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FEED THE FUTURE USAID AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROJECT

The Feed the Future USAID Agriculture Technology and Transfer Project (ATT) targets an increase in the availability of appropriate and affordable technologies to improve the competitiveness of the maize, rice and soya value chains in northern Ghana in a sustainable way. USAID/Ghana is funding the project for a period of five years with an anticipated budget of $22 million.

ATT will improve the performance of Ghana’s agricultural research and extension systems by creating a private sector-led agricultural technology transfer mechanism, linking research, extension services and producers to a market driven approach to technology development and dissemination. Main stakeholders include producers, agro-input dealers, farm services providers, private sector actors involved in seed and fertilizer production and distribution, research institutions and laboratories, as well as government and regulatory bodies responsible for creating and maintaining an enabling environment for a dynamic agriculture sector.

IFDC is the lead implementing partner, with additional technical support provided by Iowa State University (ISU), the Center for Development Innovation of Wageningen University (WUR-CDI) and Ghana Agricultural Associations and Business Information Center (GAABIC). In addition, research institutions, including the Savanna Agricultural Research Institute (SARI), the Ministry of Food and Agriculture and agencies relevant to private sector agricultural investment in Ghana are key partners. ATT is an integral component of USAID’s Feed the Future portfolio, and will work closely with other USAID activities in research, policy, finance, commercialization and value chain development.

The project will focus on the following three components: seeds, integrated soil fertility management (ISFM) and capacity building for agricultural research. It will operate primarily by improving the capacity of both the public and private sector in their respective roles in technology development and dissemination. The ATT project is taking steps to increase effective demand for quality seed and other technology packages in targeted value chains with a potential for high impact on incomes, food security and nutrition.