

Liberia Concept note 4: Support for establishment of aggregation centers and capacity building for rice producers in post-harvest technology		
1. Title (Full name)	Support for establishment of aggregation centers and capacity building for rice producers in post-harvest technology	
2. Project Location	Bong, Nimba, Rivercess, Lofa counties	
3. Implementing Agencies	Government of Liberia through the Ministry of Agriculture MoA) in collaboration with implementing partners. CARI/LACRA/Agro-dealers	
4. Beneficiaries	Farmers groups, cooperatives, agro-dealers, community dealers, end user	
5. Target Group	Cooperatives/farmers association	
6. Type of project	Grant and Technical Coop./Assistance	
7. Field of support	Policy and Capacity Building	
8. Suggested Funding sources	World Bank, AFDB, EU, USAID, GOL	
9. Budget (USD)	\$984,000.00	
10. Duration of the project	5 years	
11. Background/Justification	Liberia has a suitable natural environment for rice production and a large domestic market. Through increased and improved domestic rice production and processing, Liberia will benefit from expanded employment opportunities in upstream and downstream economic activities and increased incomes of rice farmers and actors along the value chain (World Bank 2018b).	
12. Goal and objective:	Overall objective: To Increase production of quality paddy and ease transportation to enhance the availability of Paddy.	
	Specific objective	Output
	1. To Increase production from 2.2 metric tons to 4 metric tons per hector.	1.1 1,800 rice farmers trained in post-harvest technology across the 4 counties
	2. To renovate and improved storage facilities.	2.1 At least 12 aggregation facilities constructed in four Counties
	3. To Organize and support rice aggregation system.	3.1 At least 200 aggregators trained and supported

13. Activities	Activity-Output 1
	1.1.1. Conduct traing need Assessment.
	1.1.2. Identify selection crateria for rice producers.
	1.1.3. Identify institution to provide training services.
	1.1.4. Developing training materials.
	1.1.5. Conduct of relevant training.
	1.1.6. Monitoring & Evaluation.
	Activity-Output 2
	2.1.1. Conduct need Assessment
	2.1.2. Identify selection criteria for aggregation facilitates
	2.1.3. Identify and hire institution to construct aggregation facilitates
	2.1.4. Identify selection criteria for required equipment
	2.1.5. Identify institution to supply and install equipment
	2.1.6. Monitoring & Evaluation
	Activity-Output 3
	3.1.1. Conduct Training needs assessment
	3.1.2. Identify Selection criteria of technicians to be trained in integrated warehouse management
	3.1.3. Identify institution to conduct training
	3.1.4. Hire institution to conduct relevant trainings
	3.1.5. Develop Training Materials
	3.1.6. Monitoring & Evaluation
14. Expected Impact:	Increase in high quality of paddy production and increased income for rice producers