Partnership for Accelerated Local Economic Development

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"The appetite of Ghanaians for mushroom is growing by the day and that provides a local inclusive economic opportunity".



Key Information

SECTOR: GROWTH

LEAD PARTNER: UNITED PURPOSE

OTHER PARTNERS: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT AGENCY (SODIA)

NKORANZA SOUTH MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY

KINTAMPO SOUTH DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

DURATION: 2017 - 2020

TOTAL BUDGET EUR: 882,434.00

EU CONTRIBUTION EUR: 661,286.00

Background

With the overall goal of contributing to promoting local economic development and job creation, the project adopts a value chain approach to agribusiness development, to expand economic activity and stimulate job creation. The project targets three crop value chains - maize, cassava and cashew – with a combination of strategies including climate smart production technologies, market access expansion and management capacity building; coupled with the promotion of effective citizen participation in economic governance for optimal impact. The project is being implemented across 91 communities in the Bono and Bono East regions, reaching over 12,000 direct beneficiaries so far and more than 70,000 people more widely.









Project Details



The project will improve sustainable local economic growth and expand job creation in agribusiness in the Bono and Bono East regions.

Improved viability and sustainability of the agricultural sector enterprises in the Kintampo, Nkoranza North and South and Wenchi districts will result in increased incomes for 10,000 smallholder farmers and agro-entrepreneurs and job creation. The four participating District Assemblies – Nkoranza South Municipal, Nkoranza North District, Wenchi Municipal and Kintampo South District will benefit from increased citizen participation in local governance and decision making, enabling them to be more responsive and effective in planning and delivery of local economic development.

The specific objectives are:

- Facilitate upgrading of crop value chains and market access for 10,000 smallholder crop farmers and agro entrepreneurs in the four districts.
- Facilitate closer collaboration between the district assemblies, civic societies, private sector and citizen groups in the Municipal and District Assemblies planning and delivery of economic development activities.

Expected Results



Collaborating CSOs and MMDAs have together, achieved considerable results over the period: 11,900 smallholder famers have been trained in improved climate smart production and farm enterprise management; 587 agro-processors were trained in processing and enterprise management, whilst six (6) agribusiness and other SMEs have received supply chain management support; & 120 youth have been trained in high quality cassava flour processing. These outcomes have contributed to over 100% increase in crop income for maize farmers, while revenues of agro-processors and other SMEs have increased by up to 24%. Project activities have resulted in the creation of over 9,000 seasonal jobs.

All collaborating District Assemblies have integrated Local Economic Development (LED) strategies facilitated by the project into their Medium-Term Development Plans 2018-2021 and are implementing planned interventions. There is increased stakeholder participation in development planning across all districts, with more than 5,000 community members involved in the consultations for the 2018-21 MTDP planning process.





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