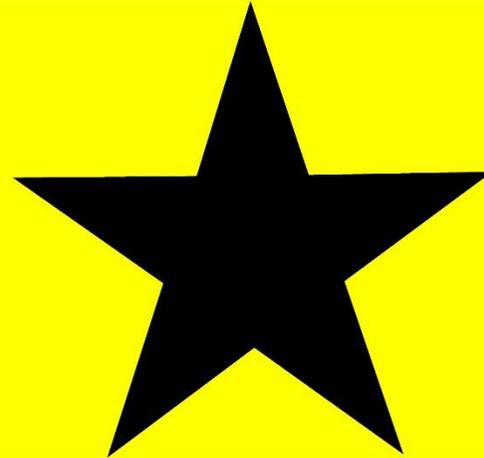




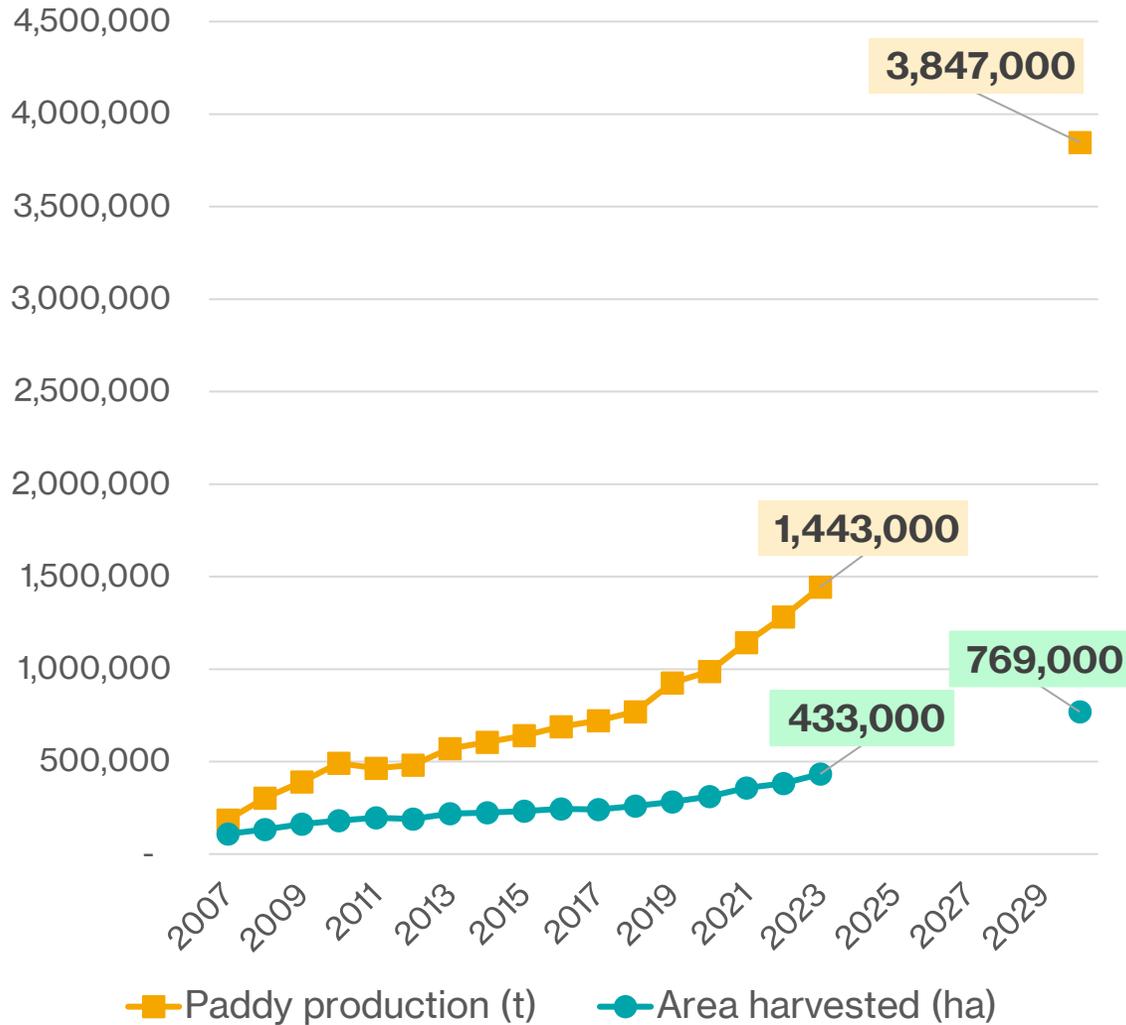
Update of the formulation of the National Rice Development Strategy (NRDS) in **GHANA**

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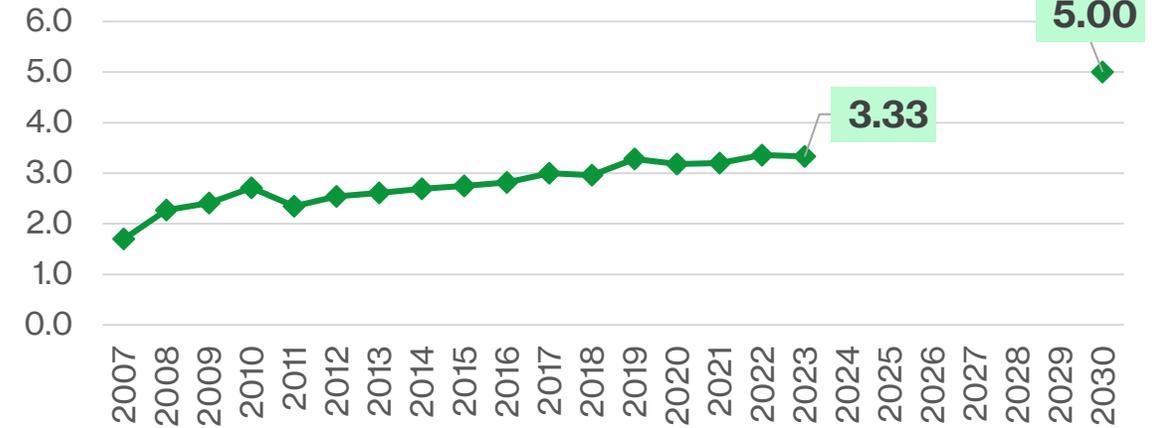


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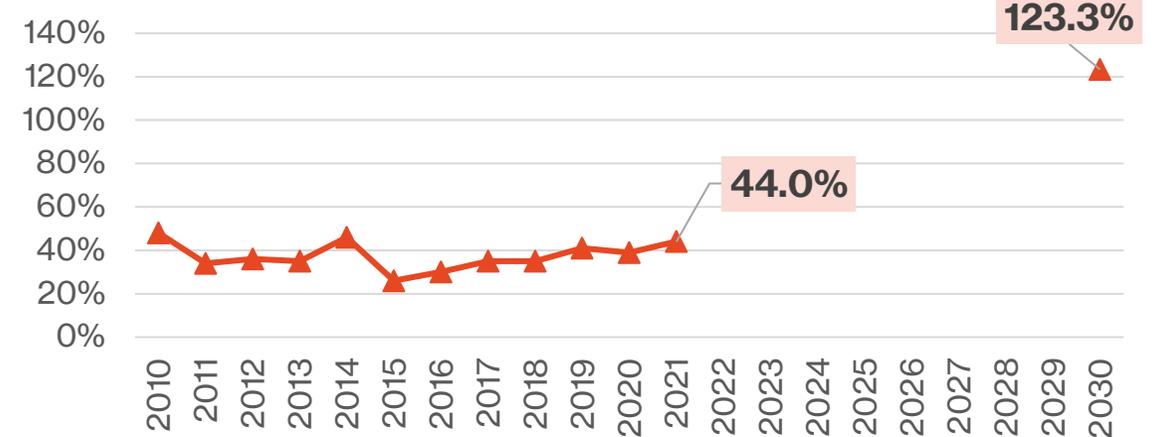
Paddy production and Area harvested



Yield (t/ha)



Self-sufficiency ratio (%)



Progress of CARD Activities since GM9

Progress on NRDS Processes Elaboration Phase

<NRDS>

- National Validation Workshop has been done in Nov. 2025
- Final Approval by National Rice Coordinating Committee (NRCC) in Nov. 2024
- Political approval has been done and signed by the Deputy Minister for Food and Agriculture in Nov. 2024

<Concept Notes>

- Seven (7) Concept Notes (CNs) have been developed in May 2025
- Final Approval of CNs by NRCC in August 2025
- National Sensitization on NRDS/CNs organized in September 2025
- Discussions are ongoing with DPs to support the CNs

Progress on NRDS Monitoring Phase

<Monitoring Data Setting>

- Monitoring indicators were identified as part of Task Force Review in June 2024

<ARSRM and Implementation >

- Will be organized this year

<Other CARD Milestones>

-Involvement of CARD Senior Advisor regional in CARD Week (Development of 7 Concept Notes)

Implementation of NRDS and Lesson shared

Overview of major project(s) started since GM 9

Partner	Period	Project Name	Amount
KOPIA/MAFRA	2023-2027	K-Rice Belt Project	30 millions USD
AfDB	2023-2027	Savannah Agriculture Value Chain Development Project (SADEP)	28.87 million USD
Mastercard foundation	2023-2027	Harnessing Agricultural Productivity and Prosperity for Youth (HAPPY) Program	61 million USD

Good example and Challenge in terms of implementing the NRDS

<Challenge>

- Change in political leadership
- Funding constraint for the review and finalization of NRDS II

<Good Example>

- Taskforce Members key in various project development and implementation
- AfDB, UNIDO, FAO, JICA utilized the NRDS II and some CNs in developing projects

Action plans between now and the end of 2026

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

- Organise zonal sensitization workshop on the NRDS II and Concept Notes for stakeholders.
- Meet individual Development Partners as a follow up to the sensitization
- ARSRM will also be organized

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

- The Ministry is working closely with the private sector value chain actors as part of the Government of Ghana's flagship programme "Feed Ghana Programme" through the Farmer Service Centres that serve as a one stop shop for agro inputs (seed, fertilizers, pesticides), services (mechanization, extension, advisory) and market access etc.
- Organize periodic meetings/workshop under Technical Working Group (TWG) of the NRCC to ensure the coordination and synergies of activities under the rice sector in the country.