

Liberia Concept note 1: Enhancing rice contract-farming/out-growers operations	
1. Title (Full name)	Enhancing rice contract-farming/out-growers operations
2. Project Location	Six (6), Counties: Lofa, Nimba, Bong, Grand Gedeh, River Gee; and Montserrando
3. Implementing Agencies	Ministry of Agriculture
4. Beneficiaries	Rice farming Investors and private rice processors
5. Target Group	Investors: Public and Private Investors
6. Type of project	1. Agricultural finances, 2. Grant 3. Technical Coop./Assistance, 4. National budget, 5. Private sector.
7. Field of support	1. Policy/guideline, 2. Production, 3. Marketing 4. Post-harvest, 5. Quality Control, 6. Capacity Building,7. Infrastructure
8. Suggested Funding sources	Public and private investors; Development Partners (WB, AfDB, IFAD, USAID, EU, Islamic Development Bank, etc.
9. Budget (USD)	1,750,000
10. Duration of the project	5 years
11. Background/Justification	This investment will support contract farming by working with Cooperatives, CBO's, private farmers to produce and supply paddy to rice hubs by supporting them
12. Goal and objective	Overall objective: This investment seeks to enhance sustainable contract farming/out-grower operations around the rehabilitate/upgrade rice hub in the six (6) counties to supply paddy in keeping with PAPD, LASIP-2 objective
	Specific objective 1
	Output
	1. 150 contract farmers/out growers mapped 2. Awareness created 3. Inputs supplied 4. MOU developed
Specific objective 2	Output
Capacity building support and funding 26,244 farm families (1,560 ffs/hubs) to produce paddy in support of the rehabilitated/upgraded hubs.	1. Capacity of 28,500 farmers built 2. 1,560 farmers supported with inputs 3. 56,160 metric tons of paddy produced

13. Activities	Activities - Output 1
	1-1. At least 150 contract farmers/out-growers produce paddy around the rehabilitated/upgraded hubs in the 6 targeted counties.
	1-1-1: Create the awareness/sensitization in (cluster) communities on the importance and benefits of joint cooperation/collaboration between community farmers and rice processors through contract-farming and out-grower rice production scheme.
	1-1-2: In collaboration with potential rice farmers in the cluster communities, define the roles and responsibilities of the partners (contract-farmers/out-growers and the processor).
	1-1-3: Geo-reference all farms to determine their actual acreage/hectares measurements.
	1-1-4: Provide direct support (production inputs and supplies) to the contract farmers/out-growers to produce paddy for the 6 hubs in the investment-targeted counties.
	1-1-5: Implement the MOU in accordance with established plan.
	Activities - Output 2
	2-1. Capacity-building support and funding to 26,244 farm families (1,560 ffs/hubs) to produce paddy in support of the rehabilitated/upgraded hubs.
	2-2. At least 56,160 metric tons (9,360 MT per hubs) of paddy produced to support the operation of the 6 rehabilitated/upgraded rice hubs.
	2-3. Identify and strengthen the capacity of about 25,800 rice contract/out-grower farmers to produce on the average 154,800 metric tons of paddy per annual to support the operation of the 6 rehabilitated/Upgraded rice processing hubs.
	2-4. Provide relevant and appropriate production inputs (quality seeds, fertilizers, agro-chemicals, production field development equipment/machines, etc.) to farmers for intensified paddy production.
	14. Expected Impact: