



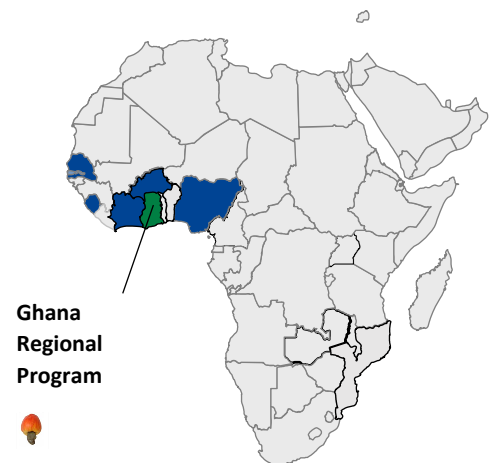
Market-Oriented Value Chains for Jobs and Growth in the ECOWAS Region (MOVE-ComCashew)

Ghana – Country Report

1. Promoting Competitiveness of the Cashew Value Chain.

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The impact of ComCashew since its inception in 2009, recorded 712,000 new jobs created in cashew production, processing, and trade, across project countries and over 790,000 farmers were trained on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Farmer Business School (FBS) from 2009 to 2020, resulting in higher productivity, diversified and higher incomes in implementing countries.



In Ghana, over 400,000 households are involved in the cultivation of cashew nuts with a national production volume of Raw Cashew Nuts of 200,00 metric tons in 2022.

2. Actors overview

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| No of cashew farmers | 400,000 |
| No of Processors in country | 14 processors (8 operational) |
| Cashew growing regions | Bono , Bono East, Ahafo, Northern, Ashanti, Western, Volta, Eastern, Upper West, Central, Upper, Savannah, North East and Oti |
| Policy and Regulation | Establishment of the regulation by the Tree Crop Authority. TCD was passed into law |
| Lead Ministry | Ministry of Food and Agriculture |
| Regional Network | Consultative International Cashew Council (CICC) African Cashew Alliance (ACA) |
| NGOs and Project active on Cashew Sector | USDA-Procashew/CNFA, ACPG |
| Private Sector | Usibras Ghana Limited, Gensap Agro Production, K.T.A Genesis, D- Hillon Brothers, Kabile Cooperative Cashew Farmers & Processing, Nimdee Hyeren Processing Limited, Winker Investment Ltd, Nafana Agro Processing Company Ltd |

3. Main Achievements



Establishment of **12 scion** banks in the Eastern, Volta and Ashanti regions.



Six (6) curricula consisting of **119 learning** materials have been developed thus for the National Proficiency 1 &11, HND and BTEch levels. **520** graduates from the Master Training Programme (MTP) of which **266** men and **254** women.



Development of The Tree Crop Development Authority (TCDA)

260 women and youth trained on post-harvest handling, nutrition and recipes on cashew apples.

A total of 202 AEAs and lead farmers have been trained in 10 different batches with 110 being females Conservation Agriculture and Agroforestry

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4. Facts and Figures

| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
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| National production volume of RCN – estimate (metric tons) | 150,000 | 160,000 | 200,000 | 229,000 |
| National processing capacity – installed (metric tons) | 46,290 | 46,290 | 46,290 | 46,290 |
| National processing capacity – utilized (metric tons) | 10,770 | 10,000 | 12,352 | N/A |
| Productivity (kg/ha) | 850 | 900 | 950 | 950 |
| Number of ComCashew trained farmers (cumulative) | 48,944 | 49,340 | N/A | 5100 |
| Cummulative Income of all farmers (Mio EUR) | N/A | 937 | N/A | 1161 |

5. Ongoing Activities

MOVE-ComCashew through its intervention supports the development of conducive business environment for all actors of the cashew value chain. Some activities currently ongoing in Ghana include:

- Business development activities for Cashew processors
- Cashew Pest and Disease Mobile and Web-based App launched together with the FairForward AI project.
- Cashew Master Training programme
- Cashew FBS manual review and adaptation
- Policy Dialogues.
- e-learning course development for cashew harvest and post-harvest practices and economics of cashew nut processing
- Matching Fund for private sector businesses. 3 matching fund projects have been signed.
- Preparation towards the implementation of GmBS+ training of trainers in collaboration with WIAD in Ghana
- Establishment of a knowledge management system with African Cashew Alliance
- Valorisation of cashew and cashew by-products
- Development of Demand Marketing Service Packages

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