

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT



OVERVIEW

Partners for Development's (PfD) work in agriculture, food security and nutrition increases agricultural efficiency, improves livestock health, promotes production of nutrient-rich foods in household gardens, increases farmer's access to credit and marketing opportunities, and improves farmer's livelihoods. Our community-based programming provides individual households with training and support, while our national agricultural initiatives seek to introduce effective policy change and build responsive institutions.



LOCAL PARTNERSHIP EXAMPLE

PfD is currently working with Network of Pineapple Producers of Benin (Réseaux des producteurs d'ananas du Bénin or RePAB). RePAB's mission is to conduct social and economic programs to improve the living and working conditions of workers and producers organizations in the pineapple sector of Benin. PfD is working with RePAB to support farmers in order to increase productivity, improve trade and competitiveness and develop market opportunities for pineapple producers and processors.



PROGRAM IMPACT

Growing Resources for Enhanced Agricultural Enterprises and Nutrition Project

2,790
people

received agricultural
extension training

139%

increase
in agricultural
production

1,634
farmers

adopted improved
technologies

**“Now that GREEN
helped me with my
cabbages and
pineapples, I am ready
to try other crops too.”**

Mr. Cyprien Hindeme
*Vegetable Farmer in the Allada,
Benin*



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Food Security: In order to achieve sustainable harvest in rural communities, PfD has provided community nutrition education campaigns and technical assistance in households on food production, and constructed stable crop banks to establish microcredits.

Expansion in Agricultural Trade: PfD has expanded agricultural trade in various countries by improving border and airport storage and marketing facilities, supporting innovation and collaboration across value chains, connecting processors with marketing opportunities and establishing a market price and information system in rural communities.

Providing Vegetable Market Information: Hard-to-reach farmers in Benin often struggle to sell their vegetables. Most have no formal relationships with buyers, nor do they have information on price fluctuations. Through PfD's mobile information system, which transmits local market prices via SMS, farmers now have a good understanding of seasonal price trends, and can better negotiate for a fair price.

Improving Agricultural Productivity and Processing: By building the technical and business management capacity, PfD has been able to increase productivity for farmers in developing countries. Through the Growing Resources for Enhanced Agricultural Enterprises and Nutrition (GREEN) Project and the Pineapple Processing for Export Program (PINEX), PfD has also provided trainings to assist rural farmers to improve resources management and harvesting produce.

MISSION AND VISION

PfD's staff and volunteers work in partnership with local and international groups to improve quality of life for vulnerable people in underserved communities. We envision a more just, peaceful, and environmentally sustainable world, and seek to empower people by increasing their access to training, education, and resources to create more vibrant and resilient communities, with more accountable leadership.

INNOVATION

Through the Growing Resources for Enhanced Agricultural Enterprises and Nutrition (GREEN) Project, PfD tested two solar-powered irrigation pumps to determine if they could be a cost-effective approach to reducing air pollution and improving vegetable production. Both models used in the test pilot proved that they can be used as an alternative to current irrigation methods in Southern Benin, potentially saving farmers thousands of dollars.



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