



Cassava Intervention in the Niger Delta



INTRODUCTION: The PIND's cassava intervention across the region, intends to increase the yield and income of smallholder farmers, to achieve this, in 2019, PIND continued to scale up work with the stakeholders (the lead farmers, Agro-dealers, etc.) to learn Good Agronomic Practice and business skills, access better quality inputs and extension services and have access to markets through large scale processor and cassava aggregation. From implementing the improved method of cultivating cassava, the adopting farmers' average yield per hectare increased from an average of 8 tons/ha to 17.4 tons, this meant an additional yield and income thereby creating new jobs and stronger linkages in the states of intervention.

SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT:

Support service expanded:

- CARA Strengthened efforts to establish a continuous supply chain for quality cassava seed, by partnering with the National Root Crops Research Institute (NRCRI) to train 12 selected Village Seed Entrepreneurs (VSEs)
- Engaged and supported more input companies (Harvest Field Industry Ltd, Bayer Crop Science, Jubail, etc) to train 218 agro-dealers and lead farmers on Good Agronomic Practices, and the Nigerian Agricultural Enterprise Curriculum (NAEC), who in turn step down the same training services to thousands of cassava farmers and helped the input companies to promote the sales of fertilizers, herbicides, etc to farmers.
- Support to conduct more business skills training of trainers for the agro-dealers and input companies using the Nigerian Agricultural Enterprise Curriculum (NAEC), and supported the trained agro-dealers to step down the business training to farmers across the States.

Agricultural practices and inputs enabled:

- CARA supported the strengthening of a linkage between Von Foods Limited (a large processor) and Solid Commodities Limited (an aggregator) for the supply of 300 tons of cassava tubers weekly to Von Foods' plant in Aba, Abia State that benefitted over 200 farmers in Delta and Edo.
- Supported the input companies and the Agro-dealers to reach a total number of 39,397 cassava farmers on GAP with Demo across the region.

Improved Technologies promoted:

- Facilitated the importation, distribution, and promotion of the elephant Garri fryer among small-scale Garri processors in the region who are mostly women in partnership with technology marketing companies. The Fryer enhances net income by over 20% through savings from using 50% less fuelwood per batch of 140kg of wet Garri and mitigates against smoke hazards from traditional.
- Supported developing plans to work with partner technology promotion companies to discover local production and develop strategies to stimulate greater demand for the Garri Fryers, with 23 units of Garri Fryer imported by local technology company, Novas Systems and five (5) units adopted by cassava farmers in same year.



Access to finance:

- CARA Facilitated the demonstration and adoption of the Elephant Garri Fryer by providing a Technology Adoption Grant (TAG) that covers 50% of the procuring cost of the Fryers.

Market Actors' linkages and collaboration:

- Partnership between input companies, agro-dealers, cassava farming associations, National Root Crop Research Institute, and others to set up and run cassava demonstration farms to teach farmers Good Agricultural Practices while marketing their agro-inputs.
- Strengthen Linkage between importer companies (Burro Brand and Novas Systems), agro-equipment distributors, and cassava farming groups to establish a supply chain and promote the adoption of the Garri Fryer in Delta, Edo, and Ondo States.
- Established Partnership involving the Building an Economically Sustainable, Integrated Seed System for Cassava in Nigeria (BASICS) project of the National Root Crops Research Institute (NRCRI) and the DFID-funded Market Development (MADE) project to produce community-based entrepreneurs to sell certified cassava stems to farmers.
- Market connection between large processors and smallholder cassava farmers to establish different levels of aggregation to address the challenge of poor market access by farmers.

PHOTOS



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