

## Participating Countries

- ▶ Benin, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Nigeria and Sierra Leone

## Goal

- ▶ Contribute to poverty reduction and food security in seven West African countries through enhanced access to NERICA and other improved rice varieties and accompanying technologies.

## Objectives

- ▶ Increase rice production
- ▶ Substitute rice imports

## Achievements

- ▶ About 20 upland NERICA varieties released/adopted in 30 countries
- ▶ More than 700,000 ha under NERICA cultivation across Africa
- ▶ Complementary technologies to increase productivity developed
- ▶ More than 1,700 trainers and 7,700 farmers trained in seed production and good cultural practices
- ▶ Rice-based recipes developed and transferred to processors
- ▶ Impact studies show positive impact of NERICA on farmers' livelihoods
- ▶ Rice production increased in most of the countries as well as imports substitution:
  - ▶ Ghana: Value of milled NERICA was about US\$ 5,748,894.6 for three years (2007-2009), which is higher than the total cost of the project (US\$ 4,690,000)
  - ▶ Mali: Value of milled NERICA was about US\$ 24,000,000 for 2009 alone which is much higher than the total cost of the project (US\$ 5,180,000)
  - ▶ Nigeria: Value of milled NERICA was about US\$ 4,798,917.7 for 2008 alone
- ▶ Spillover effects of the project:
  - ▶ In Mali, the "National Rice Initiative" launched in 2008, was built upon the success of NERICA
  - ▶ In Uganda, NERICA is under 60,000 ha and its production reduced imports by 50%
  - ▶ In Burkina Faso, NERICA strongly contributed in the spectacular increase in rice production (241% increase) in 2008 compared to 2007
  - ▶ In Ethiopia, area under NERICA increased from 2,000 ha in 2006 to 65,000 ha in 2009
  - ▶ In the post-conflict countries (e.g., Liberia, Senegal) NERICA was used to rebuild the rice sector

## Award

- ▶ "NERICA Solution" won the "Global South-South Development Expo 2010" Award

“Because of the results achieved, at least 10 new countries expressed the need to join the 2nd Phase of the Project”

