



# The Gambia

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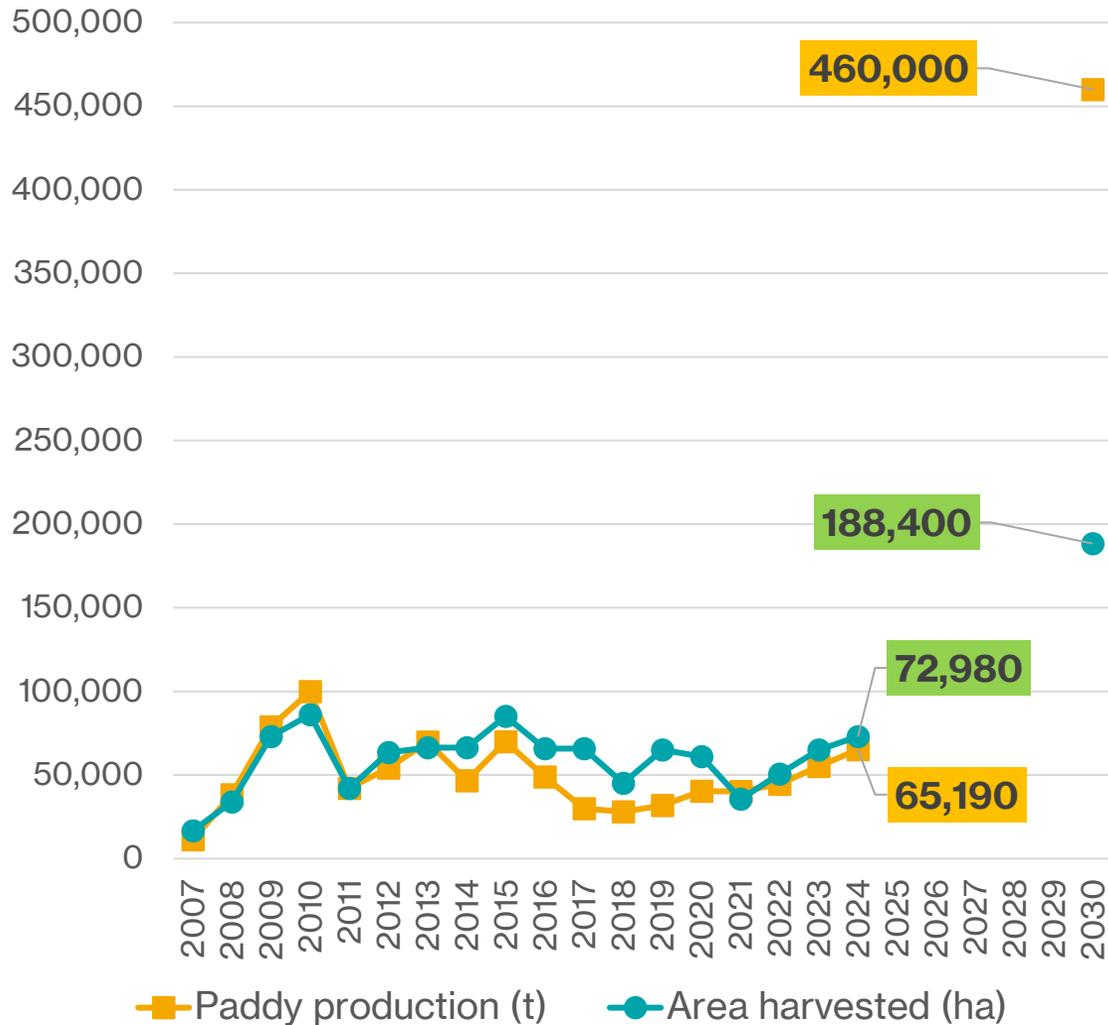
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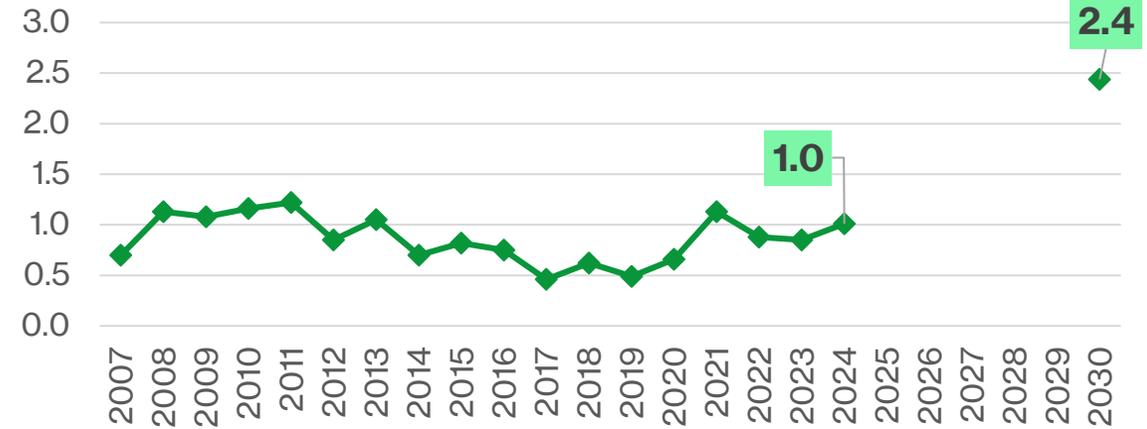
# Overall indicators

## Paddy production and Area harvested



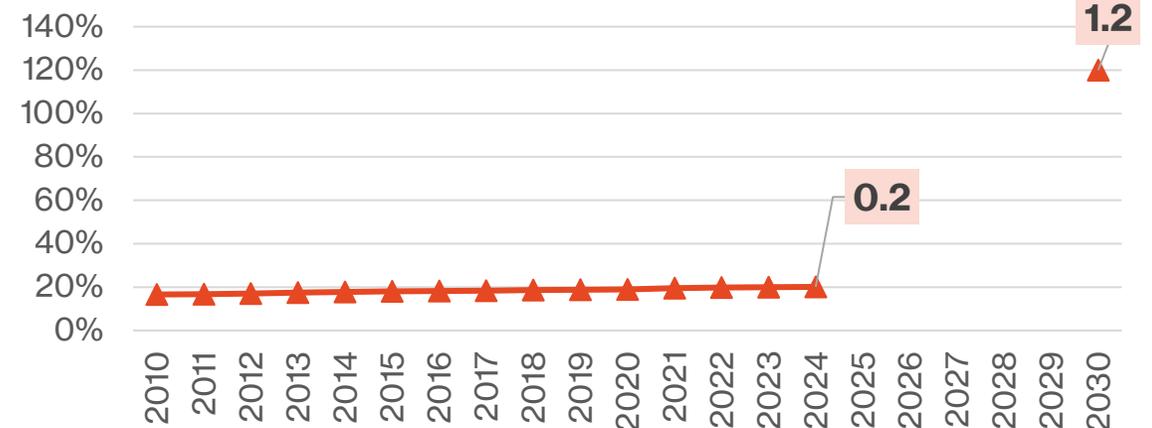
Source: (NRDSI, 2006-13), (NRDSII, 2019 2022), (Gbos,2023-2024)

## Yield (t/ha)



Source: (NRDSI, 2006-13), (NRDSII, 2019 2022), (Gbos,2023-2024)

## Self-sufficiency ratio (%)



Source: (NRDSI, 2006-13), (NRDSII, 2019 2022), (Gbos,2023-2024)

# Progress of CARD Activities since GM9

## Progress on NRDS Processes Elaboration Phase

### Activities and Progress

1. Revision of NRDS and formulation of National Rice Seed Development strategy (*21-25 Feb 2022 WW1*) (*31 March - 4 Apr WW 2*)
2. Draft documents circulated for comments - *October 2022*
3. NRDS II validation - *2024*
4. RSDS Validation - *2024*
5. Development of Project Concept Notes (CNs) - *January 24*
6. Executive approval - *Nov 2024*
7. Launching of NRDS - *January 17th, 2025*
8. Lobbying for funding - *Ongoing (projects and partners using NRDS as baseline document for rice production)*

## Progress on NRDS Monitoring Phase

### Activities and Progress

- *Monitoring indicators started with a pre-kick off meeting virtual: March 2024*
- *Monitoring indicators started with a kickoff meeting: April 2024*
- *Review and validation of identified indicators: April 2024*
- *Rice symposium; AfricaRice, CARD, FAO, WFP, IFAD K-Rice belt, KOPIA participated December 5th, 2024*
- *Data collection and entry for baseline M&E data - January 2025*

# Implementation of NRDS and Lesson shared

## Overview of major project(s) started since GM 9

Partner	Period	Project Name	Amount
AfDB	2024-2028	Programme to Strengthen Food and Nutrition Insecurity in the Sahel (P2-P2RS)	18.5 M USD
AfDB	2025-2029	West African Resilient Rice Value Chain Development Project (REWARD)	40 M USD
KOREA	2024-2028	K-Ricebelt	5.6 M USD
KOREA	2023-2028	KAFACI/ KOPIA TCPs	4.5 M USD

# Implementation of NRDS and Lesson shared

## Good example and Challenge in terms of implementing the NRDS

### <Challenge>

Human resource gaps, Production infrastructure, Seed system weakness, Post-harvest losses, Climate change & Market access

- Harmonisation of seed requirement by different projects (policy enforcement failures)
- Promotion is mainly left in the hands of NARs and Seed system affecting sensitisation
- Resource mobilization by the responsible ministry is not well coordinated
- Designated M&E for data collection and reporting
- Low involvement of private sector as well as women and youth in the different segments of the RVC

### <Good Example>

Financing & investment, Land issues- ownership and Development

- Establishment and existant of a strong NRDS Task Force
- Annual stakeholder rice forums and dialogue meetings (Information/Knowledge Exchange, Feedback Loop, Resource mobilization and Networking, Technical expertise and innovation)
- Government policy support for bilateral collaboration (such as: JICA, RDA, KOPIA, KAFACI, KRC)
- Elaboration of NRDS stimulate the concretization of new rice project with Development Agencies (design of AfDB and Korea supported RVC Development Projects and TCPs targeting improved seed dissemination, Serves a donor confidence booster and ensures that new projects are not isolated)

*\*RDA: Rural Development Agency (South Korea), \*KOPIA : Korea partnership for innovation of Agriculture, \*KAFACI : Korea-Africa Food and Agriculture Cooperation, \*KRC : Korea Rural Community*

# Action plans between now and the end of 2026

## Action 1: Organizing the Annual Rice Sector Review Meeting (ARSRM)

- Continue sensitisation, familiarisation, and ownership of the NRDS to relevant stakeholders
- Political buy-in and selling of concept note to Government and Development Partners respectively.
- Tracking of NRDS implementation progress and achievements

## Action 2: Establish the platform of Rice sector public and private

- Establishment of Innovation Platforms (IPs) and agric-business clusters around the Rice Value Chain
- Training and empowerment of the actors along the Rice Value Chain
- Encouragement of youth and women to participate in all segments in the implementation of the NRDS