

Country C : GAMBIA

The NERICA Rice Dissemination Project (The Gambia Experience)

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BASIC DATA

ADF LOAN NUMBER	210016037160
DATE OF LOAN SIGNATURE	NOV. 3, 2003
DATE LOAN DECLARED EFFECTIVE	APRIL 20, 2004
DATE OF FIRST DISBURSEMENT	OCT. 17, 2005
PROJECT PERIOD	2005 - 2008

Goals

- Contribute to poverty reduction
- Contribute to food security

Objectives

- Enhance rice production
- Disseminate NERICA rice
- Promote rice production

Why NERICA?

- Rice capita consumption: 117 kg/annum
- NERICA rice is high yielding
- Developed specifically for our growing conditions
- Adapted to our growing environment



- A population of 1.6 million.
- Our total rice requirement is 175,000 MT
Current total national production =
only 17% of our total requirement
- In 2000, US\$ 10.9 million was spent on the
importation of 93,900 metric tons of rice.

Project Components

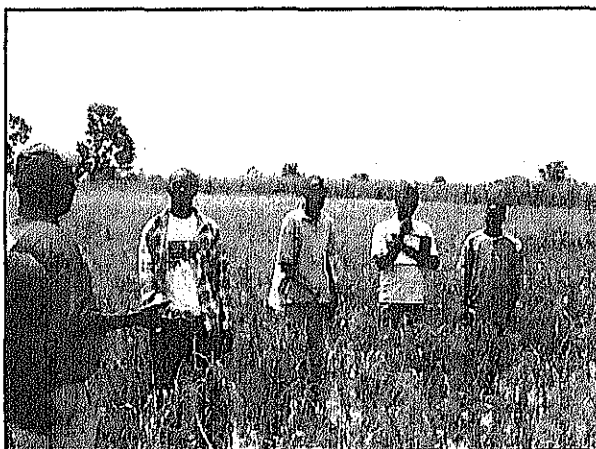
1. Technology transfer
2. Production support
3. Capacity building
4. Project coordination

Implementation Strategies

- PVS
Participatory Variety Screening



- Twinning of sites
- Seed production
- Adaptive Research



Farmer Groups

- Individual farmers
- Groups
- Institution/NGO

