



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

## Nigeria – 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.



Nigeria became an implementing country of MOVE-ComCashew in 2022. The country is among the largest producers of cashews in the world.

## 2. Actors overview

No of cashew farmers	400,000
No of Processors in country	12 processors (7 operational)
Cashew growing regions	States: Ogun, Ondo, Kwara, Kogi, Oyo, Osun, Niger, Abuja, Nassarawa, Benue, Cross River, Abuja, Ekiti, Lagos, Taraba, Akwa Ibom, Imo, Ebonyi, Enugu, Anambra, and Delta.
Policy and Regulation	No specific policy yet but one under preparation currently.
Lead Ministry	Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (FMAFS, formerly FMARD); Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment (FMITI)
Regional Network	Consultative International Cashew Council (CICC) African Cashew Alliance (ACA)
NGOs and Project active on Cashew Sector	GIZ MOVE-ComCashew, USDA-ProCashew/CNFA, USDA Prosper Cashew/Technoserve
Private Sector	National Cashew Association of Nigeria (NCAN), Cashew Processors and Packagers Association of Nigeria (CAPPAN), Association of Cashew Farmers, Aggregators and Processors of Nigeria, Federation of Agricultural Commodity Association of Nigeria (FACAN)

## 4. Facts and Figures

	2021	2022	2023	2024
National production volume of RCN – estimate (metric tons)	160,000	315,617	405,000	310,000
National processing capacity – installed (percentage)	10%	25%	35%	35%
National processing capacity – utilized (metric tons)	10,000	12,352	Below 50%	Below 50%
Productivity (kg/ha)	900	950	300	350
Number of ComCashew trained farmers (cumulative)	49,340	N/A	25,000	30,000
Cumulative Income of all farmers (Mio EUR)	937	N/A	N/A	

## 3. Main Achievements



**50** graduates from the Master Training Program with **32** men and **18** women.

**7, 000** farmers are trained in different areas of cashew production through step-down of cashew technical training program.

Conduct the first ever cashew webinar series in collaboration with CRIN and FMAFS.

Collaborate in the development of the first ever strategy research document in cashew.



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## 4. Ongoing Activities

MOVE-ComCashew, through its initiatives, fosters a supportive business environment for all participants in the cashew value chain. Some activities currently ongoing in Nigeria are:

- Assisting in the development of policies for the cashew sector and enhancing capacity building
- Providing support to local processors and conducting technical training programs on cashews
- Revising and adapting training manuals
- Institutionalizing innovative approaches
- Collaborating with Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria (CRIN) for the development of improved planting materials and on the establishment of cashew demonstration plot
- Support the development of National Cashew Processors' Directory
- Collaborating with CRIN on the development of a strategy document on cashew research for Nigeria and on knowledge sharing through cashew researchers and extensionists webinar series

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