

Projects in the Spotlight

The LNV team in West Africa (Ghana, Nigeria and Ivory Coast), obviously works together very closely with our colleagues at RVO and the wider economic departments of the three Dutch embassies. Jointly we support or even initiate big programs that are financed by the Ministry of Foreign affairs and RVO. These projects can enable Dutch companies, knowledge institutes and/or NGOs to exhibit their abilities and exchange ideas with local stakeholders. This can be in the form of SDGP projects, Impact Clusters, scoping missions or Knowledge to Knowledge projects. On this page we regularly highlight some of these activities. To showcase what we are working on but mainly to provide inspiration for possible future cooperation. We believe these will inspire or give food for thought.

Impact Clusters

1. Demonstration Training and Research Center in Ghana

Increasing the production of vegetables is a high priority in Ghana and Dutch companies and knowledge institutions are committed to increasing the level of knowledge in the Ghanaian horticultural chain. development with a local technical team starts during the construction of the modern greenhouse. This is based on the "learning while doing" concept: theory and practice are combined in the training courses. The local team will build the greenhouse under the guidance of an experienced supervisor from partner Bosman van Zaal.

https://www.agroberichtenbuitenland.nl/landeninformatie/ghana/achtergrond/bedekte-teelten_sp1

2. Hortivoire

The [Hortivoire](#) Project is a four-year project being implemented since 2020 in Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa. The total cost of the project is € 940,000 with a total requested grant amount of € 450,000 and granted by RVO. The Project objective is to train farmers in better and more sustainable practices of producing local vegetables 'hors sol' via the integrated INNOFER model (greenhouse substrate horticulture). The Dutch partners AGRIFER, Rijk Zwaan (specialized in hybrid seeds) and Van Iperen (specialized in fertilizers) are active in this Impact Cluster under the name Hortivoire. The project is coordinated by Resilience BV and supported by the Dutch embassy in Abidjan, RVO and the regional office of the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality in Accra (Ghana). Click on Hortivoire to read more.

3. Seed For Change (S4C) Programme

The [S4C](#) program is a three-year programme that began implementation in 2019. It was developed to address the growing demand and need for a greater diversity of vegetables; the lack of farmer information; poor access to inputs; and poor cultivation techniques. S4C program is a PPP project involving Dutch and Nigerian private seed industry actors and public institutions of governance and knowledge. The programme in the last 2 years has been tackling challenges

of productivity, through access to improved seeds and biological crop protection for Nigerian (smallholder) farmers, capacity building, and a transfer of knowledge through practical demonstrations, farmer-to-farmer learning, and training activities.

4. Insect 4 Feed Impact Cluster Nigeria

The [Insect 4 Feed Impact Cluster](#) is a four-year project, funded by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency and starting in 2021 with a focus on the development of insect protein for the feed industry in Nigeria. The project connects Dutch expertise to the Nigerian thriving animal protein industry, infusing and catalyzing environmentally sustainable approaches to the agri-food industry as a whole.

Key partners involved are, NGN-pro, Feed Calculator, IITA-BIP, University of Ibadan, QIFFAN, Heineken (Nigerian Breweries)

4. Dairy Impact Cluster

Nigeria has been going through farmers herders clashers and conflict crisis in recent times, an issue mostly blamed on climate change and migration, with little consideration to population growth, economic pressures and cultural misunderstanding. This crisis and conflict has inspired the Nigerian government to develop a National Livestock Transformation Plan (NLTP). Follow this [link](#) to read more on the National Livestock Transformation Plan and the important role of Dutch organizations in its implementation.

SDGP projects

1. The Accessible Soils And Sustainable Environments (ASASE) in Ghana

The Accessible Soils And Sustainable Environments ([ASASE](#)) project is a four-year project in the Ghanaian cocoa landscape. It is co-funded by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) as part of the Sustainable Development Goals Partnership (SDGP). Driven by a belief that a thriving, climate-smart cocoa sector is possible, this project will work with 5,000 farmers across Ghana's cocoa producing areas. Using a landscape approach, the ASASE project intervenes on 3 levels: working together with cocoa farmers, their rural communities and in local forest remnants. Among other interventions and for the first time in Ghana, cocoa farmers receive access to subsidised land tenure and tree tenure documentation at large scale to improve their security in their farmland.

2. East West Seed Knowledge Transfer Project in Nigeria

The East-West Seed KT project, began its implementation in 2019. The three years programme is focused on transferring knowledge to the small scale farmers in Kaduna state, a location that plays host to millions of vegetable farmers in Nigeria. The Nigerian vegetable sector has promising growth potentials. The key partners of this programme are East-west seeds, Solidaridad, Wageningen University and Research, Ahmadu Bello University, Kaduna State

Ministry of Agriculture, Traders and Processors.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqWDscPYSCw>.
<https://projects.rvo.nl/project/nl-kvk-27378529-sdgp1085ng/>

Food Security Programs

1. Hortifresh

HortiFresh is a programme supported by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands which has prioritized commercial agriculture in its strategic plan of moving from aid to trade. The programme's mission is to establish "a sustainable and internationally competitive fruit and vegetable sector that contributes to inclusive economic growth, food and nutrition security" in Ghana and Ivory Coast. HortiFresh West Africa supports the sector through activities and funds that contribute to: increasing the value of exports, both to the EU and to regional markets; improving quality and value-added in the domestic market, aiming at reducing imports. This will be achieved through business partnerships and cluster development activities focusing on innovation and scaling. Importantly, it will stimulate the banking sector to develop tailored financial products for the horticulture sector. Read more on [Hortifresh](#)

2. The Cocoa Rehabilitation and Intensification Programme (CORIP II) and Sustainable West Africa Oil Palm Programme (SWAPP)

Solidaridad launched the extended cocoa and oil palm programmes in Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire and introduced them, for the first time, in Liberia and Sierra Leone, where many smallholder farmers and their families depend on the commodities to improve their livelihood. The Dutch government, through its embassy in Accra, supports both programmes with the Swiss Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) providing additional funding for the oil palm programme in Ghana. [Read More](#)

3. 2Scale

[2Scale](#) is an incubator program that manages a portfolio of public-private partnerships (PPPs) for inclusive business in agri-food sectors and industries. The project is funded by DGIS-Netherlands and implemented jointly by IFDC, the BOP Innovation Center, and SNV. 2SCALE is currently active in Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Niger, and Nigeria.

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