

Value Chain Promotion for Food Security in Small-scale Farming context: Results of Two Years Experience in Atacora-Donga Region, Benin

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Context

During the food price crisis in 2008, the German cooperation program for agriculture and resource conservation formulated a food security programme, co-financed by the European community. Between October 2009 and October 2011, the food security programme Atacora/Donga (PASA) in the north-west of Benin worked with about 90.000 small scale farmer households to improve productivity of rice and corn.

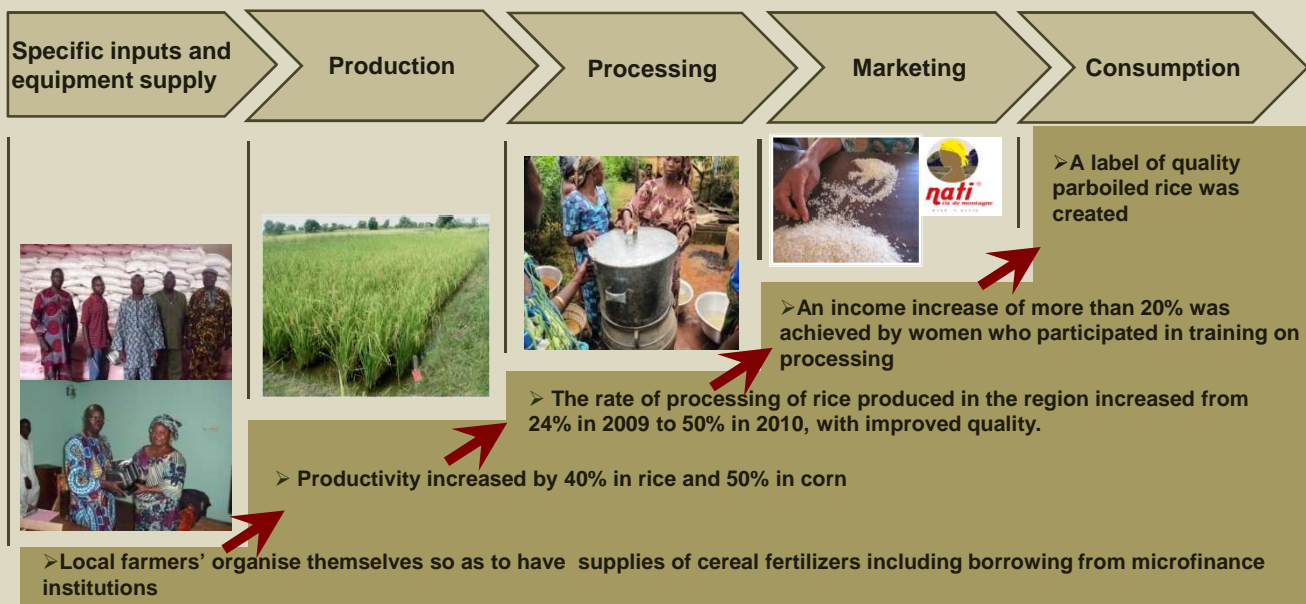


Approach

Special attention was paid to the processing and marketing of cereals.

Activities were planned and implemented using the value chain approach ValueLinks, with special regard to economic potential and promotion of women activities in the value chain.

Results



The project impact on rice production during the two years of its implementation

Production	Before the project		Two years of project implementation	
	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
Total production (ton.)	24 473	29 499	56 971	58 133

Conclusion

- New strategies for input supply, training and private sector participation in the value chain approach ensure durability for long-term food security in the region.
- The active involvement of local stakeholders at different stages of planning and implementation now contribute to a better integration of the value chain approach in local development plans
- The public agricultural training agency helps to stimulate private investments in agriculture and processing within a Public Private Partnership (PPP)