



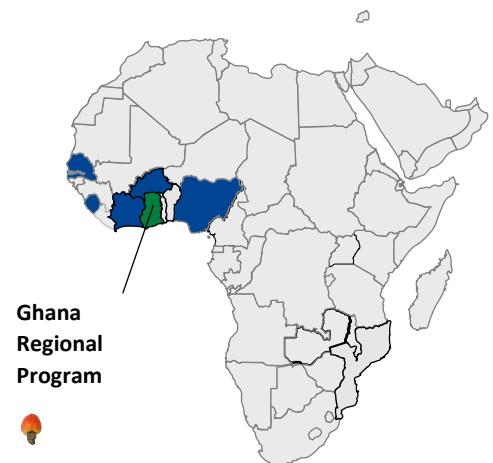
Market-Oriented Value Chains for Jobs and Growth in the ECOWAS Region (MOVE-ComCashew)

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 249,000 metric tons in 2024.

2. Actors overview

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), Eventelle Global, INC
NGOs and Project active on Cashew Sector	ACPG, SECO funded "Ghana Private Sector Competitiveness Program II" implemented by NIRAS
Private Sector	Usibras Ghana Limited, Gensap Ventures, Kabile Cooperative Cashew Farmers & Processing, Raboni Agro processing Nimdee Hyeren Processing Limited, Agroking Limited, SPB Limited, Samhills Limited, OFI Ghana Ltd, Samhills enterprise, Josaco Enterprise

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 and National Certificate 1&11, HND and BTEch levels. **1344** graduates from the Master Training Programme (MTP) of which **812** men and **532** 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 AEA's and lead farmers have been trained in 10 different batches with 110 being females Conservation Agriculture and Agroforestry. **455** farmers have been trained on Farmer Business School (FBS) approach in Ghana.

4. Facts and Figures

	2021	2022	2023	2024
National production volume of RCN – estimate (metric tons)	160,000	200,000	229,000	249,000
National processing capacity – installed (metric tons)	46,290	46,290	46,290	65,570
National processing capacity – utilized (metric tons)	10,000	12,352	N/A	32461
Productivity (kg/ha)	900	950	950	950
Number of ComCashew trained farmers (cumulative)	49,340	49,340	49,704	50,426
Cummulative Income of all farmers (Mio EUR)	937	N/A	1161	Survey ongoing

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
- Piloting phase of CADI AI (a Cashew Pest and Disease Mobile and Web-based App) currently ongoing.
- Preparations towards Cashew FBS farmer level training
- Cashew MasterTraining programme
- Policy Dialogues.
- Five (5) English E-learning courses launched on Atingi with translation of courses to French ongoing.
- Matching Grant Projects ongoing for 4 private sector businesses.
- 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 through product development.
- Development of Demand Marketing Service Packages.

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