

GHANA

Summary of Bankable Investment Project Profile – Volume III of III

Post harvest Systems and Agro-processing Support Project

Estimated Cost: US\$43 m

Project Duration: 5 years

Rationale. Efficient post-harvest management and agro-processing technologies are an important pre-requisite for increased income from agricultural production as well as for household and national food security. While it is recognized that the post-harvest and agro-industry sub-sector is clearly the domain of the private sector, there is the need to create an enabling environment for the development of the sub-sector and to promote the establishment of effective links between producers, traders and agro-industries.

Project Objectives:

- Overall Goal/Development Objective: Income and food security of rural population enhanced and agricultural exports increased.
- Project Development Objectives: Small-holders supported in the transformation from subsistence to commercial agriculture and local agro-industries strengthened to meet the domestic and export market demand.

Project Area and Beneficiaries: Nationwide. Primary beneficiaries would be small-scale producers as well as small and medium-scale agro-industries.

Project Components and Main Activities:

- Support to Small- and Medium-scale Manufacturers to Manufacture and Effectively Market High-quality Agro-Processing Machinery and Equipment
 - Efficient and reliable agro-machinery-supply, repair and maintenance, and exploitation system in the project coverage areas established.
- Provision of Professionally Managed Warehouses at Major Producing and Marketing Centres
 - 75,000 tonnes of drying and warehousing capacity built/refurbished in major production and market centres to be managed by licensed warehouse operators and used by product associations under inventory credit and warehouse receipts system.
- Provision of Appropriate Packaging and Cold Chain Technology and Facilities and Support to Farmers, Traders and Processors for Commercialization
 - Appropriate handling, processing, packaging and cool chain facilities for local staple crops such as plantain, cassava, yam and vegetables, as well as fish and meat developed and established.
- Promotion of the Use of Measures and Weights for Trading in Agricultural Commodities in Ghana
 - Standard Weights and Measures are used throughout the country for trading that will bring about fair trade.

Main Benefits.

- Improved quality of locally manufactured agro-processing machinery as well as skills and knowledge of local equipment manufacturers; reduced imports of agricultural machinery and equipment, with related savings in foreign exchange; improved rural income, mainly through increased commercial level processing, increased value addition and reduced post-harvest losses;
- Reduction of post-harvest losses; improvement in food quality of grains; increased stability of grain prices; employment generation; creation of market and service linkages; and improved farmer group dynamics;
- Reduction of post-harvest losses; quality improvement and value addition of farm produce, resulting in improved incomes for small farmers and increased potential for export; enhanced income-generating activities in the communities; improved food safety as consumers will enjoy farm products well packaged under hygienic conditions and free from contamination; and
- Reduced transactions costs, increased pricing efficiency, improved transparency in pricing and a more effective regulation of trade for the benefit of all stakeholders.