country. • Strengthening collaboration with AGRA Country Offices is underway to promote rice value chain development in each country.
6	CAADP's Post Malabo Process	• Since CAADP provides the continent-wide agricultural policy framework at national and continental levels, it is important that CARD makes efforts to represent the importance of rice in CAADP's Post-Malabo process. The SC20 meeting recommended that the CARD Secretariat communicate with AUDA-NEPAD and participate in all the 13 technical working groups that will contribute to the preparation for the next Kampala declaration.	• Communication with the AUC commenced in June 2025. CARD Phase 2 demonstrated high alignment with CAADP and will make significant contributions to Kampala CAADP Declaration. <u>Strategic Objective 1: Intensifying Sustainable Food Production, Agro-Industrialization, and Trade</u> ✓ <u>Increase agricultural and food production by 45% by 2035 through sustainable agriculture</u> • CARD Secretariat will explore to strengthen collaboration with AUC and AUDA-NEPAD.



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7	Resource Mobilization (Engagement of SC Organizations, Clear and Specific Action Plans in NRDS)	• Engagement of SC members in CARD activities and NRDS implementation at country level could work well if the request comes from country government to country offices. • NRDS shall be annexed with clear and specific action plans and approximate budget costs to facilitate fund-matching and DP's project formulation processes at country level.	• As mentioned earlier, resource mobilization should be promoted with highest priority to accelerate NRDS process in each member country. ▪ As a first step, possibility should be explored that WS and ARSRM are held with external funding from a wide range of stakeholders. ▪ CARD secretariat supports NRDS TF to expand funding sources to facilitate project implementation. ▪ Prior to the stakeholder meeting at GM10, project ideas raised by CARD member countries have been forwarded to SC members for consideration. Online/ physical meetings were held with some SC members (AfDB, AGRA, AfricaRice, IFAD, IRRI, FAO and WFP). ▪ Stakeholder meeting, which aims to discuss future projects between specific SC member and CARD member country, is scheduled during GM10.



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3. PROGRESS OF CARD PHASE 2

(1) M&E



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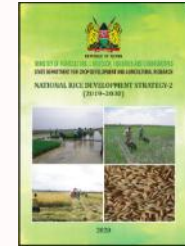
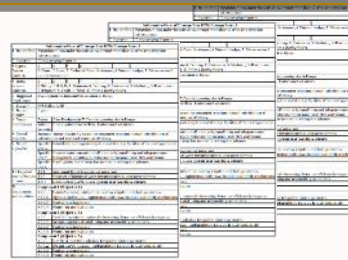
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Objectives of NRDS processes and M/E Framework

Objective of NRDS Processes

- Boost rice production by reviewing the progress and stimulating resource mobilization

Objective & Role of the M/E framework

- ➡ - Communication mechanism with stakeholders including Development Partners on the ARSRM
- Analyze the progress of NRDS from the viewpoint of RICE approach



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Characteristics of M&E indicators for CARD Phase 2

Selected 13 Standard indicators

Four (4) Overall indicators	Monitor outputs (related to production)
Eight (8) RICE indicators	Monitor process of rice sector development
One (1) Price indicator	

- 1) **Simpleness:** most of CARD indicators are tailored in such a way that can be obtained/calculated using existing secondary data
- 2) **Low cost:** so that all 32 member countries can collect data with their own human and financial resources up to 2030
- 3) **Flexibility:** countries can add their own indicators relevant to their NRDS
- 4) **Data by ecology:** Attempt to capture the production data by agro-ecology (for which CARD was not successful during Phase 1).



M&E Standard indicators applying RICE Approach

M&E Indicators based on RICE Approach are added to Overall Indicators adopted in Phase 1

Category	Code	Indicator
Overall (O)	O1	Quantity of paddy produced
	O2	Harvested area
	O3	Yield per hectare of land
	O4	Self-sufficiency ratio
Resilience (R)	R1	Area under irrigation
	R2	Quantity of resilient variety seeds
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Competitiveness (C)	C1	Share of local rice in the market
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Empowerment (E)	E1	Smallholder farmers' accessibility to financial services
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Price	-	Retail price of locally produced and imported rice

Indicators
since Phase 1

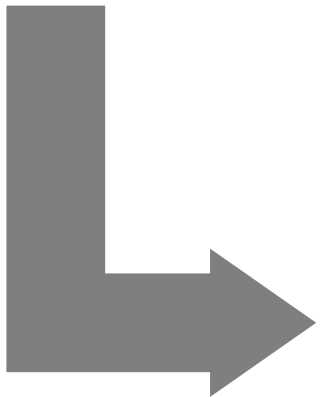
New indicators
added for
Phase 2

Original M&E Method (Old method)

Once the NRDS for Phase 2 revised/ formulated

1. M&E baseline survey

- ❖ **Recruited consultant** conducted the baseline survey through NRDS TF and CARD support
- ❖ **Maintain 13 standard indicators and any additional NRDS-related indicators (Involved both Secondary and Primary data collection)**
- ❖ **Expected outcomes**: 1) M&E baseline report and 2) M&E data collection manual



2. Follow-up M&E

- ❖ NRDS FP conducts the follow-ups through their own human and financial resources
- ❖ Replicate data collection sources and methodologies as baseline survey



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Challenges of Old method that led to transitioning to New method

1. Lack of proper understanding of CARD M&E baseline study concept

- In most of the countries where the M&E baseline study was conducted under the old method, it was experienced that neither the local consultant nor NRDS FP understood properly the nature of the CARD baseline study.

2. Challenges during primary data collection

- The issue of the lack/untimely issuance of necessary consent documents to authorize the consultants to conduct primary data collection smoothly from certain departments and major retail stores was a challenge for countries. As a result, in some cases, the required data was not obtained. This affected the timely completion of the study.

3. Difficulty of Obtaining Data for RICE Indicators

- Challenge to get data particularly the RICE indicators based on old method since most indicators involved primary data collection



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Cont. Challenges with Old method that led to transitioning to New method

4. Countries not completing the M&E baseline study at the expected time

- The issue of late submission of reports due to Improper understanding of baseline study, or delayed feedback to the consultant, or prolonged report revisions by the consultant was experienced. In some cases, the entire expected M&E baseline study period was extended.

5. The full involvement of NRDS TF team in the M&E baseline study in some countries was limited

- There was a limited involvement of NRDS TF during the old method baseline survey, given that the NRDS TF team will conduct follow-up M&E data collection up to 2030 with their own human and financial resources; their involvement in this exercise is essential



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New M&E method

- **Old method was revised to ensure:** country-specific monitoring frameworks can be applied on the basis of secondary data available in each country, while maintaining the 'RICE approach', **allowing some flexibility in the selection of indicators.** Prioritizing Secondary data collection

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RICE Indicators: which has no data, consider some options:

- ✓ **Option 1:** Adopt 13 standard indicators
- ✓ **Option 2:** Adopt alternative indicators of the standard indicators (a list of alternative indicators was developed)
- ✓ **Option 3:** Adopt secondary data that can measure each aspect of RICE to a certain extent.
- ✓ **Option 4:** Adopt indicators without a specific figure, if it is also difficult to apply options 1, 2 and 3.

New M&E method Cont'

Once the NRDS for Phase 2 revised/ formulated

1. M&E
baseline survey

- ❖ **Consultant is not recruited. NRDS TF discusses, agrees on the M&E framework and collects data** through technical support from CARD Sec
- ❖ **Country-specific monitoring frameworks are applied, allowing flexibility in the selection of indicators**
- ❖ **Expected outcomes:** 1) M&E Methodology Word file, and 2) M&E data collection Excel file

2. Follow-up
M&E

- ❖ NRDS TF updates M&E data **through their own human and financial resources for the preparation of ARSRM**



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Overview of CARD countries M&E baseline

A. LIST OF COUNTRIES WITH OLD M&E METHOD BASELINE

1. Benin
2. Burkinafaso
3. Cote D'ivoire
4. Ghana
5. Kenya
6. Malawi
7. Mozambique
8. Nigeria
9. Rwanda
10. Tanzania
11. Togo
12. Zambia

B. LIST OF COUNTRIES WITH NEW M&E METHOD BASELINE

1. Angola
2. Burundi
3. Cameroon
4. Central Africa Republic
5. Chad
6. Congo
7. DR. Congo
8. Ethiopia
9. Gabon
10. Gambia
11. Guinea
12. Guinea Bissau
13. Liberia
14. Madagascar
15. Mali
16. Niger
17. Senegal
18. Sierra Leone
19. Sudan
20. Uganda

➤ **NOTE:** Several countries with Old Method baselines have transitioned to New method and data for all indicators have been backdated to the baseline year (2019)



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Progress of M&E and ARSRM - Since SC 20 July 2024

(As of Feb. 2026)

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Mozambique 	Nov/22	Apr/24	-	The Gambia 	Apr/24	Leading by ERO	-	Malawi 	May/22	Jan/26	-
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Done Jul/24- Feb/2025

Planed in next 6 months

M&E Framework Progress since SC20: Formulated and revised

- **Total Number of M&E frameworks formulated since SC20: 6 countries** <Angola, Benin, Burundi, Gabon, Guinea and Uganda>
- **Revised M&E frameworks: 3 countries** <Kenya, Rwanda and Tanzania>



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Challenges of M&E

□ M&E

- Review and simplify indicators, if necessary, to enable the NRDS Task Force to collect data independently
- Conduct data analysis and evaluation, and reflect the results in the report for ARSRM and the future activity plans



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3. PROGRESS OF CARD PHASE 2 (2) COUNTRY LEVEL



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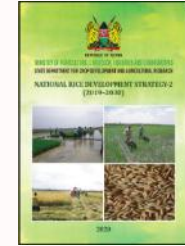
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Progress of NRDS Process - NRDS and Concept Note elaboration - Since SC 20 July

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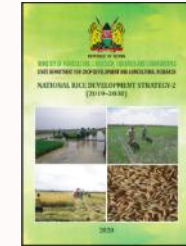
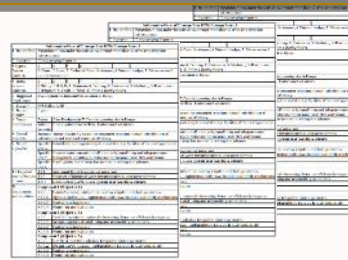
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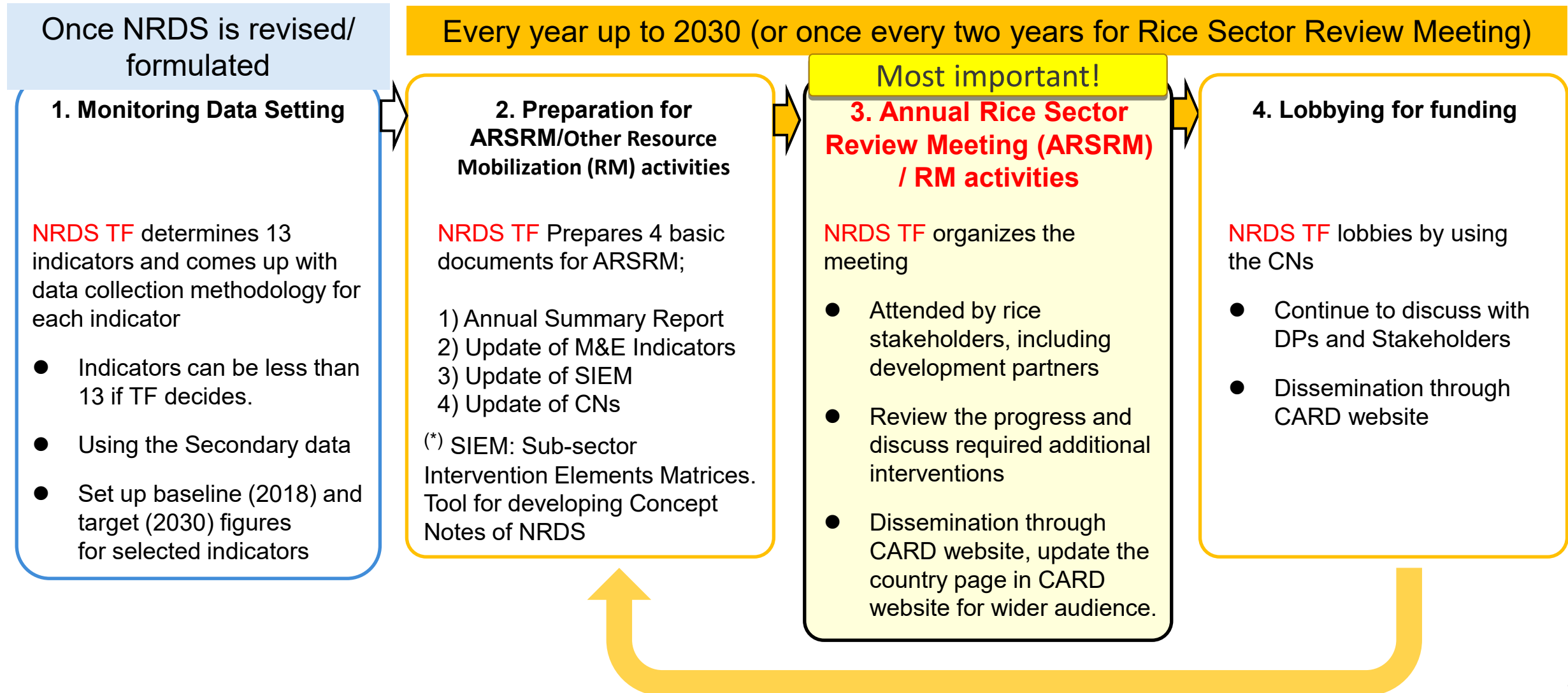
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Madagascar 	Sep/23	Aug/24	-	DR Congo 	Nov/23	Feb/25	-	Gabon 	Sep/24	Nov/24	-
Mali 	Dec/23	Leading by ERO	-	Ethiopia 	On going	Apr/26	-	Guinea Bissa 	Feb/24	Leading by ERO	-
Mozambique 	Nov/22	Apr/24	-	The Gambia 	Apr/24	Leading by ERO	-	Malawi 	May/22	Jan/26	-
Nigeria 	Jun/24	Sep/25	-	Liberia 	Jun/24	-	Leading by ERO	Niger 	-	Leading by ERO	-
Senegal 	Dec/23	Leading by ERO	-	Rwanda 	Jun/22 Jun/24	Jan/25	Mar/26	Sudan 	-	-	-
Sierra Leone 	Feb/24	Leading by ERO	-	Togo 	Oct/22	Jun/24	Leading by ERO	<July/24 – Feb/26> Framework: agreed on 6 countries ARSRM: held in 11, will be held in 16 countries in next 6 months			
Tanzania 	Mar/22 Jun/24	Apr/25	Mar/26	Zambia 	Apr/23	Jan/26	-				
Uganda 	Jul/25	Apr/26	-								

✓ :Done before 2022

- : Not Yet

Done Jul/24- Feb/2025

Planed in next 6 months

✓ :Done before 2022

- : Not Yet

Done Jul/24- Feb/2025

Planed in next 6 months

Summary of Country level Activities West Africa -1

<July/24 – Feb/26>



CARD Sec.

✓ 9 visits and 2 WS/ARSRM

Country	Main Activity supported by CARD Sec.	D/Ps (Participation to WS, CARD sec. visited)
 Senegal	➤ Visit and Discuss with MinAgri for ARSRM and revision of NRDS ➤ Revision of NRDS WS financed by JICA	
 Gambia	➤ Participation to NRDS launch WS financed by IsDB	   
 Guinea Bissau	➤ Follow up mission for implementation of NRDS, discuss with FAO to clarify the ongoing projects	
 Guinea	➤ Concept Notes WW financed by JICA	
 Sierra Leone	➤ Follow up mission to confirm NRDS process ➤ 1st ARSRM held with ECOEAS ERO National Rice Investment Action Plans WS by WB	 
 Liberia	➤ Kick-off meeting to design M/E workshop financed by JICA and discussion with WB ➤ Follow up mission to confirm NRDS process	 
 Ivory Coast	➤ Follow up mission after ARSRM and Round Table of NRDS, and preparation for 2nd ARSRM.	 

Summary of Country level Activities West Africa -2

<July/24 – Feb/26>



CARD Sec

✓ 6 visits and 6 WS/ARSRM

Country	Main Activity supported by CARD Sec.	D/Ps (Participation to WS, CARD sec. visited)
 Mali	➤ NRDS Validation cofinanced by Rikolto/ JICA ➤ Concept Notes WW financed by JICA	  
 Burkina Faso	➤ Follow up mission for preparation of ARSRM ➤ Under M/E data update collaborated by GIZ	
 Niger	➤ No progress due to the Security	
 Ghana	➤ NRDS 2 validated ➤ Concept Notes WW financed by JICA/Master card foundation ➤ Sensitization WS using C/N financed by AGRA	    
 Togo	➤ Scheduling 2nd ARSRM	
 Benin	➤ 1st ARSRM financed by JICA/BEN Gov. ➤ Revision of NRDS WW financed by JICA/IsDB ➤ Promotion of projects in collaboration with WFP	       
 Nigeria	➤ 1st ARSRM financed by Nigeria Gov./JICA	       

Summary of Country level Activities Central Africa

<July/24 – Feb26>



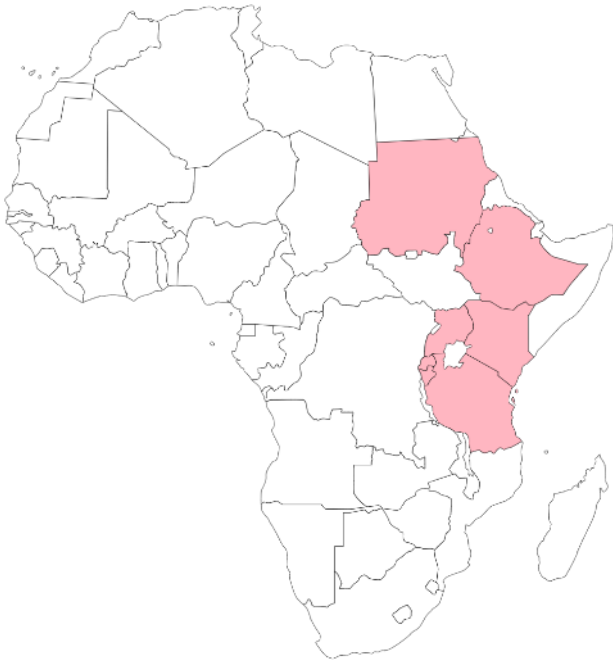
CARD Sec

✓ 9 visits and 5 WS/ARSRM

Country	Main Activity supported by CARD Sec.	D/Ps (Participation to WS, CARD sec. visited)
 Cameroun	➤ Follow up mission for implementation of NRDS, Discussing with WB for the collaboration	 
 Chad	➤ NRDS finalisation / Concept Notes WW financed @ Yaoundé by JICA	
 CAR	➤ NRDS finalisation / Concept Notes WW @ Douala financed by JICA ➤ NRDS validation WS financed by IFAD	 
 Gabon	➤ NRDS finalisation / Concept Notes WW by JICA (Technical supported by FAO) ➤ Donner Meeting organized	   
 Congo Republic	➤ Follow up mission for preparation of ARSRM, discussion with FAO/WFP for new project	   
 DRC	➤ 1 st ARSRM financed by JICA ➤ Follow up Mission after ARSRM, discuss with WB for elaboration of the rice related project	     

Summary of Country level Activities East Africa

<July/24 – Feb/26>



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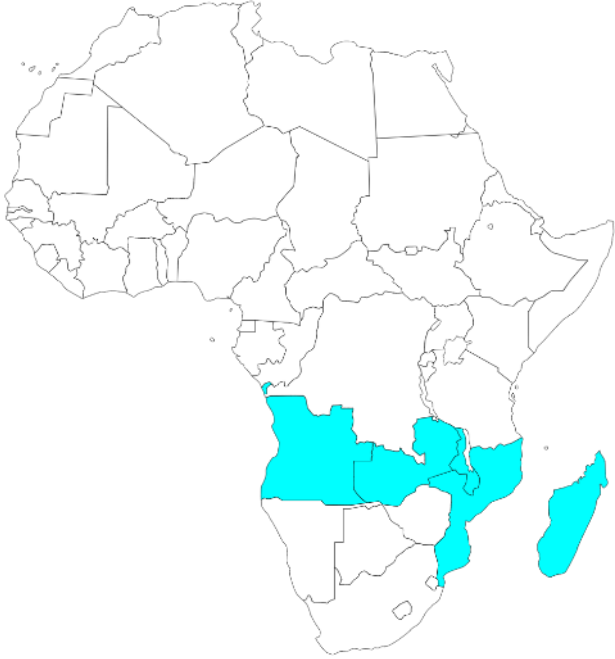
✓ **12** visits and
10 WS/ARSRM

Added Kenya's 2nd
ARSRM and logos

Country	Main Activity supported by CARD Sec.	D/Ps (Participation to WS, CARD sec. visited)
 Ethiopia	➤ Follow up visit- Stakeholder's meeting	  
 Sudan	➤ No progress due to security (Internal communication between FP – CARD continues)	
 Kenya	➤ 1 st and 2 nd ARSRM financed by JICA ➤ M&E, Concept Notes, Resource mobilization meeting	        
 Uganda	➤ Follow up meeting ➤ Concept note development, M&E kick off meeting financed by JICA	   
 Tanzania	➤ 1 st ARSRM financed by JICA ➤ M&E, Concept notes, Resource mobilization meeting	    
 Rwanda	➤ 1 st ARSRM financed by JICA ➤ M&E, Concept Notes, Resource mobilization meeting	      
 Burundi	➤ NRDS Finalization WS and Concept Notes WW in Sep 2024 financed by JICA ➤ NRDS Validation WS financed by IRRI/JICA	  

Summary of Country level Activities Southern Africa

<July/24 – Feb/26>



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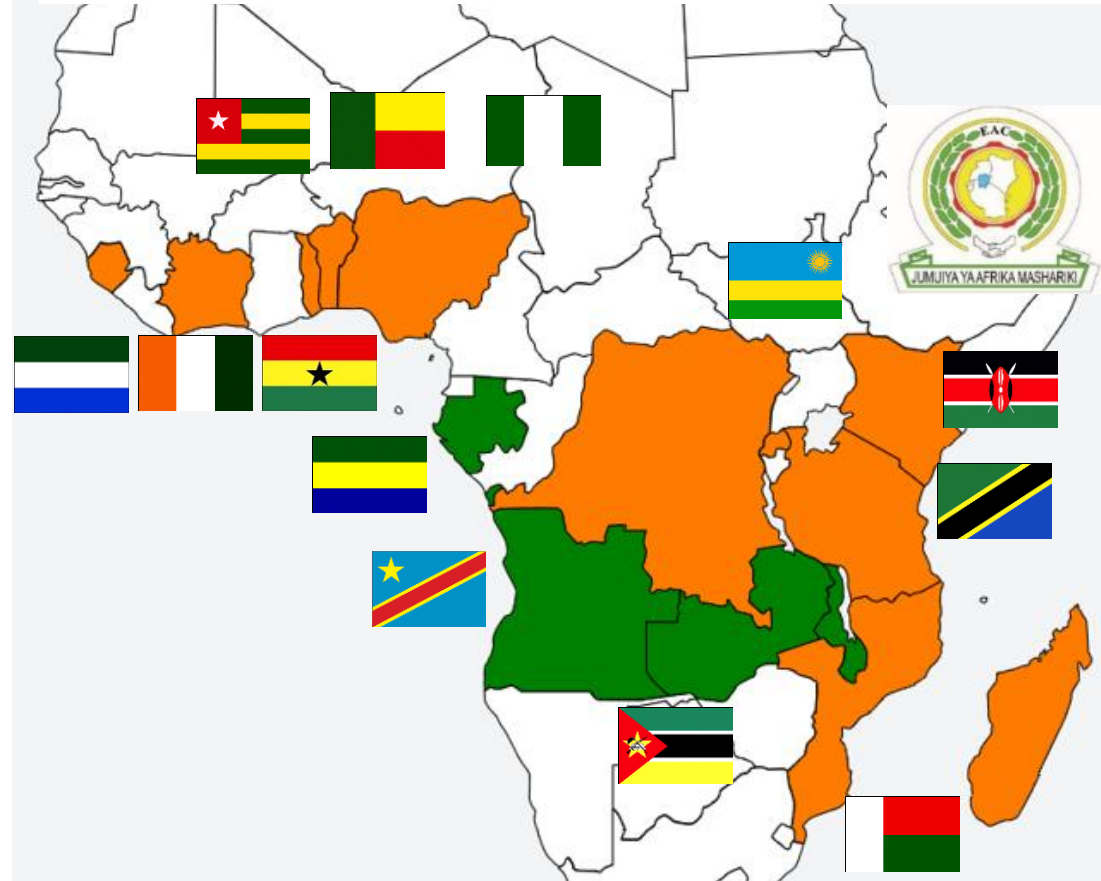
✓ 8 visits and 3 WS/ARSRM

Country	Main Activity supported by CARD Sec.	D/Ps (Participation to WS, CARD sec. visited)
 Madagascar	➤ ARSRM financed by JICA ➤ Follow up for after ARSRM	
 Zambia	➤ Concept note development and M&E WW financed by JICA ➤ “DP visits” (AfDB, AGRA, IFAD, JICA, WFP) was supported by JICA	
 Malawi	➤ NRDS 2 Launching Ceremony financed by the Government ➤ Concept note development and M&E WW financed by JICA ➤ “DP visits” (AfDB, AGRA, JICA, WFP) was supported by JICA	
 Angola	➤ NRDS finalization WW financed by JICA ➤ Concept Notes WW financed by JICA ➤ Discussing with IFAD / AfDB for new project ➤ “DP visits” (AfDB, IFAD, WB, FAO, WFP, AFD) was supported	
 Mozambique	➤ Following up after ARSRM, discussion with AfDB / AGRA / JICA for new project	

Summary of Annual Rice Sector Review Meeting (ARSRM) since SC20

ARSRM supported by CARD Sec. since SC 20 (Jul.2024)

The objective is to stimulate the implementation of NRDS/RRDS by discussing it with stakeholders, especially DPs and SC members, during a one / two-day workshop organised by TF (Min Agri) . Concept notes and monitoring data are supposed to use.



< Countries where ARSRM has been held since GM9 >

❖ ARSRM held in **11 countries & EAC** since GM9.
(Mozambique, Cote d'Ivoire, Togo, Madagascar, Kenya, Rwanda, DRC, EAC, Tanzania, Benin, Sierra Leone and Nigeria)

Limited SC members participated in ARSRM. Further attendance from SC members is expected.

❖ Any other activities related to Resource Mobilization held in **8 countries since GM9**
(Angola, Cote d'Ivoire, DRC, Ghana, Gabon, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia)

These Meetings promoted recognition of rice sub-sector and resource mobilization at a country level and led to the elaboration of new projects in some countries.

Progress of NRDS Process (from Jul 24 to Feb 26)

□ NRDS Process

- Validation of NRDS: **9 countries**
(in total **32/32** countries)
- Creation/elaboration of C/N: **14 countries**
(in total **32/32** countries)

□ Monitoring/Implementation Process

- Holding of ARSRM: **11 countries**
(in total **11/32** countries)
- Conducting of Donor Visits: **3 countries**



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Challenges of NRDS Process and ARSRM

❑ **NRDS process**

- Enhance capacity of NRDS T/F to enable them to conduct each NRDS process independently

❑ **ARSRM**

- Hold ARSRM on regular basis in each country

❑ **Stakeholders' Involvement/ contributions in NRDS Process and ARSRM**

- Further involvement of broader stakeholders, in particular, CARD SC members
- Secure expenses and diversify funding sources for NRDS process and ARSRM

❑ **Realization of project concept notes (lobbying for funding)**

- Approaching (a) national governments, (b) development partners (DPs), and (c) private sector investment for resource mobilization

Total Budget and the Number of CARD Related Projects (Phase 1 (2008-2018) and Phase 2 (as of September 2025))

	CARD PHASE 1 (2008-2018)	CARD PHASE 2 (2019 to 2025)
Total Budget	US\$ 8.85 bn	US\$ 9.27 bn
Total number of projects	219 projects	256 projects



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3. PROGRESS OF CARD PHASE 2 (3) SUB-REGIONAL LEVEL



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Summary of Regional level Activities

CARD Sec provided financial and Technical supports since July 2024 in RECs level

 EAC	<Phase for Implementation of the EAC Rice Development Strategy> ✓ Workshop (WS) on M&E of the ERDS in Jul. 2024 with 8 partner states. ✓ 1st ARSRM in Mar. 2025 with 8 partner states and WB, AfDB, JICA, AGRA, IRRI and KOPIA. ✓ Follow up Meeting @Nairobi in Aug. 2025 with 8 partner states ✓ 2nd ARSRM in Jan.2026 with 8 partner states and AGRA, IRRI, WFP and KOPIA
 ECOWAS	<Phase for Implementation of the Regional Rice Development Strategy> ✓ Financial Support to ERO General Meeting in Abuja in May 2024 ✓ Since Oct 2025, Monthly meeting with ERO secretariat to stimulate regional/country activities ✓ Formulation of National Rice Investment Action Plans is in progress in member states ✓ Regional Round Table will be held in April, 2026
 ECCAS	Phase for Elaboration of the ECCAS Regional Rice Development Strategy ✓ 1st WS on the formulation of the RRDS @ Yaoundé in Feb. 2024 with 9 members states while collaborating with WB, FAO, AfricaRice, IRRI, JICA and CORAF. ✓ 2nd WS on the formulation of the RRDS @ Libreville in Jun. 2025 with 8 members states while collaborating with FAO, AfricaRice, JICA and CORAF. (Planning the Validation WS in 2026)
 SADC	Phase for Elaboration of the SADC Regional Rice Development Strategy ✓ Validation WS of the Strategy @Lusaka in Nov. 2024 with 14 member states.

Progress of RRDS Process (from Jul 24 to Feb 26)

☐ RRDS Process

- Drafting of RRDS: **ECCAS and SADC**

☐ ARSRM

- Holding of ARSRM: **EAC (2 times)**

☐ Other Events

- Regional Round Table: **ECOWAS (April 2026, planned)**



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RRDS of Three RECs (ECOWAS, EAC and ECCAS)

	ECOWAS (Regional Action Plan (2020-2025) to accelerate the ECOWAS Rice Offensive)	EAC (EAC Rice Development Strategy)	ECCAS (ECCAS SRDR)
Vision/ Goal	<u>Aim</u> engendering a sustainable and sustained revival of rice cultivation in West Africa and to provide support for the National Rice Development Strategies of Member States towards achieving rice self-sufficiency by 2025.	<u>Vision</u> A vibrant and sustainable rice sector for food, nutrition, and income security in the EAC region <u>Goal</u> Double rice production in the EAC region by 2030, enhance market competitiveness and improve intra-regional trade	<u>Vision</u> By 2035, the ECCAS region will have achieved food and nutritional sovereignty , while fostering sustainable economic growth. This will be made possible by competitive regional rice production , which will become a key driver of food security and economic prosperity in the region.
Purpose/ Objectives		<u>Purpose</u> Facilitate rice value chain integration, free movement of rice and rice-related services, technologies (such as varieties, seeds, fertilizers, machineries), and investments within EAC region	<u>Overall Objective</u> contribute to the transformation of rice-growing systems in order to respond effectively to the growing demand for rice at regional level <u>Specific Objectives</u> •Enhancing the resilience of rice production systems to climate change (CC) and other exogenous shocks •Improve competitiveness of rice industry & boost trade within the region •Optimizing governance and financing of the rice industry

Rice production/ self sufficiency

Competitiveness/ interregional trade

RRDS of Three RECs (ECOWAS, EAC and ECCAS)

	ECOWAS	EAC	ECCAS
Components/ Target Areas	<u>Axes</u> 1. Sustainably Increase Rice Production 2. Process and Promote Local Rice Production 3. Promote the Regional Local Rice Market 4. Improve the Rice Development Environment	<u>Strategic Objective</u> 1. Increase total rice production and on-farm productivity 2. Improve market competitiveness of locally produced rice 3. Enhance the EAC intraregional rice trade 4. Create an enabling environment for the mutual benefits of all rice stakeholders 5. Buildup ecological and socio-economic sustainability of rice industry	<u>Strategic Areas</u> 1. Strengthen the resilience of rice production systems to climate change (CC) and other exogenous shocks 2. Improving the competitiveness of the rice sector 3. Improve financing and governance of the rice industry
	<u>Components</u> 1. Policy and Regulatory measures to render the Rice Sector more productive and competitive 2. Finance and Public Private Partnership Mechanism to boost Rice Sector Development 3. Knowledge Sharing and Management (including Digitization for an improved RVC in the region) 4. Efficient Trade and Marketing Systems along the Rice Value Chain in West Africa 5. Coordination of the National Inter-professional Organizations 6. Coordination and Management of the Rice Action Plan		

Rice production/ self sufficiency

Competitiveness/ interregional trade

RRDS of Three RECs (ECOWAS, EAC and ECCAS)

	ECOWAS	EAC	ECCAS
Remarks	● There are coordination and management plans of the action plan (periodic meetings for coordination, monitoring and evaluation system)	● There are implementation mechanisms, and monitoring and evaluation plan.	

 Coordination & management mechanism



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Roles of RRDS (Roles of RECs)

(1) National activities

- ① Promotion of NRDS process (R&D, extension services, VC development including fostering private sector, lobbying of financial institutions, etc)

(2) Sub-regional activities

- ① Organize conferences/ meetings (annual conference/ meetings, organizing trade fairs, creating stakeholders' forum etc)
- ② Policy formulation and review and formulation of regulations/standards (Seed trade policies, tax/CET, rice standard, etc)
- ③ Research/ Capacity building/ Training (training on common regional issues such as climate change, exchange visits, fostering staff of RECs member states, etc)
- ④ Regional issues (regional seed bank, regional distribution systems of agro-inputs, rice distribution in the regional market, regional market information, etc)

(3) Coordination and management, feed back

Challenges of RRDS Process and ARSRM (Sub-regional Level)

❑ RRDS Process

- Promote NRDS process in their member/partner states
- Advance sub-regional challenges, such as the rice marketing and trade, the distribution of inputs, e.g. high-quality seeds within each sub-region
- Enhance capacity of RECs to enable them to conduct RRDS process independently

❑ ARSRM

- Hold ARSRM on regular basis
- Report ARSRM outcomes to higher-level advisory bodies (sectoral councils, board meetings, etc.)

❑ Stakeholders' Involvement/ contributions in RRDS Process and ARSRM

- Further involvement of broader stakeholders, in particular, CARD SC members
- Secure expenses and diversify funding sources for RRDS process and ARSRM

3. PROGRESS OF CARD PHASE 2

(4) SUPPORT BY CARD STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS



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Support to CARD Country Activities by each organization

NRDS Validation / Launch Workshop /Sensitization Workshop/ Working Week (WW*) since SC 20 (Jul.2024)

Countries	Period	Activities	Financial support other than JICA
Mali 	Jul. 2024	NRDS Validation WS	
Burundi 	Dec. 2024	NRDS Validation WS	
The Gambia 	Jan. 2025	NRDS Launch WS	
ECCAS 	Feb. 2025	RRDS Elaboration 1 st WW	
Central African Rep. 	May. 2025	NRDS	
ECCAS 	Jun. 2025	RRDS Elaboration 2 nd WW	
Benin 	Dec. 2025	NRDS Revision 1 st WW	
Chad 	Jan. 2026	NRDS Validation WS	

WW*:

In general, A one-day workshop attended by stakeholders such as the Min. Agri, research institutions, representatives from rice value chains, farmers, and DP, in total around 40-80 participants.

Financial support by:

Five (5) SC members

One (1) Stakeholder

for

Workshops /

Working Weeks

Contributions Made by SC members

- **W/Ws and W/Ss were held with financial resources from SC members and stakeholders in 6 countries and 1 RECs (from July 24 to February 26).**
 - ✓ SC members: FAO, IFAD, IsDB, IRRI and WB
 - ✓ Other stakeholder: ricolto



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Expectations for Steering Committee Members

- **Positively involved in NRDS process at country level and RRDS process at sub-regional level**
- **Positively explore possibilities to provide financial and technical resources**
 - ✓ organizing WSs/WWs
 - ✓ implementing projects based on the concept notes



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3. PROGRESS OF CARD PHASE 2 (5) THEMATIC ISSUES



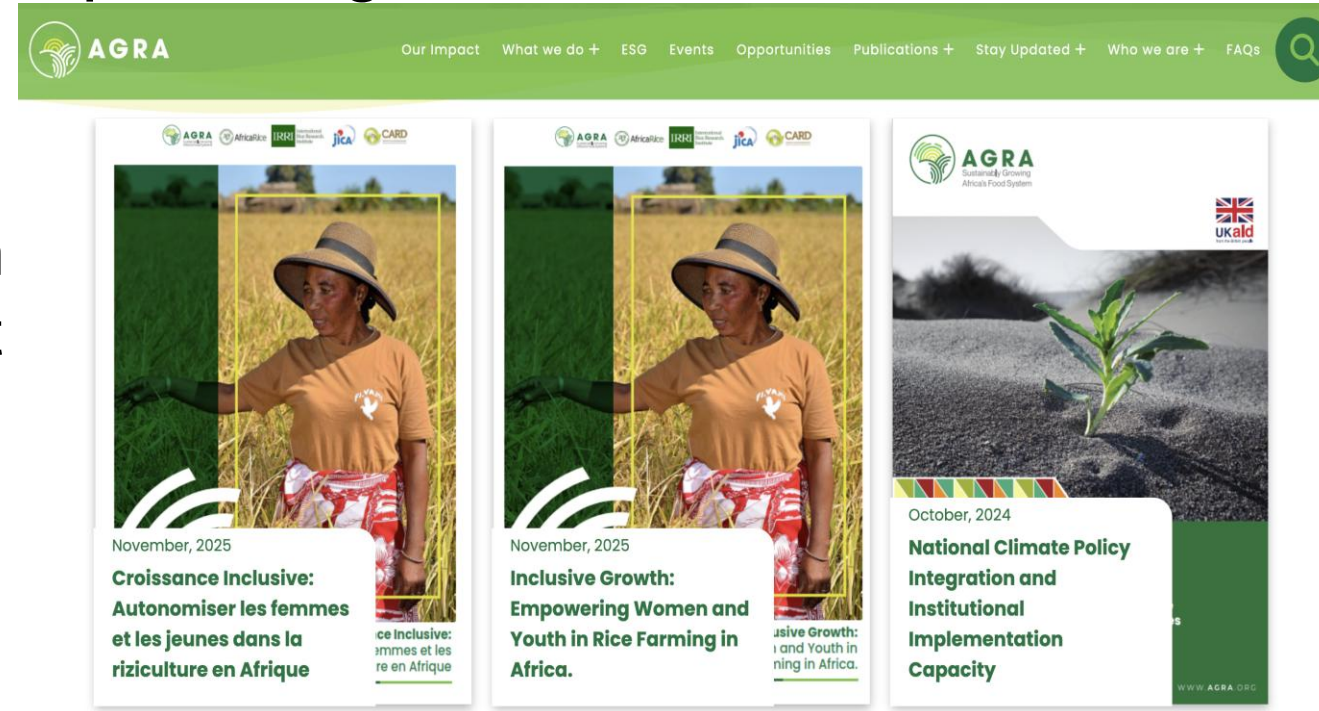
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Important Thematic Issues in Rice Development (1)

1. Policy Brief “Inclusive Growth: Empowering Women and Youth in Rice Farming in Africa”

- “women” and “youth”: gaining attention the Agrifood System. CARD Secretariat decided to make the policy brief.
- Policy brief drafting team was formed by AfricaRice, AGRA, IRRI, and JICA.
- Policy brief has been finalized. It will be published through AGRA website soon.



Link to access:

- ❖ **English version:** <https://agra.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/CARD-Policy-Brief-on-Inclusive-Rice-Farming.pdf>
- ❖ **French Version:** https://agra.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/CARD-Policy-Brief-on-Inclusive-Rice-Farming_FR.pdf

Important Thematic Issues in Rice Development (2)

2. Holding thematic sessions at GM10

- To disseminate technical knowledge on the important issues in rice development, four thematic sessions will be held at GM10

	Thematic Issues	Lead Person	Resource Persons
1	Inclusive Rice Farming	Lillian Muasa (CARD Sec)	AfricaRice, IRRI, MINAE (Madagascar) and Women Groups Federation (Madagascar)
2	Climate Change	Ibrahima Sall (CARD Sec)	AfricaRice, IRRI, FOFIFA (Madagascar) and Mr. Harifidy Ramilison (Former Minister of Agriculture, Madagascar)
3	Sustainable Enhancement of On-farm Rice Productivity	Andry Randriantsoa (CARD Sec)	Rikolto/ Sustainable Rice Platform, JIRCAS, LRI(Madagascar)
4	Rice Marketing and Trade	Arumugam Kathiresan (CARD Sec)	AfCFTA Secretariat, AfricaRice, IFPRI, Rice Farmers Cooperative (Kenya)



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3. PROGRESS OF CARD PHASE 2 (6) PUBLIC RELATIONS



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CARD Newsletter

Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD)



Africa Rice Sector Update

January 2026 | Janvier 2026



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Published: Monthly, since May 2025

CARD Newsletter Highlights:

- Country rice production interview (from NRDS FP or senior official in rice)
- Knowledge sharing
- Regional/country activities
- New updates in CARD website

Progress of Newsletter:

- Monitored using MailChimp: captures the number of new subscribers

Date/Month	Total Subscriber	Total Opens	Target Subscribers by March 2026
30th May 2025	1,219	1,057	2,000
30 th Sep 2025	1,510	1213	
6th Feb 2026 (current)	1,544	783	

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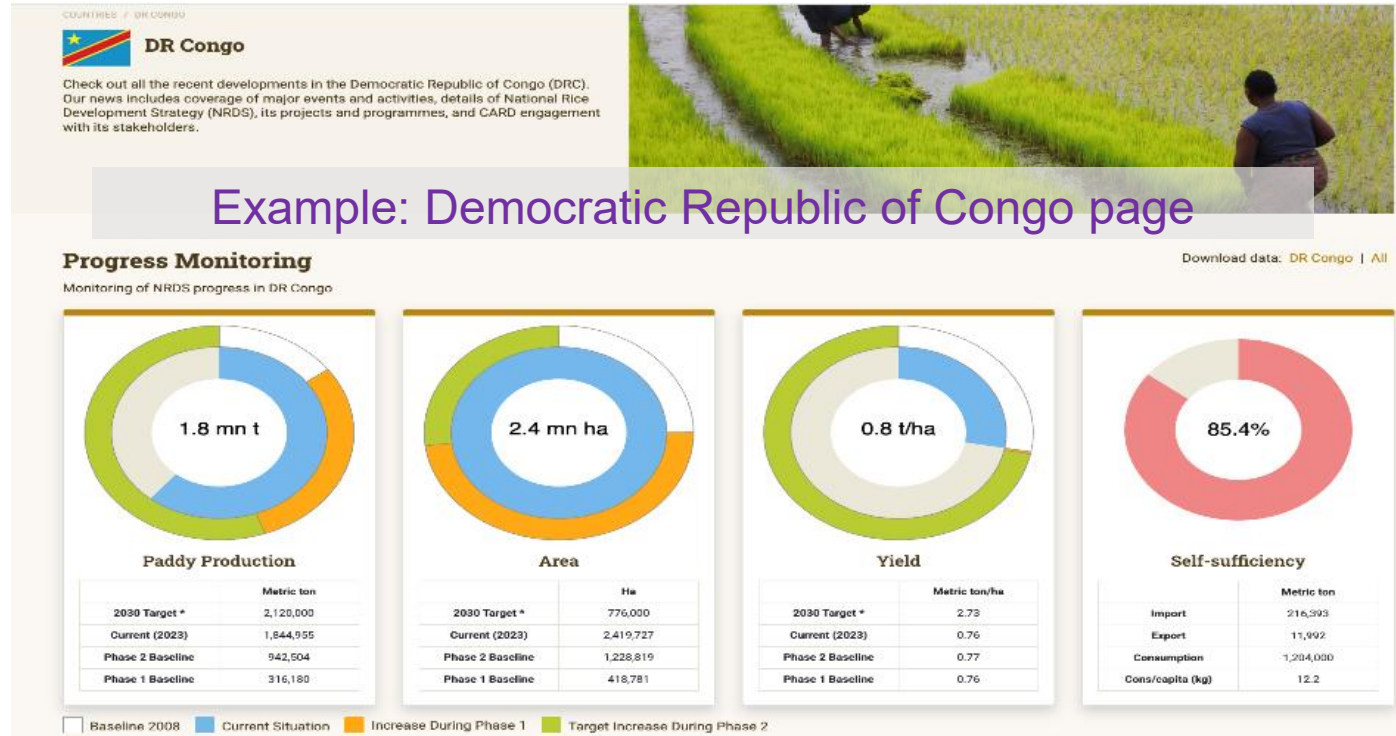
CARD Website

1. Home page: Disseminates the latest CARD activities included in the website, progress monitoring for SSA and other activities



2. Countries and regional pages:

- Disseminates progress monitoring with **latest M&E data** for each CARD member country and Regional communities,
- Available Strategies, Projects and other activities for each country/region



3. Progress/Performance of CARD website

Period	Average views /per day	Target views by March 2026
From 2023- May 2025	150	300
May 2025- December 2025	198	

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<https://riceforafrica.net/>

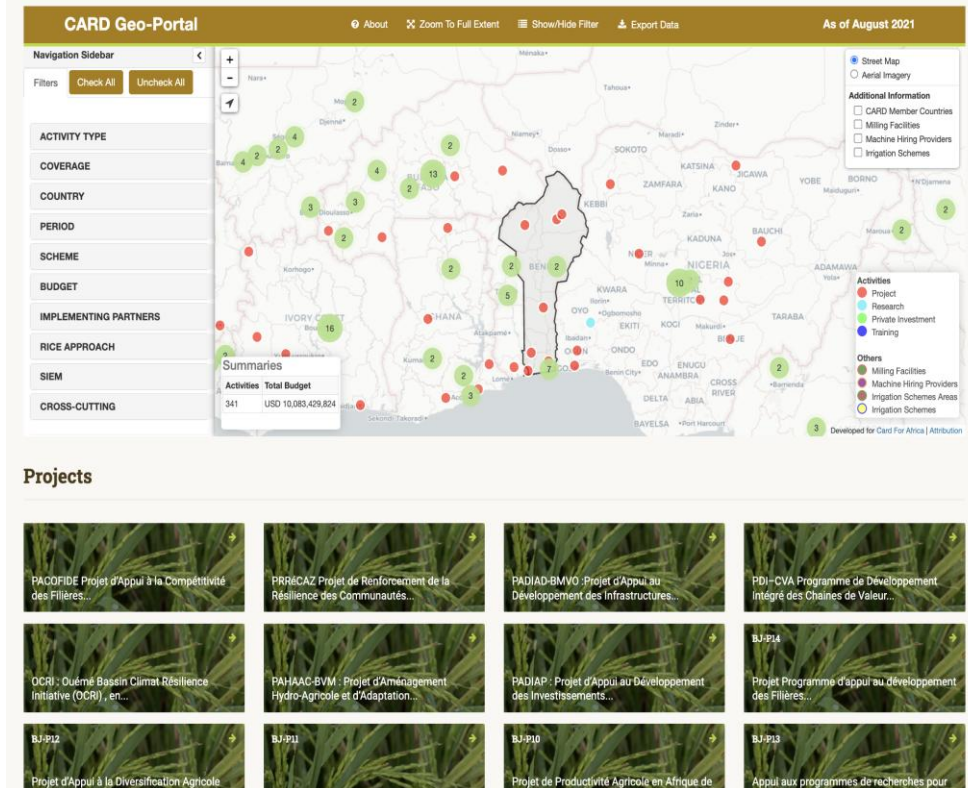
CARD Geo-Portal (CARD Website)

1. In Home Page: CARD Goeportal maps rice-related activities (Projects, Research, Private investment, and Training) in all CARD member states



2. In CARD countries and regional pages: Captures the activities of each CARD member country and provides more details for the current projects

Example: Benin page



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<https://riceforafrica.net/>

3. PROGRESS OF CARD PHASE 2 (7) CO-KNOWLEDGE CREATION PROGRAMME



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Training to FP of member countries is carried out in collaboration with JICA

“Promotion of African Rice Development for Sub-Saharan African Countries”



CARD Sec. participated as Instructor/Facilitator to Training organized by JICA.

Target : Mainly CARD FP, NRDS TF members conducting NRDS and M&E.

- Learning about good practices for accelerating the NRDS process
- Share case studies from other CARD member countries to facilitate the implementation of concrete actions for the NRDS process
- Learn about Japan's rice sector and experience by visiting value chain actors
- Elaboration of the Action Plan for promoting country activities regarding the CARD

	FY2024	FY2025
English Course	Period : 24 th Sep. - 5 th Oct. 2024 <u>10 countries</u> Angola, Cameroon, Mozambique, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Zambia & Zimbabwe.	Period : 5 th Feb. - 20 th Feb. 2026 <u>5 countries</u> Mozambique, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Sudan & Tanzania.
French Course	Period : 6 th - 18 th Oct. 2024 <u>10 countries</u> Benin, Burundi, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Congo, DR Congo, Gabon, Guinea, Senegal & Mauritania	Period : 22 nd Jan. - 5 th Feb. 2026 <u>12 countries</u> Benin, Burundi, Cameroon, CAR, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, DR Congo, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Senegal & Togo

*General Coordinator/Technical Coordinator and Regional Advisor participated in each training.

4. FUTURE DIRECTION OF CARD PHASE 2

(1) NEW MEMBERSHIP OF 5 COUNTRIES

**(EQUATORIAL GUINEA, MAURITANIA, SOMALIA, SOUTH SUDAN,
AND ZIMBABWE)**

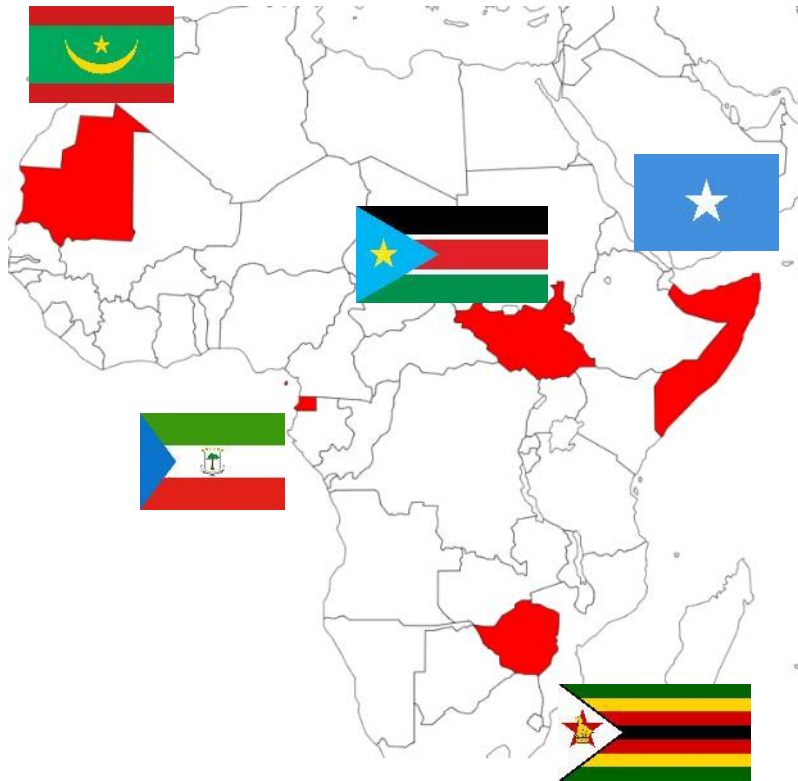


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Progress of activities toward new membership in CARD

CARD Sec. has been working towards the accession of the following 5 new countries (4th Groupe).



< 5 new countries (4th Group)>

Countries	Official letter submitted to CARD Sec.	Activities carried out by CARD Sec.
Equatorial Guinea	3 rd June 2025	❖ Sep. 2025 / Meeting (Online), Discuss with Minister of MinAgri and Meeting with staff. ❖ Dec. 2025 / Contact Mission, Visit to Minister and discuss with Technical Team
Mauritania	13 th June 2025	❖ Jun. 2025 / Contact Mission, Visit to Minister and discuss with Technical Team (SONADER)
Somalia	11 th July 2024	❖ Jul. 2025 / Meeting with DG of MinAgri @Nairobi ❖ Nov. 2025/ Data collection started
South Sudan	15 th June 2023	❖ Nov. 2023 / Contact Mission, visit to PS of MinAgri ❖ Feb. 2025 / 1st Workshop of elaboration of NRDS ❖ Jun. 2025 / 2nd Workshop of elaboration of NRDS
Zimbabwe	16 th May 2024	❖ Jun. 2024 / Contact Mission, ❖ Feb. 2025 / 1st Workshop of elaboration of NRDS ❖ Aug. 2025 / 2nd Workshop of elaboration of NRDS

CARD Phase 2 (2019-2030)

32 Member Countries(→37 countries)

Mauritania

**Equatorial
Guinea**

South Sudan

Somalia

**Newly join in Mar 2026
: 5 countries**

37 countries

Zimbabwe



From Phase1: 23 countries



From Phase2: 9 countries



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(1) Equatorial Guinea

- Submission of express of interest:

June 3rd 2025

- Confirmation of strong will and leadership in promoting rice development:

September 2025

- Progress
 - Taskforce:
 - NRDS: not yet



**No data available in
FAOSTAT**



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(2) Mauritania

- Submission of express of interest:

June 13th 2025

- Confirmation of strong will and leadership in promoting rice development:

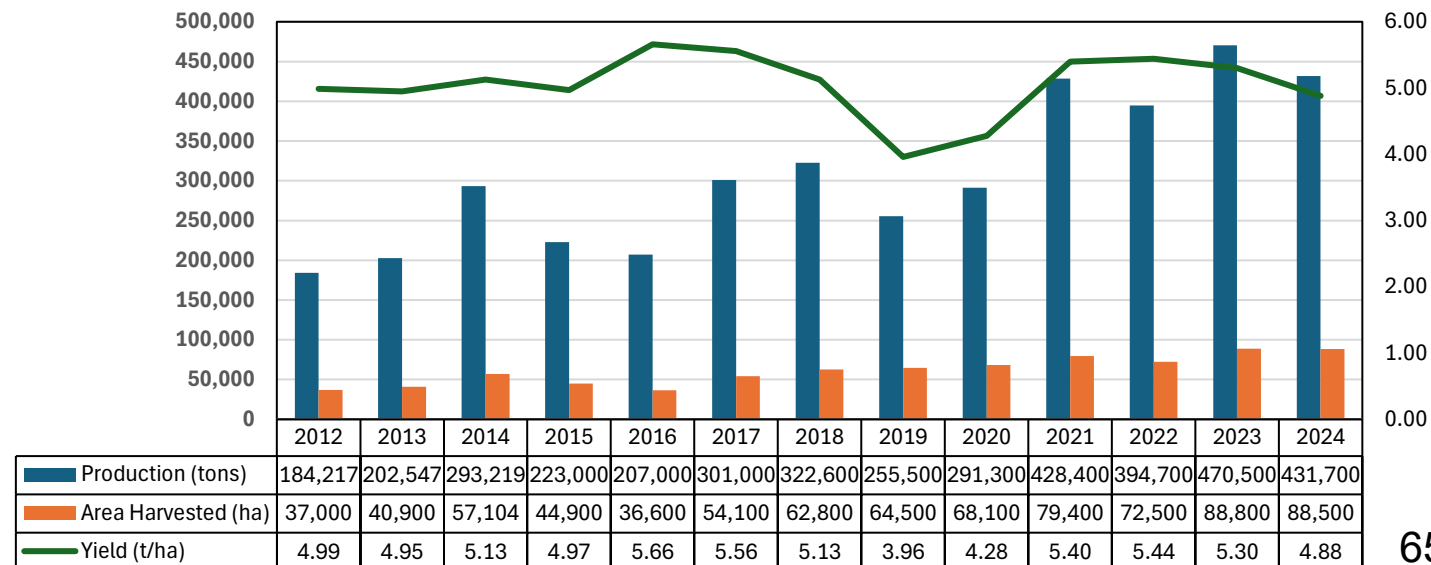
June 26th 2025.

- Progress

- Taskforce:
- NRDS: not yet



Production, Area Harvested and Yield for Mauritania



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(3) Somalia

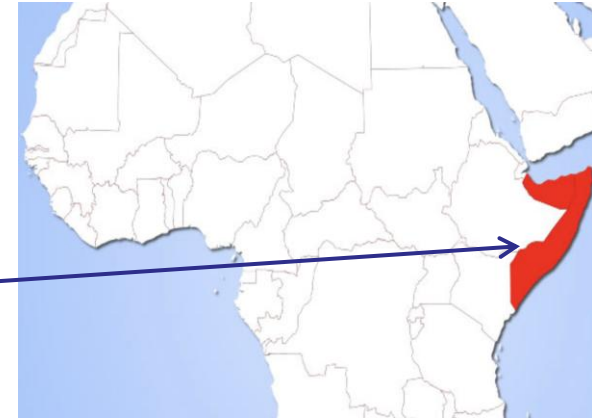
- Submission of express of interest:

July 11th 2024

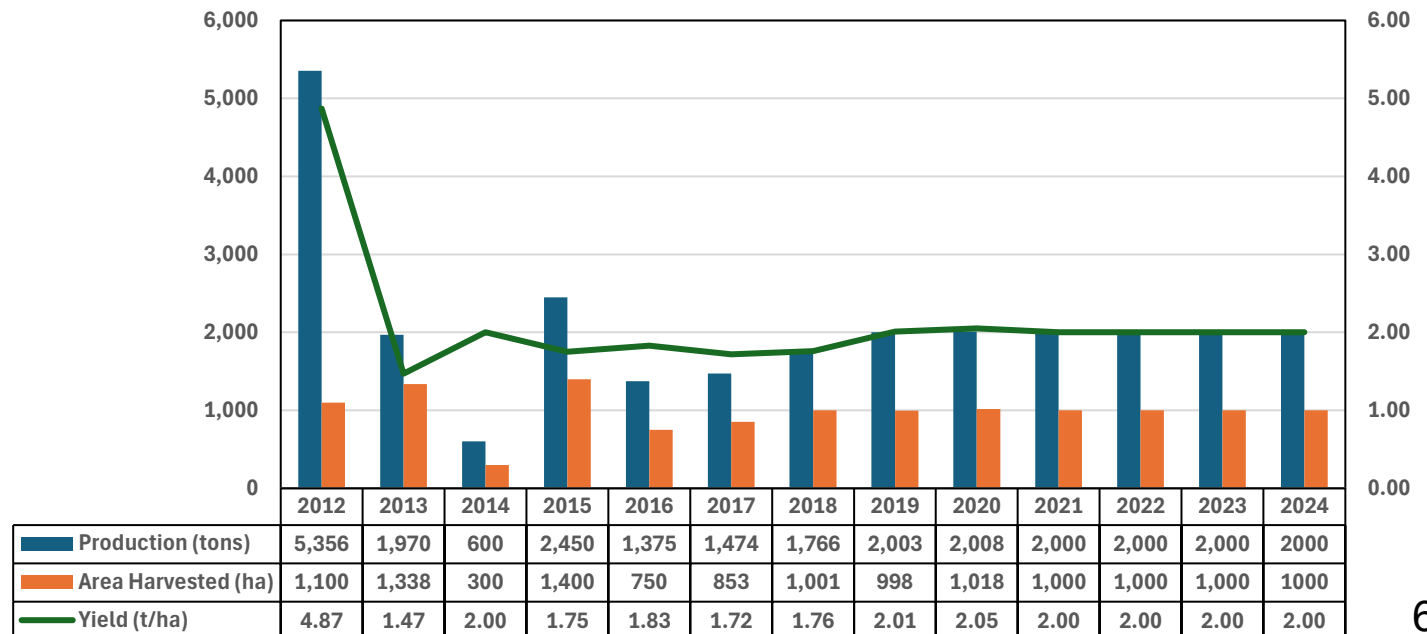
- Confirmation of strong will and leadership in promoting rice development:

July 8th 2025

- Progress
 - Taskforce:
 - NRDS: not yet



Production, Area Harvested and Yield for Somalia

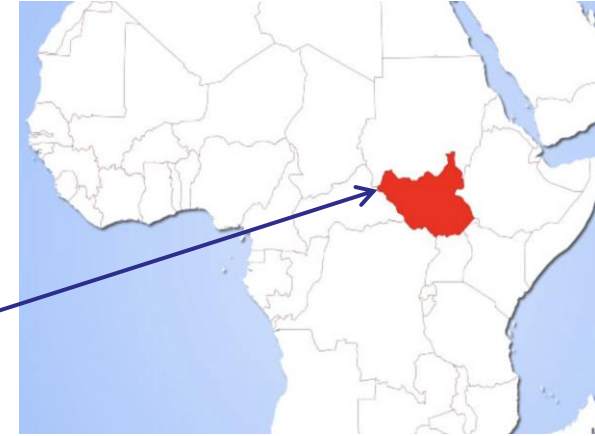


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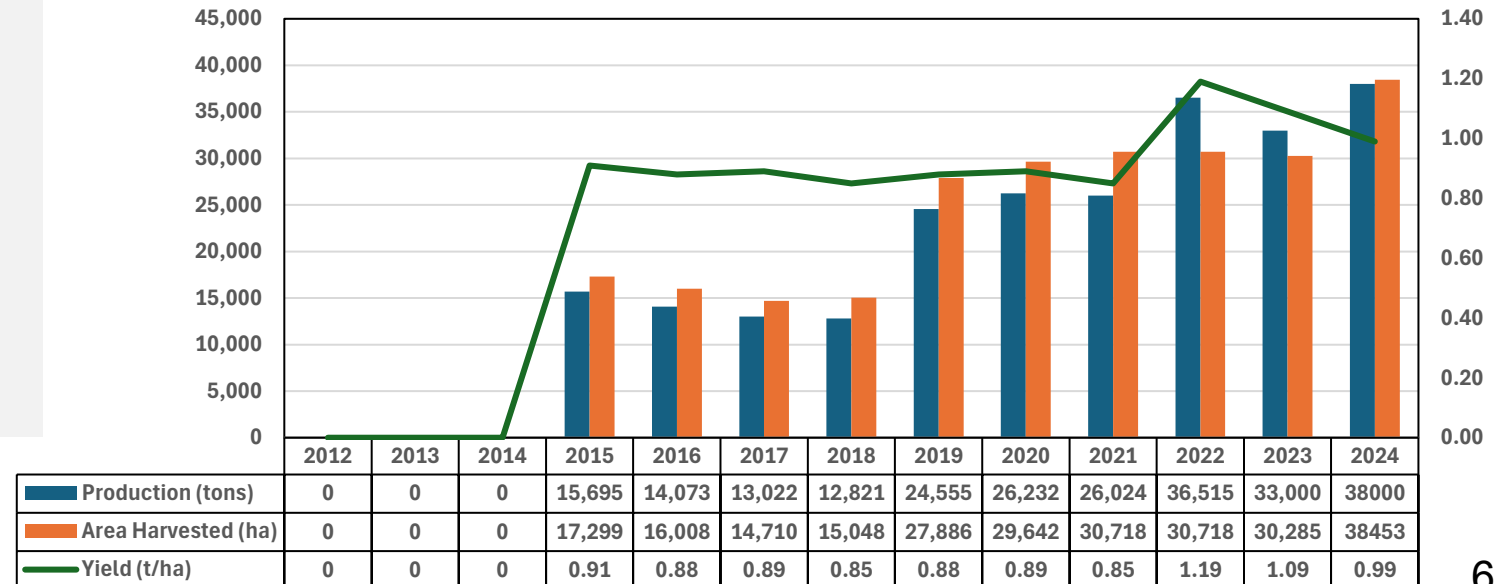
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(4)South Sudan

- Submission of express of interest:
In 2023 (attended GM9 in Cote d'Ivoire)
- Confirmation of strong will and leadership in promoting rice development:
October 2023
- Progress
 - Taskforce: formed
 - NRDS: drafted



Production, Area Harvested and Yield for South Sudan



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(5) Zimbabwe

- Submission of express of interest:

May 16th 2024

***First Lady of President expressed interest in 2022**

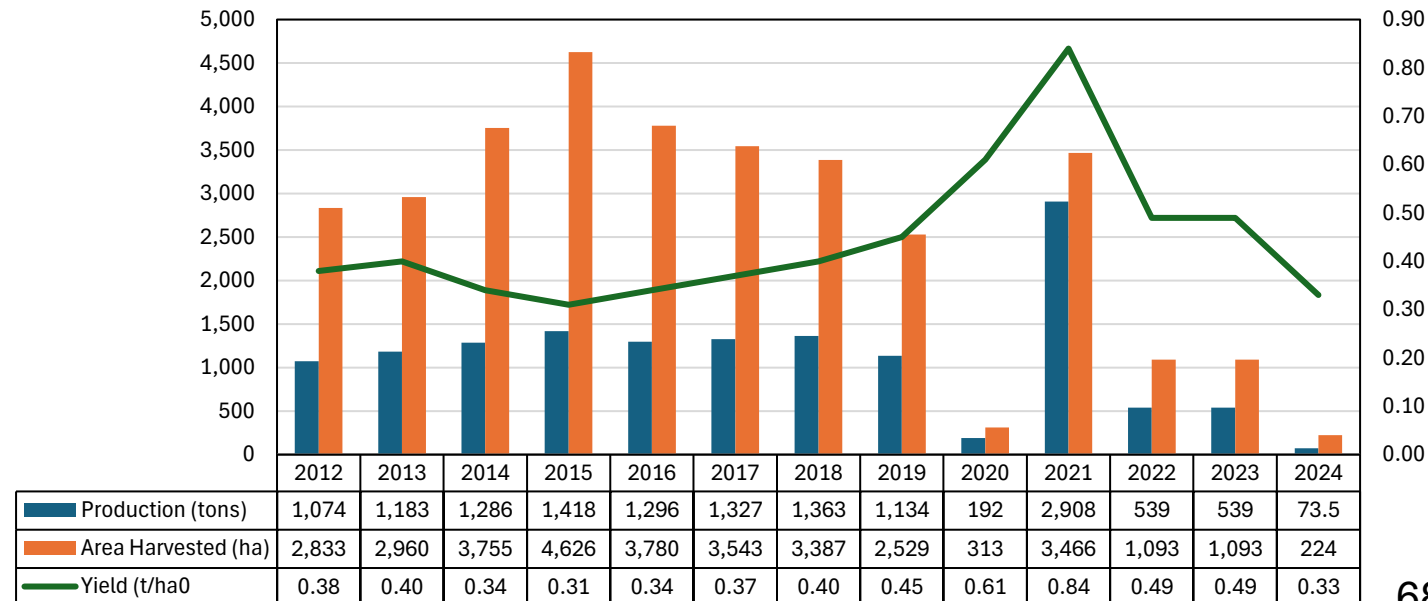
- Confirmation of strong will and leadership in promoting rice development:

June 21st 2024

- Progress
 - Taskforce: formed
 - NRDS: being drafted



Production, Area Harvested and Yield for Zimbabwe



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4. FUTURE DIRECTION OF CARD PHASE 2 (2) PRIORITY AREAS TO BE PROMOTED



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Challenges of CARD Phase2

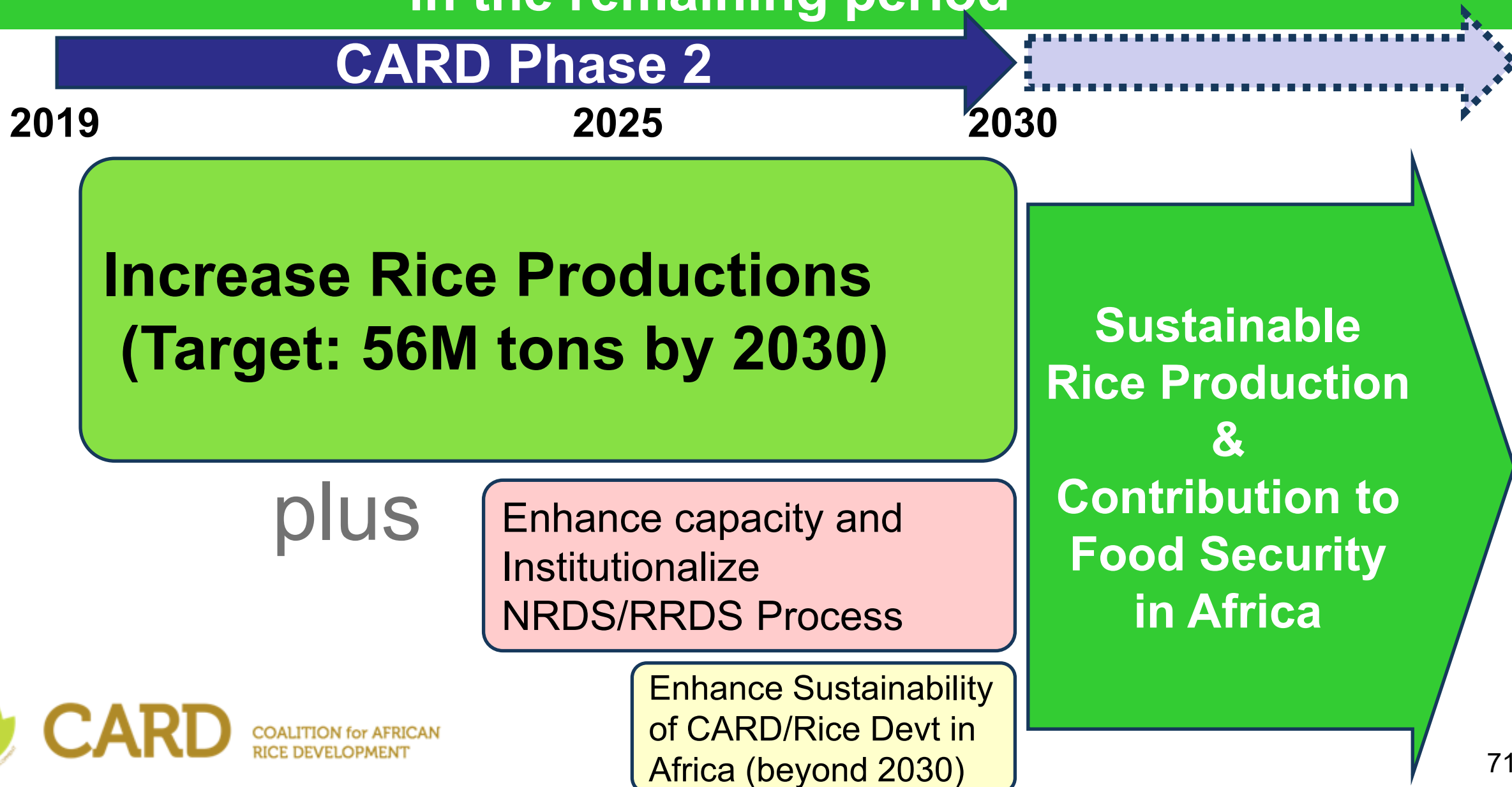
Accelerate increase in rice production through resource mobilization

- Progress: not on track
 - ✓ CARD Phase2 Target: 56M tons (2030)
 - ✓ Progress: 38M tons (2024)
- The primary factor behind the slow growth is stagnant yield, particularly in rainfed lowlands. Rice yield stands at 4.1 t/ha in irrigated lowlands, whereas it remains at 1.4 t/ha in rainfed lowlands (Arouna et al 2021)
- Implementation of rice development activities should be accelerated and expanded through resource mobilization

Promote sustainable rice development beyond 2030

- The 2nd half of CARD Phase2 started.
- The demand of rice in SSA will continue growing remarkably
- From a medium- to long-term perspective, sustainable rice development should be promoted at country, sub-regional and continental levels respectively

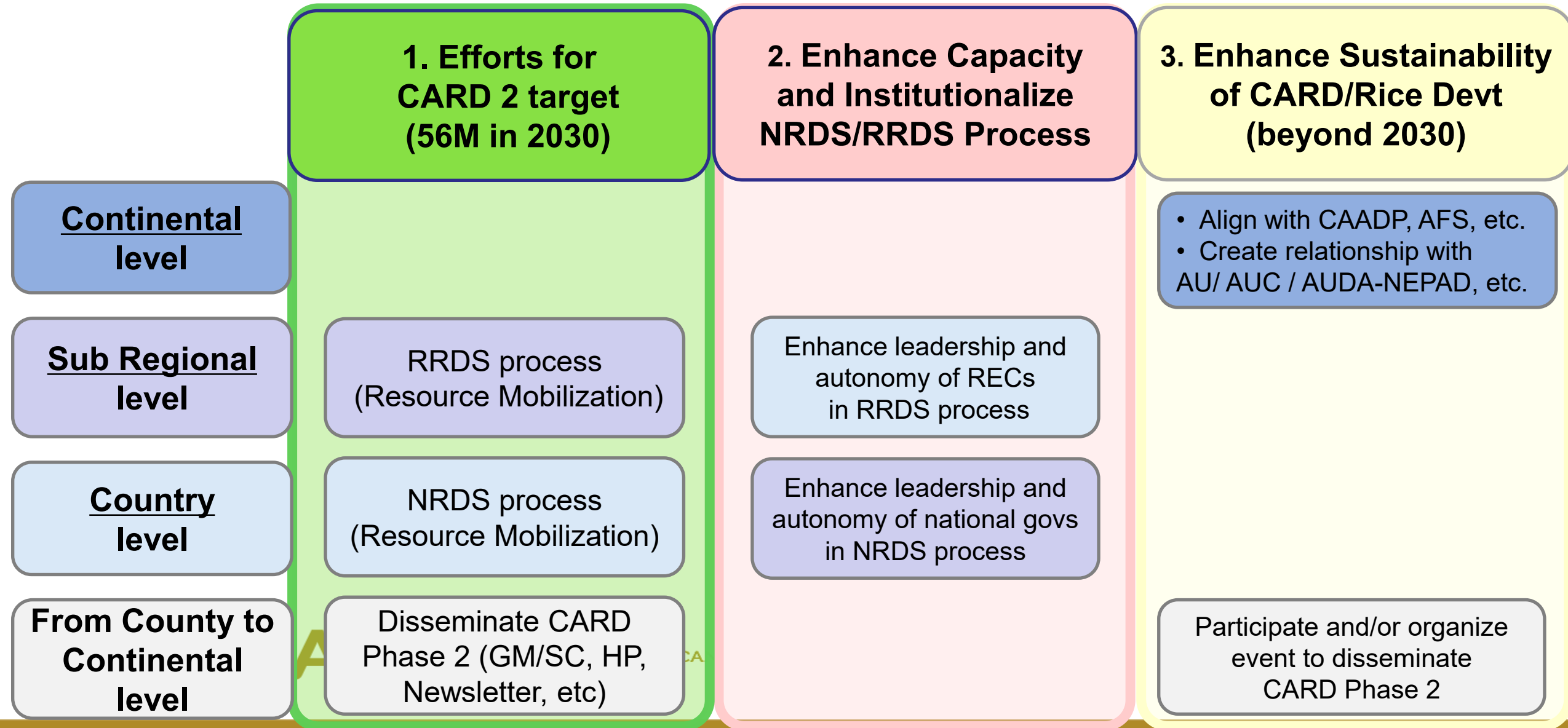
What CARD Phase 2 is expected to do in the remaining period



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What CARD Phase 2 is expected to do in the remaining period



(Request for comments and ideas)

Possible Actions for Resource Mobilization (Tentative)

(1) CARD Secretariat

- ☐ Stakeholder meeting at CARD GM10
 - CARD Secretariat should support NRDS TFs' F/U actions to realize project ideas
- ☐ Continuous F/U dialogues among SC members, CARD member countries and CARD Secretariat after CARD GM10
- ☐ Approach other potential stakeholders
 - rikolt, Enabel, KOPIA, Sustainable Rice Platform (SRP).....



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Possible Actions for Resource Mobilization (Tentative)

(2) Country and Sub-regional levels (CARD member countries, RECs with CARD Sec)

- ☐ Stakeholder meeting at CARD GM10 and its F/U
 - Project ideas with high potential are to be followed up by NRDS TF with the support of CARD Secretariat
- ☐ Budget allocation by national governments, RECs
 - To enhance sustainability, the NRDS TF should strive to secure government funding, even with a small budget, to conduct workshops and projects
- ☐ Approach potential external agencies
 - Discussions of resource mobilization plans started by NRDS TF in several countries. Continuous actions should be made by NRDS TF with the support of CARD Secretariat (approaching DPs, private sector)



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(Request for comments and ideas)

Possible Actions for Sustainable Rice Devt beyond 2030(Tentative)

(1) Country and Sub-regional levels (CARD member countries, RECs with CARD Sec)

- ☐ Enhance leadership and autonomy of NRDS TF and RECs, and institutionalize NRDS/RRDS process

(2) CARD Secretariat

- ☐ Strengthen partnership with continental organizations (AUC, AUDA-NEPAD, any other organizations?) and RECs
- ☐ Create alignments with continental agenda (Kampala CAADP Declaration) and initiatives (ASBPP, any other initiatives?)
- ☐ Any events in the coming one year (AFS Forum, etc)?



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5. 10TH CARD GENERAL MEETING (PM MARCH 9TH TO 12TH)



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CARD GM10

❑ Objectives

- Review the progress
- Agree to take actions
 - ✓ **moving forward CARD Phase 2 process aiming at reaching the CARD Phase 2 target**
 - ✓ **promoting resilient and sustainable rice production in SSA**
- Approve new member countries

❑ Themes

- Promotion of CARD Phase 2 process at **sub-regional level under the strong leadership of RECs**;
- **Resource mobilization** from a wide range of stakeholders such as development partners and the private sector through **the promotion of NRDS (country level) and RRDS process (sub-regional level)**



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Co-chairs of CARD GM10

	Co-Chair
AM, March 10th (Day 1)	Madagascar
PM, March 10th (Day 1)	Madagascar
AM, March 11th (Day 2)	ECCAS
PM, March 11th (Day 2)	Cameroon



Major Agenda of CARD GM10

- Report progress of CARD Phase2 (Agenda 1)

Overall Progress: Not on track

- ✓ Production (Target: 56 mt in 2030): Not on track
- ✓ Area of production (18.7m ha in 2030): On track
- ✓ Yield (3t/ha in 2030): Not on track

Resource Mobilization

NRDS Process: In progress

RRDS Process: In progress

Promote regular activities and hold ARSRM

- Report progress of NRDS process by each member country (Agenda 2, 3)

- How to accelerate CARD Phase 2 Process (Agenda 4)

Promote rice devt in SSA

- M&E and ARSRM (Agenda 5)

- Promotion of Sub-regional Level Activities through RECs (Agenda 6)

RECs

- Approval of five new CARD member countries (Agenda 8)

5 new countries



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Recommendations of Co-chairs' Summary (draft)

Recommendations

In order to ensure the further promotion of CARD Phase2, namely acceleration of increasing rice production during the latter half of the CARD Phase2 period (2025-2030), and sustainable rice development beyond 2030 from medium- and long-term perspective, the General Meeting requests CARD member countries, the CARD Secretariat, and the Steering Committee members to:

(a) CARD member countries

- ☐ Understand that resource mobilization, particularly on productivity improvements (with particular attention to rainfed lowland), should be promoted with the highest priority
- ☐ Advance the regular NRDS process, such as
 - prioritize lobbying for funding to realize project concept notes by approaching to (a) national governments, (b) development partners (DPs), and (c) private sector investment
 - Conduct M&E activities such as reviewing M&E framework, if necessary, and collect and analyze data
 - Hold ARSRMs based on the results of M&E activities to confirm progress, challenges, and future plans for effective actions in the following year
- ☐ Make efforts to enhance leadership and ownership in advancing NRDS process in sustainable way

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(b) CARD Secretariat

- ☐ Support the above-mentioned NRDS process in CARD member countries
- ☐ Support the sub-regional activities in close collaboration with RECs
- ☐ Promote sustainable rice development from a medium- to long-term perspective beyond 2030 by strengthening leadership and ownership of CARD member countries and RECs
- ☐ Strengthen relationship with relevant organizations at continental level such as AUC, AUDA-NEPAD, AfCFTA Secretariat, e.t.c. and create alignment with continental agendas such as the Kampala CAADP Declaration
- ☐ Disseminate the importance of key thematic issues critical for rice development in SSA



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(c) Steering Committee members

RECs

- ☐ Promote NRDS process in their member/partner states
- ☐ Advance sub-regional level challenges, such as the rice marketing and trade, the distribution of inputs, e.g. high-quality seeds within each sub-region
- ☐ Report ARSRM results to higher-level advisory bodies (sectoral councils, board meetings, etc.).

Development partners and research institutions

- ☐ Positively involved in CARD Phase2 at country and sub-regional levels
- ☐ Provide financial and technical resources, taking into account the followings;
 - progress of CARD Phase2 is behind the target
 - resources are required to accelerate NRDS process (organizing WSs/WWs, implementing projects, etc.)



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