



West Africa Seed Alliance

Providing Farmers with Access to High-Quality Seeds

THE CHALLENGE

Seeds are a critical input for increasing agricultural productivity, reducing food insecurity, and easing the affects of poverty. Over the years donors and international development organizations have invested millions of dollars in trying to develop a sustainable seed industry in sub-Saharan Africa. These efforts have largely been unsuccessful so that today the majority of small-scale farmers still do not have access to a reliable source of good quality seeds and planting material. Neither national governments nor private industry have been able to resolve this problem alone.

THE APPROACH

USAID has partnered with the Alliance for a Green Revolution (AGRA) on a five-year, \$61 million alliance to develop a commercial seed industry in West Africa. The West Africa Seed Alliance seeks to develop an industry that will provide small-scale farmers in Ghana, Mali, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, and Niger with affordable, timely, and reliable access to high-quality seeds and planting material. Through this Global Development Alliance, partners will establish a network of over 800 agro-dealers in each of the five focus countries to reach more than 500,000 farmers. The Alliance will focus on the production of, and facilitate access to high-quality seeds and planting material. By promoting the growth and development of a reliable agricultural inputs system, and by improving the agricultural enabling policy environment for seed trade, the Alliance will contribute to the overall growth of the West Africa agricultural sector.

PARTNERS

Alliance for a Green Revolution (AGRA),
African Seed Trade Association (AFSTA),
Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)



RESULTS

- More than 500,000 farmers benefit from improved and increased access to high-quality seeds and planting material.
- Network of 800 agro-dealers established in five West African countries.
- Through the establishment of a commercial seed industry, alliance partners expect to leverage \$50 million in newly generated revenue benefiting local agro-dealers.

