

# CASE STUDY



EYDCCD

## Empowerment for Youth-Driven Commodity Chain Development

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# Background

- Kano state in Nigeria has over 10 million people contained in 44 local government areas (LGAs) of which 36 are rural
- Over 56% are youth living in rural areas and depend on subsistence farming system with all the attendant shortcomings
- After the 2011 general elections in the country, the plight of youth became of great concern to Kano State Governor which prompted his administration to design the EYDCCD program

## Principal Challenge

- Empower the youth for engagement in economic activities that diverts their attention from criminal tendencies; religious extremism and violence, migration temptation and
- Achieve daily preoccupation for income generation, break the poverty circle, improve food security options and develop best practice youth-led agribusiness

## Solution Tried

- **Mobilization**

- The youth were sensitized on the need to have them empowered for positive society integration. Enlisting was conducted via political organizational structure in each of the state's LGAs.

- **Training**

- Six agro-vocational institutes were established across the state to absorb enlisted participating youth for short intensive training

- ***The training institutes were***
  - Poultry institute (women) in Dambatta LGA
  - Fishery (women) at Bagauda in Bebeji LGA
  - Livestock at Kadawa in Garun Malam LGA
  - Horticulture at Bagauda
  - Animal traction at Kadawa
  - Farm mechanization at Kadawa

- **Start-up Package for setting-up**

- Day-old chicks (200), Starter feed and vaccination distributed to poultry trainees
- Garden tools and tree crop seedlings to horticulture trainees
- Fingerlings, fish feed and collapsible plastic ponds to fishery trainees
- Bull (2Nos) to each of the animal traction trainee
- Fattening animal (2 each) to livestock fattening trainees
- All trained participants were given start-up capital



- **Post training business support**

- Commodity Support Centre (CSC) established at Bunkure LGA to provide market information and product development services for vegetables entrepreneurs

# The Institutes

Fishery institute



Horticulture Institute



## Animal Traction institute



## Livestock Institute



## Poultry trainees





## Horticulture trainees



## Fishery trainees



## Feedlot trainees





# Graduation ceremony















# **Post Training Support Service**

**Commodity Support Centre  
(CSC)  
Bunkure**



# Postharvest tomato training





# Hygienic tomato drying













## Major Success

1. Establishing various agro-based vocational training institutes with university tutors deployed to run them is the major success of the program. The institutes are now under management of Kano University of Technology (KUT) Wudil and the original designed mandate which reflects youth empowerment for self-reliant agribusiness remain unchanged

2. The institutions have successfully trained and graduated more than 5,000 youth in two years until change of administration in 2015
3. The Commodity Support Centre (CSC) at Bunkure has produced farmer-participatory training video on hygienic sun-dried tomato and grading tomato for packing in wood crate. A producer cooperative that emerged under the CSC has opened farm inputs shop at the CSC facility.

## Lessons Learned

1. Selling of start-up package materials by trainees
2. Lack of produce market connection for trainees
3. There is need of post training track and monitoring
4. Mobilization of participating youth needs to be more objective
5. Continuous advanced training is required after business establishment by trainees
6. A powerful youth group needs to be formed to supervise mobilization and graduation activities

# Implementation

- The program was implemented by Kano State Government between 2011-2014; over 5,000 youth from the state's 44 LGAs were empowered and provided with start-up package to become self employed in the agrifoods sector
- Stakeholders with deep participation in the program include DFID of the British Embassy Nigeria, Dansa Holdings Ltd and other National and state agricultural agencies

# Conclusion

1. The EYDCCD was successfully executed on a large scale that is further scalable in the state
2. The program requires some refining like introduction of the Apex Youth Producer Association (AYPASS) in each of the LGAs of the State. Past trained youths should be traced to become leaders in AYPASS
3. The incumbent administration in the state should revive the EYDCCD program for continuation