



The Japanese Rice Grant Project: Economic Recovery of Liberian Rice Farmers in Ebola-Affected Counties

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Abbreviation of words

ADRA: Adventist Development and Relief Agency
ADB: African Development Bank
ASRP: Agriculture Sector Rehabilitation Project
BEMACOS: Bengoma Mining and Agriculture Cooperatives
CAC: County Agriculture Coordinator
CHAP: Community of Hope Agriculture Project
CDA: Cooperative Development Agency
CBO: Community-Based Organization
CARD: Collation of African Rice Development
CDF: County Development Fund
CARI: Central Agriculture Research Institute
DAO: District Agriculture Officer
FED: Food and Enterprise Development
FBO: Farmer-Based Organization
FUN: Farmers Union Network of Liberia
FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization
JICA: Japan International Cooperation Agency
LADA: Liberia Agribusiness Development Activity
LBR: Liberia Business Registrar
LATA: Liberia Agriculture Transformation Agenda
MOA: Ministry of Agriculture
MC: Moisture Content
MIA: Ministry of Internal Affairs
MOE: Ministry of Education
ME: Making Enterprise INC
NCSSC: National Cassava Sector Coordinating Committee
IFAD: International Fund for Agriculture Development
PIU: Project Implementation Unit
PMU: Project Management Unit
PMC: Project Management Committee
SAPEC: Smallholder Agriculture Productivity Enhancement and Commercialization
SDC: Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation
SRI: System of Rice Intensification
STCRSP: Smallholder Tree Crop Revitalization Support Project
TOT: Training of trainers
USAID: United States Agency for International Development
USADF: United States African Development Foundation
UNMIL: United Nation Mission in Liberia
UNDP: United Nations Development Program
VSLA: Village Saving and Loan Association
WAAPP: West Africa Agricultural Productivity Program
WB: World Bank
WFP: World Food Program
WHH: WelthungerHilfe

1.0 Executive Summary

The fourteen (14) years of civil war that ended in 2003 undermined Liberia's development. As progress was made with the post-war recovery between 2003 and 2013, the Ebola epidemic in 2014 struck the nation and two of its neighbors (Guinea and Sierra Leone). This epidemic, one of the worse in history, affected all sectors of Liberia including the agricultural sector thereby leading donors to provide funding toward "Ebola Recovery". In this light, two (2) million USD was given to Liberia by the Japanese government through the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

This led to collaboration between IFAD and the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) to design a project (IFAD-Ministry of Agriculture) that would increase farmers' income by developing the rice and cassava value chains in the ASRP and STCRSP project counties of Bomi, Grand Cape Mount, Grand Bassa, Montserrado and Lofa by strengthening existing rice and cassava processing facilities and increasing farmers' production.

During the reporting period, CHAP and IFAD /PIU conducted an assessment of 36 processing facilities/hubs in the 5 J-Rice Grant project counties: 4 ASRP counties and the one STCRSP county to identify and assess existing rice and cassava processing facilities. Out of the processing facilities/ hubs identified, 20 of them are rice-processing facilities while the remaining 16 facilities are cassava-processing facilities.

The Community of Hope Agriculture Project (CHAP), a national agriculture NGO, with in-depth expertise in Liberia agriculture sector, was selected to implement the Japanese Rice Grant thru IFAD-Ministry of Agriculture.

In addition to the 36 processing facilities/hubs identified during the assessment, there were also 1800 ha of lowland area identified for the purpose of project (J-Rice Grant) implementation in the 5 project counties.

Prior to the assessment, the Community of Hope Agriculture Project (CHAP) carried out several key activities related to the J-Rice Grant link to ASRP. Some of these activities are:

- An account has been opened with Eco-Bank Limited and details sent to IFAD/MOA/PIU
- A comprehensive work plan developed with detailed activities, timelines and budget
- 10 sites were identified in Lofa, Grand Cape Mount and Montserrado and 11 ha were cultivated with rice in Montserrado and Grand Cape Mount, respectively
- CHAP contacted several partners including but not limited to Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC), Food and Enterprise Development (FED), World Food Program (WFP), Welthungerhilfe (WHH), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), etc.
- Identification and assessment tools were developed including Farmers Picture Book
- Procurement of tablets, GPS, SRI weeder, BSC rotary tiller machines, rice mill, etc.
- Publicity on the project was made on UNMIL Radio several times on Coffee Break show
- 11 ha cultivated in Montserrado, Lofa and Grand Cape Mount by VADEMC (Vainga Agriculture Development and Management Consultancy)

Similarly, a verification exercise was also carried out by IFAD/PIU and CHAP so as to authenticate the existing, accessibility and functionality of these processing facilities. In addition, the verification exercise enable CHAP and IFA/PIU to select 17 processing facilities for financing.

The findings and recommendations from these two exercises (assessment and verification) have been submitted to IFAD so as to keep them in the know of functioning and earmarked processing facilities for potential funding under J-Rice Grant Project.

Finally, CHAP has also carried out several preparatory works for the smooth implementation of the Japanese Rice Grant project. Some of the activities carried out are: Recruitment of project staff, preparation of both technicians' and farmers' training manuals, financial requests for field activities for the month of January, comprehensive work plan for the month of January 2017, letters to stakeholders, production of radio jingles, procurement of machines, etc.

2.0 Introduction

The Community of Hope Agriculture Project (CHAP), a national agriculture NGO, with in-depth expertise in Liberia agriculture sector was selected to implement the Japanese Rice Grant thru IFAD-Ministry of Agriculture. The goal of the grant is to address the restoration of productive capacity for Ebola-affected households that are residents of IFAD's five project counties.

In order to realize this goal that is in line with the Ministry of Agriculture/Government of Liberia's new policy under the Liberia Agriculture Transformation Agenda (LATA), IFAD-MOA has decided to implement the Japanese Rice Grant Project in 5 counties (Bomi, Cape Mount, Grand Bassa, Lofa and Montserrado), four of which are ASRP counties, and one an STCRSP County .The project is valued at two million United States Dollars (2,000,000.00).

CHAP has support from the World Bank, CNS-Riz (Mali), SRI-Rice (Cornell University, USA) and the government of Japan through IFAD and the Liberian Government to carry on the Japanese Rice Grant project implementation.

Liberia's legacy of rural underdevelopment and the unfortunate outcome of war and the deadly Ebola crisis have placed the country's most vulnerable citizens (rural women) in ongoing risk. The majority of beneficiaries of IFAD's projects in Liberia, including the Agricultural Sector Rehabilitation Project (ASRP) and the Smallholder Tree Crop Revitalization Support Project (STCRSP), are women-headed households. The projects are implemented through cooperative business organizations; the membership of the supported organizations is 56% women.

2.1 Project Goal:

Economic Recovery of Liberian Rice Farmers in Ebola-Affected Counties

2.3 Project Objective:

- Complement support provided to Ebola-affected communities involved in rice production in the 5 counties;
- Build sustainable farming practices by improving farmers productivity through the System of Rice Intensification (SRI);
- Introduce user-friendly labor-saving implement;
- Improved quantity and quality of local rice production as a result of the training and equipment received;
- Increase farmers' incomes and expand the cycle of rice production and processing in these areas.

2.4 Project Components:

1. Build capacity and strengthen institutions
 - Resuming training support using the existing ASRP modalities and the SRI-Rice approach
 - Provide training for cooperatives, farmer organizations, etc.
2. Farmer result-driven methodology and demonstration
 - Farmer-adapted SRI methods in their farming to increase crop productivity
3. Development and dissemination of communication mechanism/tools on SRI
 - Develop and disseminate to farmers' IEC materials on SRI method
4. Provision of equipment and dissemination of labor-saving devices for production and processing
 - Rehabilitating approximately 15 community rice centers at the community level with equipment including rotary tillers, rice threshers, and rice transplanters
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2.5 Methodology:

CHAP developed assessment tools for the collection of appropriate information and work closely with MOA field staff using the following approaches:

- Communications using emails, phone calls, and radio announcement to key actors like MoA CACs and DAOs, NCSCC, NGOs, MIA, local county authorities, and other stakeholders informing them of the assessment and its purpose.
- Focus group discussions and key-informant interviews, field visits
- Photographing, GPS collections
- Desk reviews, inspecting revenue records of existing hubs, sales, expenditures, and equipment
- One-on-one discussions with the management teams, review of business records, and processing equipment, physical observations of facilities as well as key-informant interviews.

3.0 Activities Implemented by CHAP from October 2016-January 15, 2017

The Community of Hope Agriculture Project (CHAP) carried-out the following key activities related to the J-Rice Grant link to ASRP;

- An account has been opened with Eco-Bank Limited
- Comprehensive work plan was developed with detailed activities, timelines and budget, submitted to IFAD in 2016
- Verification of processing facilities and farm sites identified in Lofa, Grand Cape Mount Montserrado, Bomi and Grand Bassa, respectively
- Official letters introducing the project objective and goals have been sent out to stakeholders in project counties, to District Representatives, Senators, Commissioners, Paramount Chiefs, and is ongoing
- Procurement of additional farm machines and tools
- Meetings held with Africa Rice, and IFAD/PIU on coordination and implementation strategies
- Interview with CNN “Market Place Program” on our program and strategy
- Ask to make official presentation on the overview of project at the Agriculture Coordinating Committee (ACC) meeting for MOA on January 26, 2017
- Developed project facts sheet, training sch/eduled for SRI TOTs and farmers, new TV jingles, project GPS map of sites verified, etc.

3.1 Verification of Processing Facilities and Farm sites

In an effort to achieve the goal of the Japanese Rice Grant for cassava and rice value-chain development which is in line with the Ministry of Agriculture’s and Government of Liberia’s new policy under the Liberia Agriculture Transformation Agenda (LATA), IFAD-MOA and CHAP have carry out an assessment in 5 project counties (Bomi, Cape Mount, Grand Bassa, Lofa and Montserrado): 4 ASRP counties and the one STCRSP county to identify and assess existing rice and cassava processing facilities. The table below shows the summary of cassava and rice processing hubs identified during the first assessment.

Table 1.0 Summary table of cassava and rice processing hubs identified

No	Name of County	Total # of profiled hubs	# of profiled rice hubs	# of profiled cassava hubs
1	Bomi	7	3	4
2	Montserrado	11	2	9
3	Grand Bassa	5	3	2
4	Grand Cape Mount	2	1	1
5	Lofa	11	11	0
Total		36	20	16

Additionally, the assessment was also able to identify 1800 ha of lowland area in the 5 project counties for the purpose of the Japanese Rice Grant project implementation.

Table 2.0 Summary of lowland areas identified

Activity	Location		# of Technicians	# of Aggregators	Milestones
Identification of existing lowland rice fields for production using SRI methodology	Lofa	Kolahun	9	5	1100 ha
		Foya			
		Voinjama			
	Montserrado	Urban/Mt Barclay	2	3	240 ha
		Todee			
	Bomi	Tubmanburg	2	3	220 ha
		Klay			
	Grand Cape Mount	Tewor	1	2	120 ha
		Porkpa			
	Grand Bassa	Compound 2	1	2	120 ha
Compound 1& 2					
Total			15	15	1800 ha

The verification mission was held from December 16, 2016 to January 6, 2017 with the following objectives;

1. To verify processors identified by recent assessment done by CHAP
2. To double-check which ones are ready for funding and support
3. Find out from the owners (entrepreneurs) whether they have business plans

The team verified 22 processing facilities in the ASRP Counties (Montserrado, Grand Bassa, Bomi and Grand Cape Mount) including Lofa from December 16-January 6, 2017.

Below are key findings of the exercise:

1. Out of the 25 shortlisted processing facilities, 17 facilities (10 Rice hubs and 7 cassava hubs) were selected based on their performance, leadership, potential, and demand for the finished products by consumers.
2. 95% of the facilities visited are functional
3. Most the facilities were actively producing for the season base on market demands
4. They are accessible, visible, and representative
5. Most facilities are situated in production areas
6. Most owners of these facilities lack working capital to purchase raw materials
7. Poor quality of machines with limited capacity to do only half or one ton per day
8. 22 facilities were verified (15 rice hubs, 7 cassava hubs) including 14 rice fields
9. GPS map for all sites developed and posted (inclusive of all sites visited)

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Table: 3.0 Processing Facilities verified 22

No	Facility	Name of Facility	District	Location	Contact Person	Contact Number
1.	Rice Processor	Intofawor Farmers Multipurpose Cooperatives Society	Sheloe Road, Foya	Lofa	Saah James	0880723020
2.	Rice Processor	Mayor Farmers Association	Mayor, Foya	Lofa	David Dukoe	0777326515
3.	Rice Processor	Melnah Farmers Cooperatives	Melnah Town, Foya	Lofa	FallahBorbor	0775603649
4.	Rice Processor	Clema pumbor	ClemaPumbor, Foya	Lofa	Patrick Kettor	0776862623
5.	Rice Processor	Junior Amara Hub	Kolahun/Fangoda	Lofa	Junior Amara	0880382882
6.	Rice Processor	James Sowah	Kolahun/Fangoda	Lofa	James	
7.	Rice Processor	Ka-Hen Jallah Farmers Association	Kolahun	Lofa	Memah Kanneh	077584612
8.	Rice Processor	Rofrances Rice Mill	Voinjama	Lofa	Romeo Dennis	0770442497
9.	Rice Processor	Agriculture Infrastructure Investment Company(AIIC)	Sarkonedou Town, QuarduBoni	Lofa	Mohammed kamara	0886620185
10.	Rice Processor	Selma Agriculture Development Cooperation	Selega Road, MOA Compound-Voinjama	Lofa	John Selma	0776923438
11.	Rice Processor	Paynesville Community Agriculture Production Cooperatives Society	Zubah Town, DuportRoad,Paynesville	Montserrado	John Koffeh	0886482928
12.	Rice Processor	Bengona Mining Agriculture Cooperative Society (BEMACOS)	Mecca Town, Gola Konneh	Grand Cape Mount	Mustapha Kamara	0777004215
13.	Rice Processor	Kuipadeh Rice Farmers Association	Kpelle town, Marble Clan, Compound 2, District 2	Grand Bassa	Mary Paygar James Tokpah	0776352714
14.	Rice Processor	Happy Women Association	Zalakai Town, Senjeh	Bomi	Korpo Momolu	
15.	Cassava Processor	Women Of Destiny	Bensonville, Careysburg	Montserrado	Comfort Jallah	0886364055
16.	Cassava Processor	KUKATUNOR	Jarkey Town, Todee	Montserrado	John Kerkula/Kortu Wennie	0888430916
17.	Cassava Processor	Amadou Sando	Folly Town, Dowein	Bomi	Boakai Sando	0775972550
18.	Cassava Processor	Youth for Positive Change	Banana Farm, Senjeh	Bomi	Abu Morris	
19.	Cassava & Rice Processor	Kukatonor Women Association	Gbojay town, Suehn Mecca	Bomi	Fatu Torsue	0886849442
20.	Cassava Processor	Falama INC	Congo Town	Montserrado	Angie Howard	0886512940
21.	Cassava Processor	Stratus Group	Daniel Town,	Grand Cape Mount	John Madave, Coordinator	0880601634
22.	Cassava Processor	Tepenneh Town Cassava Farmers Association	Tepenneh Town Marble Clan, Compound 2, District 2	Grand Bassa		0770979861

The team selected 17 processing facilities for financing under ASRP and J-Rice Grant under the Economic Recovery for Liberian Rice Farmers in 5 Ebola-Affected Counties program.

Table 4.0: Cassava-processing facilities selected for financing

No	Name of Facility	Type	Location	Reason/Justification
1.	Women of Destiny	Cassava	Montserrado	Meet selection criteria
2.	Amadou Sando	Cassava	Bomi	Meet selection criteria
3.	Youth for Positive Change	Cassava	Bomi	Meet selection criteria
4.	Kukatonor Women Association	Cassava	Bomi	Meet selection criteria
5.	Falama INC	Cassava	Montserrado	Meet selection criteria
6.	Stratus Group	Cassava	Cape Mount	Meet selection criteria
7.	Tepenneh Town Cassava Farmers Association	Cassava	Grand Bassa	Meet selection criteria

Rice-processing facilities selected for financing

No	Name of Facility	Type	Location	Reason/Justification
1.	Happy Women Association	Rice	Bomi	Meet selection criteria
2.	Bengona Mining Agriculture Cooperatives	Rice	Cape Mount	Meet selection criteria
3.	Paynesville Community Agriculture Production Cooperatives Society	Rice	Montserrado	Meet selection criteria
4.	Ka-Hen Jallah Farmers Association	Rice	Kolahun, Lofa	Meet selection criteria
5.	Junior Amara Hub	Rice	Kolahun, Lofa	Meet selection criteria
6.	Melnah Farmers Cooperatives	Rice	Foya, Lofa	Meet selection criteria
7.	Mayor Farmers Association	Rice	Foya, Lofa	Meet selection criteria
8.	Intofawor Farmers Multipurpose Cooperatives Society	Rice	Foya, Lofa	Meet selection criteria
9.	Rofrances Rice Mill	Rice	Voinjama	Meet selection criteria
10.	Kuipadeh Rice Farmers Association	Rice	Grand Bassa	Meet selection criteria

3.2 Meetings held in support of Project

There have been several productive meeting and exchanges held during this period with CHAP, IFAD, CARI, Africa Rice, and others in support of the project for successful implementation.

Objectives of all these meetings and exchanges were centered on the following;

- Ensuring that everything is ready for implementation
- Compliance issues
- Roles and responsibilities of each party involved
- Planning
- Building collaboration with key actors like LADA-USAID and Africa Rice in the area of value-chain development and training etc
- Reviewing priority and realities on the grounds

Outcome of CHAP and IFAD/PIU meeting on December 16, 2017

No.	Agreed Action /Activities	Timeline	Person Responsible
1.	Signing of Contract with CHAP & IFAD	Dec.16-29, 2016 2 weeks	Procurement/IFAD/PIU
2.	Field visit to verify the 15 selected rice and cassava processors and to have LADA as part of the team	Dec. 19-23, 2016	Patrick, FUN& Robert
3.	Submission of No-objection for advance payment to CHAP by IFAD to Rome IFAD	Dec.19, 2016	Princetta IFAD/PIU
4.	Open of account by IFAD	Dec.16-29, 2016	Priscilla IFAD/PIU
5.	CHAP to submit request major line items for US\$100,000	Dec. 19, 2016	Priscilla IFAD/PIU and Esther CHAP Finance Head
6.	CHAP to implement the procurement using CHAP procurement manual with technical support from IFAD Procurement Officer. CHAP to submit copy of procurement plan	Dec.19, 2016	CHAP and IFAD
7	Review and update work plan	Dec.16-29, 2016	IFAD/PIU and CHAP
8	CHAP to develop a system for timely tracking of data and reports from the field	Dec.16-Jan 5, 2017	CHAP
9	All key staff working on the project should familiarize themselves with the M&E framework on page 5-6 send via email by Ndaya on Dec.16,2016	Ongoing	CHAP and IFAD/PIU

Agreed Action from CARI, Africa Rice, IFAD and CHAP meeting in January 11, 2017

- Africa Rice commended CHAP for level of work and leadership in support of rice and the agriculture sector in Liberia
- Africa Rice and CARI committed to working and collaborating with CHAP and IFAD on the Japanese Rice Grant in areas of innovations, technology transfer, and value chain development, including training based upon area of need by CHAP and IFAD
- IFAD Liberia will contact IFAD Rome on possible areas of collaboration

3.4 Challenges

The project is being welcome by so many, and interest has been intense due to the relevance of the project. However, there have been couple of constraints encountered since the inception of the project such as:

- Delays in commencement of full field activities
- Delays in signing of the contract
- Delays in disbursement of payment to carry out approved activities
- Continuous changes in activities
- Delay in getting No-objection
- Delays in taking actions for agreed activities

3.5 Recommendation

CHAP recommends the following for actions

1. Reimbursement of CHAP project-related costs such as BCS rotary tiller, garden weasel, seed rice, field work, administrative cost (payment of staff from December 2016, fuel for vehicles and generator, DSA, stationeries, phone cards, and internet subscription), etc.
2. That contract be signed before end of January
3. Commencement of additional field work this January 2017 such as mobilization, SRI TOT, farmers' training, and launching of project
4. Timely disbursement and replenishment of funds to carry out project activities
5. Timely feed-back



CARI, Africa Rice, IFAD and CHAP meeting, Jan. 11, 2017

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CHAP JANUARY 2017 Monthly Workplan Submitted to IFAD Dec. 28, 2016

Task/Activities	Responsible Person (s)	Status	Year 1 - 2016		Year 2 - 2017	
			December	Period	January	Period
Assessment and Verification Exercises						
Site Verification	CHAP & IFAD/PIU	Finish		12/16/2016		1/5/2017
Community Mobilization						
Project kick-off Letter to Key Stakeholders	CHAP	Ongoing		12/27/2016		1/28/2017
Mobilization of farmers in the project areas	CHAP	Ongoing				1/16 -21/ 2017
catering service for 1900 persons in the 5 project counties	CHAP	Ongoing		12/27/2016		1/10/2017
Preparation of project banners for the 5 counties	CHAP	Ongoing		12/29/2016		1/10/2017
Production of radio jingles	Program, M&E & Finance	Ongoing		12/29/2016		1/11/2017
Airing of radio jingles and talks shows for the 5 counties	Program, M&E & Finance	Ongoing		12/29/2017		1/28/2017
Media coverage for the 5 project counties	Program, M&E & Finance	Ongoing				
SRI TOT Training for 15 Technicians and market aggregator						
Procurement of stationery	Finance	Ongoing				
Preparatory works for the TOT	Program, M&E & Finance	Ongoing				
Hall rental for 5days per regions	Finance	Ongoing				
TOT workshops	Program, M&E & Finance	Pending				Jan 23 -27
Media coverage for the TOT	Finance	Ongoing				
Production of banners (2) for TOT	Finance	Ongoing				
Purchase of phone cards for communication	Finance	Ongoing				
Catering service for 34 persons in two counties	Finance	Ongoing				
Training for 1800 rice farmers in 5 counties on SRI methodology						
Hall rental for 60 days	Finance	pending				
Farmer's Training	Program, M&E & Finance	Pending				Jan 28 -31
Catering service for 1800 persons	Finance	Ongoing				
Reproduction of SRI farmers field school materials (1800 pcs)	Program, M&E & Finance	Ongoing				
Procurement of projector and screens	Finance	Ongoing				
Supervision and Monitoring						

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Field visits	Program, M&E & Finance	Pending				
Procurement of office equipment						
3 Laptops	Finance	Ongoing				
3 in one printer (1 pc)	Finance	Ongoing				
One large Camera	Finance	Ongoing				
15 GPS	Finance	Ongoing				
15 Tablets	Finance	Ongoing				
Procurement of Farm & project equipment						
15 motorbikes and accessories	Finance	ongoing				
Farm Equipment	Finance	ongoing				
Meetings and Reports						
Staff meetings	All Staff	Ongoing				
Board Meetings	Director	Pending				
Project Activity Reports	Program, M&E & Finance	Pending				



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December 27, 2016
Hon. Mariamu B. Fofana
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Republic of Liberia

Dear Hon. Fofana,

Ref. Japanese Rice Grant for Economic Recovery in 5 affected Ebola Counties

Compliments and honor, we are pleased to inform you about the Community of Hope Agriculture Project (CHAP) activities in your county.

Community of Hope Agriculture Project (CHAP) is a national initiative working in urban and rural communities in Liberia since August 2008; as a result of the human need and in keeping with the scriptures. CHAP is the **focal organization and leader for the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) and System of Crop Intensification (SCI)** in Liberia under the West Africa Regional SRI body, with expertise in rice and cassava.

We are currently implementing a project that aims to work with 1800 lowland rice farmers; (1 hectare per farmer on 1800 hectare) in Lofa and ASRP counties (Grand Bassa, Bomi, Grand Cape Mount, and Montserrado) with financing from the Japanese government and Liberian government through the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) and International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD). The Project is geared to introduce the System of Rice Intensification (SRI), ensuring that farmers adapt SRI in their way of farming for increase productivity, income, introduce labor saving devices such as power tiller and garden weasel and promote the rice and cassava value chain by building the capacity of entrepreneur, specifically out-growers, processors, off-takers and marketers.

In this regards, we want to inform your honorable office that your county is among the above listed counties for said project implementation and as such we find it prudent to formally let you know we will be working with some lowland rice farmers in your county for this project.

We appreciate your usual corporation and support as we all strive for self-sufficiency in food production in Liberia.

Yours Sincerely,

Rev. Robert S.M. Bimba
Executive Director/ SRI Focal Person

List of people met with during this period

CHAP/IFAD, CARI and Africa Rice attendance on Jan.11,2017, held at CHAP office

No.	Name	Position	Organization	Contact
1	Dr. Inoudda Abintayo	Liberia Representative	AfricaRice	0880946266
2	Princetta Clinton Varmah	Project Coordinator	IFAD/MOA	0886547865
3	Dr. Walter T. Wiles	Director General	CARI	08861354667
4	Dr. Harald Roymacauley	Director General	Africa Rice	Hiroy-macauley@cgiar.org
5	Rev. Robert Bimba	Executive Director	CHAP	0886543735
6	Blamo Chea	Adm. Asst.	CHAP	0886457534
7	Stephen S. Gbondo	Technician	CHAP	0886495338
8	Esther S. Tuowal	CHAP	CHAP	0886901175
9	J. Anthony Armah	Media	ELBC	0886992175

CHAP and IFAD/PIU Skype meeting attendance on Dec.16, 2016 held at IFAD office

No	Name	Position	Organization	Date
1.	Princetta Vahmah	Project Coordinator	IFAD Liberia	Dec.16,2016
2.	Priscilla Thomas	Finance Coordinator	IFAD Liberia	Dec.16,2016
3.	Patrick Krah	M&E and Gender Officer	IFAD Liberia	Dec.16,2016
4.	Ndaya Beltchika	CPM	IFAD Rome	Dec.16,2016
5.	Robert S.M. Bimba	Executive Director	CHAP	Dec.16,2016

CHAP and CNN video interview on CHAP SRI program and machine Dec.27,2016

No	Name	Position	Organization	Date
1.	Brenda Bush	Head	CNN	Dec.27,2016
2.	Robert S.M. Bimba	Executive Director	CHAP	Dec.27,2016
3.	Kasey Kicby	Video reporter	CNN	Dec.27,2016
4.	Jartu Foya	Farmer	PCSCC	Dec.27,2016
5.	John Koffa	Head	Coop	Dec.27,2016
6.	Harrison Fallah	Farmer	Coop	Dec.27,2016
7.	Saa Foya	Farmer	Coop	Dec.27,2016

Table 5: Name of Persons met during Verification Mission						
No	Name	Position	Organization	Sex	Location	Contact
1.	Nathaniel Goyah	Supervisor	Stratus Group	M	Grand Cape Mount	0888811925
2.	Lamine Massaquio	Security	Stratus Group	M	Grand Cape Mount	0881017610
3.	Sandi Kanneh	Staff	Stratus Group	F	Grand Cape Mount	
4.	Lusinda Kamara	Staff	Stratus Group	F	Grand Cape Mount	
5.	Fatu Paseway	Staff	Stratus Group	F	Grand Cape Mount	
6.	Kula Turlay		Stratus Group	F	Grand Cape Mount	0886672630
7.	Comfort Jomah	Advisor	Stratus Group	F	Grand Cape Mount	
8.	Kanneh Fahnbuleh	Staff	Stratus Group	M	Grand Cape Mount	0776232270
9.	Momoh Perry	member	BMAC	M	Mecca Town, Grand Cape Mount	
10.	Foday Feika	Member	BMAC	M	Mecca Town, Grand Cape Mount	077812010
11.	Sidiki Kunneh	Member	BMAC	M	Mecca Town, Grand Cape Mount	
12.	Varney Kromah	Member	BMAC	M	Mecca Town, Grand Cape Mount	
13.	Mustapha Kamara	Member	BMAC	M	Mecca Town, Grand Cape Mount	
14.	Amara V. Kamara	Secretary		M	Mecca Town, Grand Cape Mount	0777946676
15.	H. Fatu Torsue	Vice Chair	Kukatonor Women Association	F	Gbojay town, Bomi	0886849442
16.	Varney Ballah	Member	Youth for Positive Change	M	Banana Farm, Bomi	0776374473
17.	Harris Ballah	Member	Youth for Positive Change	M	Banana Farm, Bomi	0775794353
18.	James M Sheriff	Member	Youth for Positive Change	M	Banana Farm, Bomi	0777150061
19.	Erayel Moore	Member	Youth for Positive Change	M	Banana Farm, Bomi	0770696810
20.	Abu Morris	Business M	Youth for Positive Change	M	Banana Farm, Bomi	0886163790
21.	Burgess Moore	Member	Youth for Positive Change	M	Banana Farm, Bomi	0880106150/ 0775853474
22.	Jerry S. Roberts	Secretary	Happy Women Association	M	Zalakai, Bomi	07777611843
23.	Korpo Momolu	Chair	Happy Women Association	F	Zalakai, Bomi	
24.	Korto Sonpon	Member	Happy Women Association	F	Zalakai, Bomi	

25.	Bendu Roberts	Member	Happy Women Association	F	Zalakai,Bomi	
26.	Annie Harris	Member	Happy Women Association	F	Zalakai,Bomi	
27.	Kumba Reeves	Member	Happy Women Association	F	Zalakai,Bomi	
28.	Musu Dennis	Member	Happy Women Association	F	Zalakai,Bomi	
29.	Peter Dennis	Member	Happy Women Association	M	Zalakai,Bomi	0777700187
30.	Boakia Johnson	Technician	Levumah Rice Swamp Pro	M	Levumah ,Bomi	0776808715
31.	Boakia Sarnor	Head	Levumah Rice Swamp Pro	M	Levumah ,Bomi	0777498087
32.	Varney Sarnor	Member	Levumah Rice Swamp Pro	M	Levumah ,Bomi	0886525123
33.	Musu Quaye	Head	Demah, Rice swamp Pro	F	Demah , Bomi	077153213
34.	Siafia Dolly	Member	Demah, Rice swamp Pro	M	Demah , Bomi	0776116157
35.	John Moko	Member	Demah, Rice swamp Pro	M	Demah , Bomi	0775384740
36.	John Kerkula	Secretary	Jarkay Town Cassava hub	M	Jarkay Town, Todee, Montserrado	
37.	Koto Wennie	Member	Jarkay Town Cassava hub	F	Jarkay Town, Todee, Montserrado	0888430915/ 0880349269
38.	Annie Tokpa	Member	Jarkay Town Cassava hub	F	Jarkay Town, Todee, Montserrado	0888048330
39.	Nathaniel Flomo	Member	Jarkay Town Cassava hub	M	Jarkay Town, Todee, Montserrado	
40.	Isaac K. Kandakuma	Secretary	Rice Swamp	M	Dwuquive Town, Todee, Montserrado	0886256784
41.	Alex Cooper	Member	Rice Swamp	M	Dwuquive Town, Todee, Montserrado	
42.	Moses Kino	Member	Cassava Hub	M	Kanasuah Town, Montserrado	
43.	Stephen Kerkula	Member	Cassava Hub	M	Kanasuah Town, Montserrado	0775882123
44.	Moses Kanasuah	Member	Cassava Hub	M	Kanasuah Town, Montserrado	077396043
45.	Marygo Pewee	Member	Cassava Hub	F	Kanasuah Town, Montserrado	07758307669
46.	Joseph Cooper	Member	Cassava Hub	M	Kanasuah Town, Montserrado	
47.	Theresa Amadu	Member	Cassava Hub	F	Kanasuah Town, Montserrado	
48.	Jerry Kino	Member	Cassava Hub	M	Kanasuah Town, Montserrado	
49.	Isaac Kanasuah	Member	Cassava Hub	M	Kanasuah Town, Montserrado	
50.				M	Kanasuah Town, Montserrado	

Rice Farmers Profile

Date:

MM/DD/YY

PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Name: _____
Last *First* *Middle*
2. Sex: Female Male
3. Dependents: _____
Total number *Male* *Female*
4. Contact number: _____
Phone no. 1 *Phone no. 2*

Location: _____

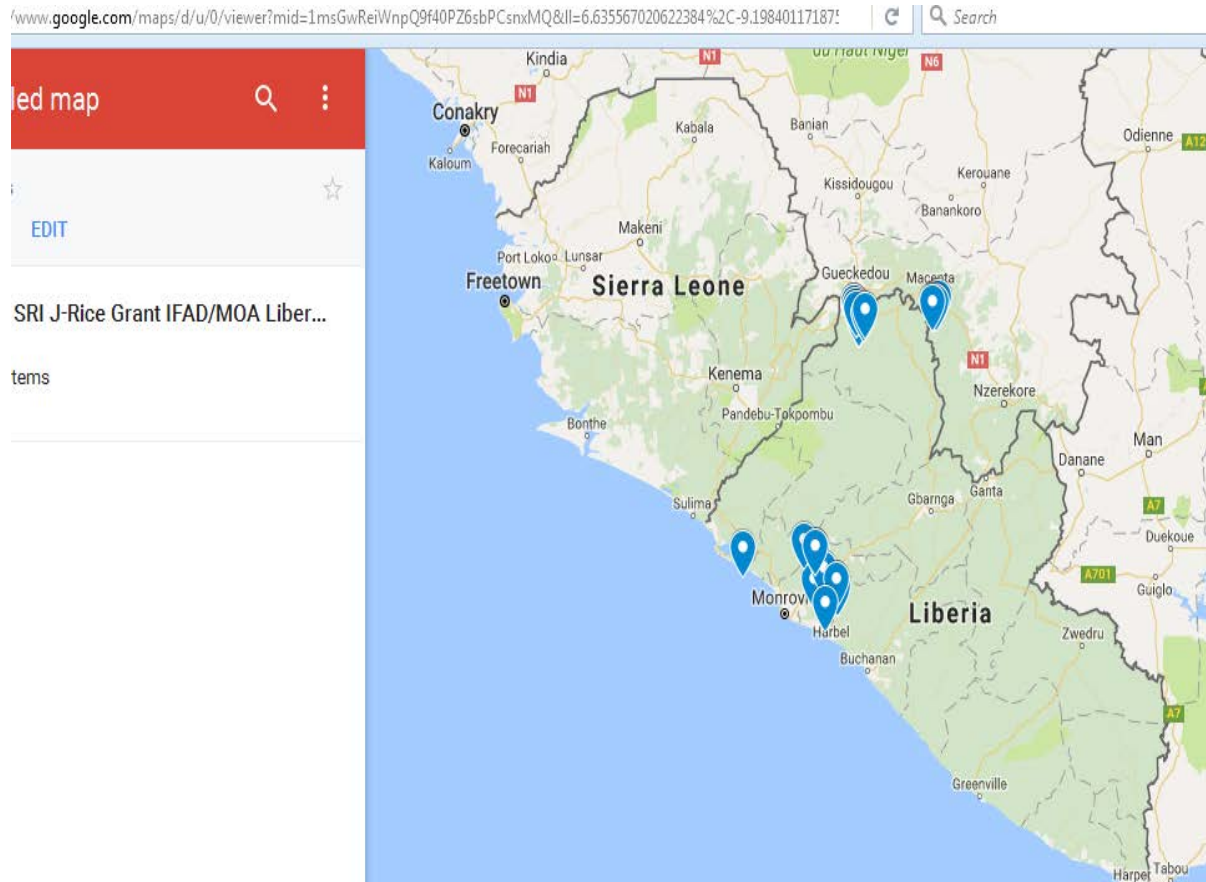
RICE FARMING HISTORY

5. What type of rice farming you do??
 Lowland rice Upland rice Both lowland and upland
6. Number of years you have been producing rice:
 1-2 years 3-4 years 5+ years
7. How many kg of seed rice do you normally use on your farm?
Where you directly or indirectly affected by Ebola? YES_
NO_
8. What source of water do you use for your plantation?
 Rainfall Irrigation Natural effluents (river, basin, lake, etc.) Other _____
9. What variety of rice do you plant?
- Are you registered MOA e-platform? ID Number:
YES_ NO_ If Yes provide ID
10. Do you use fertilizer?
 YES NO Which type:
11. How many times do you harvest in a year?
 Once Twice Three times
12. Average yield for last harvest? _____ salmon cup/tin
13. Quantity sold per salmon cup (kg or bags).
Kg or bags USD/ Kg or bags

Data Collector: _____

Signature: _____

Project Areas GPS Map



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