Regional Rice Research and Training centre

The government of Uganda received a Grant Aid from The Government of Japan to construct Regional Rice Research and Training Centre (RRRTC). The Grant Agreement was signed on 23 November 2009. The construction work was completed by a Japanese construction company on schedule on 30 October 2010. The centre is a landmark contribution to research infrastructure development and will strengthen rice research and improve production and post harvest in general.

Specifically the centre will:

1. Enhance the capacity for rice research and training in terms of infrastructure, human resources and equipment.
2. Strengthen seed production facility.
3. Stimulate regional training of rice scientists and other stakeholders for various value chain activities.
4. As a result Ugandans will eat non-broken, stone -free rice at an adequate price with smiles!



Main building of Regional Rice Research and Training Centre at National Crops Resources Research Institute. It has workshop, post harvest facility, irrigated paddy field apart from the above building.

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Overview of Promotion of Rice Development (PRiDe) Project

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JICA

NARO

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Rice In Uganda

Historical accounts of farming in Uganda indicate that rice was introduced into the country by Indian traders as early as 1904 (Bigirwa *et al,* 2005). However rice became popular recently and rice is known as a relatively new crop in Uganda. Today rice is a key commercial crop targeted for food security and increasing house-hold income in Uganda. Ugandans started eating rice daily and the consumption is estimated at 10kg/capita/year (Odogola 2006).

In 2009, Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fishery launched the Uganda National Rice Development strategy (UNRDS) which lays out Uganda's strategy for promotion of rice production between 2009/10 - 2017/18 with the aim of increasing household food security and reduce household poverty through increased production of high quality rice.



Upland rice field at NaCRRI

What PRiDe Project does?

At the 2008 economic summit, the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD IV), JICA joined with other international donors, African nations and organizations to launch a Coalition for African Rice Development, or CARD. By developing superior strains of rice including one called NERICA, introducing better farming techniques and education, upgrading irrigation projects and expanding cultivable areas, the participants hope to double the continent's rice production to 28 million tons by 2018.

In Uganda, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has been supporting rice industry since 2004. In 2008, JICA expanded its efforts by implementing 2 rice projects called NERICA Rice Promotion Project and Sustainable Irrigated Agricultural Development Project for 3 years.

【Goal】
Quality Rice Production Increase 20, 000t

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【Target】
40,000 Rice Farmers In 40 districts

Approaches

- Research and Extension Linkage, NARO= NAADS
- Capacity Development of NaCRRI, AEATREC & ZARDI
- All Agronomic Zone for Rice Production
- Rice Value Chain

Major Activities

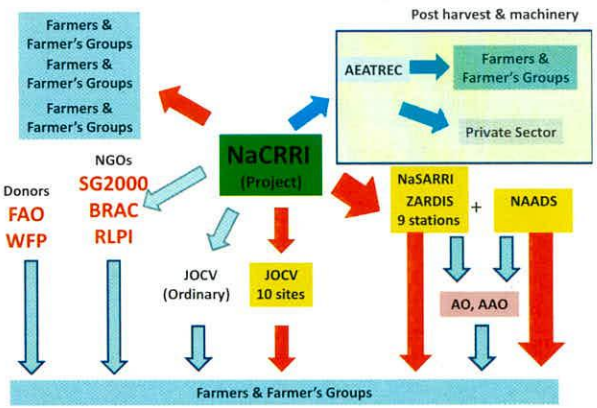
- Varietal selection
- Seed delivery channel through training
- Selection of suitable rice production technology
- Appropriate mechanization
- Improvement on post harvest technology
- Training of trainers and farmers

Project Outline

The government of Japan recognized successful outcomes from those 2 projects and implemented a comprehensive rice project called Promotion of Rice Development (PRiDe) Project in 2011 under MAAIF associated with NARO and NAADS. The Project is a 5 year project aiming at increasing rice production in Uganda by achieving three main output as follows;

1. Strengthen research and development capacity of rice related institutes.
2. Strengthen extension capacity of rice related service providers
3. Improve rice quality in the market.

The Project will cover 3 rice agro-ecologies namely rainfed upland, rainfed lowland and irrigated lowland. It also extends efforts on mechanization and rice value chain. 6 Japanese Experts will be assigned to the Project and other experts will be assigned if necessary.



Dissemination Channel

Our Belief

One kilogram of seed at the beginning of a season can produce 50 kilograms at the end of the harvest! From that bonanza, participating farmers are asked to donate two kilograms of seed to other farmers, producing an ever widening virtuous circle of both farmers and yields!