

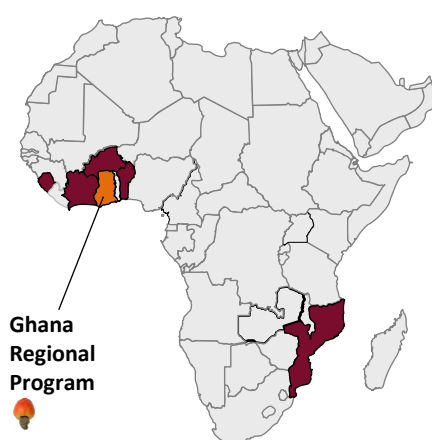


Ghana – Country Report  
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## Promoting Competitiveness of Cashew Value Chain The Competitive Cashew initiative (ComCashew)

### Background

The Competitive Cashew initiative (ComCashew), formerly known as the African Cashew initiative (ACi) presents a new and innovative model of broad-based multi-stakeholder partnership in development cooperation. ComCashew is a private-public partnership project under the implementation of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, with funding for its third phase from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). In collaboration with private companies and public sector partners, significant progress and impact has been made for over 512,000 farmers and about 40 processing companies. Since its inception in 2009, around 530,000 new jobs have been created in the six project countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mozambique and Sierra Leone – 75 percent in production, 20 percent in trade and 5 percent in processing. In all countries, income per farmer has increased to EUR 913 compared to EUR 360 in 2009. The government is developing sector specific cashew strategies to promote productivity, in-country processing, and sector organization along the value chain through the establishment of a tree crops authority.



### Actors Overview

No of cashew farmers	Approx 125,000
No of Processors in country	14 (6 active and 8 closed for lack of sustainable supply of raw cashew nuts)
Cashew growing regions	Bono Ahafo, Ashanti.Northern.Eastern.Volta Central and upper East
Matching Fund partners	MOFA,CRIG,INVITRO LAB,ACA
Policy and Regulation	10-year cashew development policy. National tree crops Board, Cashew part of PERD
Lead Ministry	Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, Ministry of Trade and Industry.
Donors and NGOs active in Cashew Sector	Brazil Government, ADRA, EU Self Help Africa, SECO, GIZ/E4D
Private Sector	ACA, Ghana Cashew Industry Association, Association of Cashew Processors

### Facts and Figures

	2015	2016	2017	2018
National production volume of RCN – estimate (metric tons)	70,000	75,000	75,000	110,000
National processing capacity – installed (metric tons)	65,000	65,000	65,000	45,750
National processing capacity – utilized (metric tons)	5,000	14,500	10,700	23,300
Productivity (kg/ha)	958	606	600	750
Number of ComCashew trained farmers (cumulative)	40,409	41,243	45,743	47,813
Cummulative Income of all farmers trained (Mio EUR)	82	85	88	93



## Main Achievements



Over **47,000** farmers received two and more trainings  
**40,788** jobs created in production  
**71** Master Trainers trained **18** women



Over 10,000 ha new plantation cultivated with more than 1 Mio seedlings  
 Maintenance of 13 ha existing scion banks and set up of at least new 20 ha Scion banks  
 Establishment of 50,000 capacity nursery in Offinso North district  
 Support for development of polyclonal seeds and tissue culture



Over **4,700** jobs existing in processing

## Current Activities

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

- Technical advice to Ghanaian cashew sector actors
- Support to scion gardens as well as nurseries establishment
- Technical assistance and organisation of trainings on cashew apple processing
- Yield survey to assess productivity of cashew plantations
- Advice to processors on business planning, management and access to finance.
- Support to production of improved planting material and development of cashew demonstration plots using Climate-Smart Agriculture by GRIG.

## ComCashew at a Glance

### Funding Partners:



Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft  
 Confédération suisse  
 Confederazione Svizzera  
 Confederaziun svizra  
 Swiss Confederation

Federal Department of Economic Affairs,  
 Education and Research EAER  
 State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO



### Implementer:



### Budget:

Total: more than € 139 million (€ 30.7 million from BMZ, €29.9 million co-financing and over 79 million in the cashew sector from public and private partners)

### Partners:



### Project Duration:

Phase 3: May 2016 to December 2020

### Project Countries:

Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mozambique, Sierra Leone

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