



Alima Bawa is processing shea nuts into shea butter. She is from Nwanduonu, Sissala East District (Upper West Region)



A community member in Siiru(Wa West, Upper West Region) presenting an action plan during a community action plan validation workshop.



Members of a disability group on their group farm in Jirapa

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Background

Rural livelihoods in Northern Ghana are facing increasing consequences of climate variability and environmental degradation. Adverse changes in agricultural productivity and land use have implications on livelihoods. Agriculture is one of the key sectors relevant to people in Northern Ghana, yet most vulnerable to climate change, with impacts on agricultural yields and food security, hence the need to connect agriculture investments to climate adaptation and mitigation activities.

REACH, a project on adaptation to climate change for rural livelihoods in the savannah region of Ghana has been developed as part of the European Union (EU) Ghana Agriculture Programme. REACH is contributing to the development of rural livelihoods and stable land-use management, by promoting climate resilient practices including Conservation Agriculture (CA) and agroforestry practices; assisting communities to develop effective Community Action Plans (CAPs) as well as standardising and mainstreaming them into climate smart District Medium-Term-Development-Plans.

A further component of REACH is social transformation research and policy advocacy (REACH-STR). This component seeks to support local, regional and

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Project Area	All 11 Districts in Upper West Region, Mamprugu Moagduri/North East Region, and Sawla-Tuna-Kalba, North Gonja/Savannah Region
Donors	EU Delegation to Ghana German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
Implementation	GIZ/MOVE International Water Management Institute (IWMI)
Main Partner	Ministry of Food and Agriculture
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Total Budget (GIZ: BMZ+EU)	EUR 19,500,000.00
EU Contribution	EUR 17,000,000.00

national decision-makers better understand which social transformation conditions promote sustainable and inclusive rural development and adopt climate change adaptation and mitigation practices; and are able to apply and implement social transformation analysis in their development planning. This is being implemented by the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), in collaboration with University for Development Studies, University of Ghana-Centre for Migration Studies and CSIR-Science and Technology Policy Research Institute.

Approach

REACH intends to generally improve resilience at three levels for coordinated development which is largely hinged on climate smart planning. Thus, the project is committed to improving planning at the institutional level (i.e., districts), in communities through community action and natural resource management, and at household level through enhanced adoption of climate smart agricultural practices mainly conservation agriculture and agroforestry practices.

Key Messages

The Resilience Against Climate Change (REACH) project is working to promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth in rural communities.

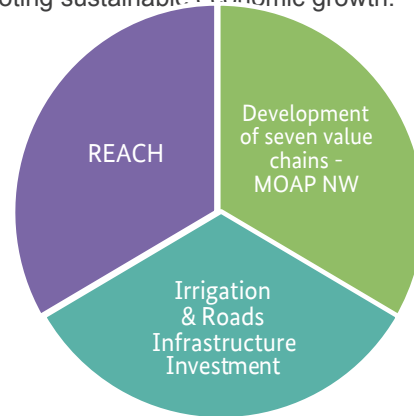
We are funded by the German Government and EU to assist district planning teams to develop climate-smart development plans and improve community and individual knowledge and practices in Conservation Agriculture.

Component I, II & III



EUGAP Context

The Resilience Against Climate Change (REACH) Project is part of the European Union Ghana Agriculture Programme (EUGAP), complementing the Market Oriented Agriculture Programme (MOAP) and Rural Infrastructure Project. It aims to improve agricultural productivity in the Northern Savannahs of Ghana through increasing agricultural income & promoting sustainable economic growth.



Results



Over 10,000 Farmers & extension agents

introduced to Conservation Agriculture (CA).



Consolidated CA Manual

developed for Ghana.



333 CA equipment

(including tractors, rippers, boom sprayers, roller crimpers, pneumatic planters, power tillers, threshers, and disc combo) procured to promote CA mechanization.



827 IT Equipment

including Laptops, Cameras, GPS devices, Tablets, Printers, UPS, Desktop Computers, Projectors, and Microsoft office suite procured to augment the physical IT resources of the 14 DPCUs within the JPA.



50,000 trees

planted since 2019 as a climate change adaptation and mitigation measure.



300,000

cashew seedlings planted to promote agroforestry.



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Integrated Community Action Plans developed across the JPA

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