

PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES INFORMATION SHEET

Name of the Partnership/Initiative

NERICA(New Rice for Africa) Dissemination for Food Security in Africa

Expected date of initiation: 2003

Expected date of completion: To be determined

Partners Involved:

Governments: Japan

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA),

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF),

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Governments in West Africa region

Intergovernmental organizations: UNDP etc

Major groups:

Other:

Leading Partner:

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Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative

Main objectives of NERICA dissemination are ;

To develop appropriate NERICA varieties through crossing African rice species, resistant to disease and drought, and Asian rice species – high yield potential, in the West Africa Rice Development Association(WARDA) with the assistance from Japan, UNDP and other organizations.

To help alleviate hunger in Africa through further promoting research, development and dissemination of NERICA.

The relationship of the Partnership/Initiative with the objectives of Agenda 21 as well as relevant goals and objectives of the United Nation Millennium Declaration;

To contribute to one of the Millennium Development Goals, which is to halve the proportion of people who suffer from hunger between 1990 and 2015.

Expected results:

To develop various kinds of NERICA varieties suitable for each local situation.

To disseminate NERICA varieties.

To increase production of NERICA rice

Specific targets of the Partnership/Initiative and timeframe for their achievement:

To disseminate NERICA varieties in West African Countries with a view to increase their rice production.

Coordination and Implementation mechanism

Expected coordination/implementation mechanism of the Partnership/Initiative is :

To promote linkages and coordination between West African countries through bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

Arrangements for funding

An available and/or expected sources of funding for the implementation of the Partnership/Initiative (e.g. donor government(s); international organization(s)/financial institution(s); foundation(s); private sector; other major groups, etc.)

- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
- UNDP

Arrangements for capacity building and technology transfer

Please include information if the Partnership/Initiative provides for training, informational support, institutional strengthening and/or other capacity building measures:

- To dispatch experts to relevant institutions for supporting further research and development of NERICA in the field of the seed multiplication technology.

Please also provide here a brief description of expected arrangements for technology transfer (if applicable).

Links of Partnership/Initiative with on-going sustainable development activities at the international and/or regional level (if any)

- The Government of Japan have been assisting the activities of WARDA to promote research and development of NERICA variety and disseminating NERICA in collaboration with UNDP.

Monitoring Arrangements

Expected arrangements for monitoring of progress in the implementation of Partnerships/Initiative after it will be launched at the WSSD:

(e.g. frequency/modalities of preparation of progress reports; electronic updates, news-letters, etc)

- The progress of NERICA dissemination, research and development in Africa region will be monitored by the Government of Japan and UNDP as necessary.

Other relevant information:

A NERICA side-event will be organized in WSSD by the Government of Japan and UNDP, with the assistance and participation from some international organizations.

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