

# South-South and Triangular Cooperation in Sustainable Agriculture and Value Chain Development in Côte d'Ivoire



# **BACKGROUND**

Rice has become an important staple food for households in West Africa, representing 37 percent of the total consumption of food crops. As the third largest rice producing country in West Africa, Côte d'Ivoire has made progress in rice production. Notwithstanding, Côte d'Ivoire still relies heavily on imports to satisfy its growing domestic consumption. National rice production is below 50 percent of its demand over the last three decades. The rice value chain in Côte d'Ivoire could be developed to achieve self-sufficiency of rice and even with surplus for exports.

# **OBJECTIVE**

Under the Global South-South Development Centre Project, which was jointly initiated by Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) and China International Center for Economic and Technical Exchanges (CICETE), this initiative aims to facilitate South-South knowledge sharing, mutual-learning, as well as technology and expertise transfer in advancing rice value chain development between African countries and China. In responding to regional and local development demands and priorities, capacity strengthening, technology transfer and advocacy activities will be delivered to local smallholders at a pilot demonstration site.

# **DELIVERABLES**

### Deliverable 1

A field demonstration site, which is to serve as an accessible platform for knowledge sharing and mutual learning on post-harvest treatment and processing of rice, will be established in local community. The demonstration site will be equipped by processing and storage facilities.

Activity 1: Identifying the location for the demonstration site, stakeholders and target groups through needs assessment

**Activity 2:** Identifying applicable rice processing and storage (for drying and milling) equipment, followed by procurement and installation in the demonstration site

### Deliverable 2

Enhancing smallholder farmers' knowledge and skills through South-South knowledge sharing and mutual learning on rice value chain.

**Activity 1:** Producing technical guidelines on post-harvest treatment and rice processing

**Activity 2**: Delivering technical training on rice processing in demonstration site

**Activity 3**: Organising workshops and webinars to share good practices in the development of rice value chain



# **PARTNERSHIP**

The formulation and implementation of this project is based on multi-stakeholder partnership.

Meanwhile, the partnership will be expanded through multi platforms, including China South-South Cooperation Network, a time-honoured knowledge sharing and technology transferring platform and the Initiative on Strengthening South-South and Triangular Cooperation in China-Africa Rice Value Chain, which was jointly initiated by African Union, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa, UNOSSC, WFP, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, China National Hybrid Rice Research and Development Center and CICETE.

### **Key Partners**

- United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC)
- WFP Centre of Excellence for Rural Transformation (WFP China COE)
- The Regional Centre of Excellence against Hunger and Malnutrition (CERFAM)
- WFP Côte d'Ivoire
- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Côte d'Ivoire
- Agency for Rice Development of Côte d'Ivoire
- Africa Rice Center







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