



**AGRA-NAERLS KADUNA CONSORTIUM PROJECT - NAERLS WEEKLY
PICTORIAL REPORT
(Week 1: 1st – 8th July 2023)**

The activities within the reporting period include; the Organic Fertilizer Producers Association of Nigeria (OFPSAN) meeting and the AGRA-NAERLS Consortium Project Kaduna 2nd Strategy meeting/ visits on Wet Season Organic Demos in Zaria.

Expanded monitoring & evaluation meetings and the agronomy teams’ discussion were based on the project’s development, the milestone of the specific objectives, preparation for the forthcoming quarterly joint review meeting, and the way forward.

Establishment of Demo plots: Systems of Rice Intensification (SRI), Screen House, and Climate-Smart Village for the control of uncertainty of climatic elements such as precipitation, temperature, wind, and humidity in Likoro and Kagadama communities, Kudan and Kauru LGAs respectively.

Input distribution (fertilizer) for wet season production continued for the management of mother demos. Rice, soybean, and maize baby demos for farmers were also distributed to CBAs to be given to farmers within their communities.

To showcase the project’s objective to promote inclusiveness, the project carried along stakeholders across all the sectors and cooperatives in the State including TAKOWA Ability-In-Disability Dairy/ Farmers’ Co-operative Society Limited, Zaria City.

The Cooperative currently benefits from all the inputs distributed for mother and baby demos. Their CBAs established mother demos using the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) method in Zaria LGA during the dry season production.



2nd Strategy meeting between OFPSAN and AGRA-NAERLS Consortium Project Kaduna teams on setting up of Wet Season Organic Demos in AGRA-NAERLS Office, Zaria.



Visits to the Executive Director NAERLS by the team





Group photograph with AGRA PO, OFPSAN team, and AGRA-NAERLS Consortium Project Kaduna members



Group photograph with Executive Director NAERLS by the team



NAERLS staff and farmers during the demonstration of Maize No-tilt agriculture in Likoro, Kudan LGA under the AGRA-NAERLS Consortium Project in Kaduna State



No-tilt agriculture (Maize) plot in Likoro, Kudan LGA under the AGRA-NAERLS Consortium Project in Kaduna State

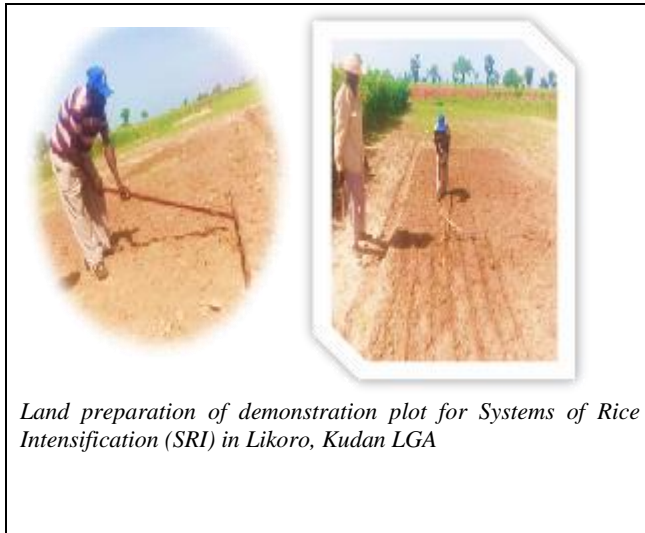


NAERLS staff, CBA, and farmers in Screen House in Likoro, Kudan LGA under the AGRA-NAERLS Consortium Project in Kaduna State



CBA and farmers in Screen House in Likoro, Kudan LGA under the AGRA-NAERLS Consortium Project in Kaduna State





Land preparation of demonstration plot for Systems of Rice Intensification (SRI) in Likoro, Kudan LGA



Collection of rice seedlings from the nursery for transplanting



Transplanting of rice in the demonstration plot



Site characterization and Demonstration at Climate Smart Village in Kagadama, Kauru LGA



Demonstration of GAP at Climate Smart Village in Kagadama, Kauru LGA



Cross section of CBA during weeding and fertilizer application in Likoro, Kudan LGA



Cross section of CBA and farmers in Screen House in Likoro, Kudan LGA





The TAKOWA Cooperative Women members/ AGRA-NAERLS Team during a meeting in Zaria LGA, Kaduna State



The TAKOWA Cooperative men members/ AGRA-NAERLS Team during a meeting in Zaria LGA, Kaduna State



Group picture with the TAKOWA Cooperative members/ AGRA-NAERLS Team under the AGRA-NAERLS Kaduna Consortium, Kaduna State

The selected CBAs from the TAKOWA Cooperative received Training of Trainers (TOT) capacity building in various areas such as Good Agronomic Practices (GAP), ICT for Agriculture, Entrepreneurship, and Group Dynamics and Management. A step-down training was conducted by the CBAs for other members.

This shows in their knowledge and skills of the extension acquired, thus, promoting extension services in their various communities to farmers, thus, vulnerable can be reached faster through this group of people.

They agreed to mobilize their members for collective efforts in working with the AGRA-NAERLS Consortium Project. Besides, deploying the ICT4Ag knowledge for farmers listing and generating income using various Apps such as UTME, Open Data Kit (ODK), and Fertilizer Optimization Tool (FOT) for their livelihoods.

This implies that they are interested in the project activities such as capacity building, empowerment and agricultural innovation systems, and knowledge management exchange for sustainable livelihoods.

If the AGRA/NAERLS Consortium Project will go a long way to give more of such support this will help bridge the gap in the extension agent-farmer ratio, and improve the livelihoods of beneficiaries in the identified communities with ripple effects across the LGAs in Kaduna State.





CBA Aisha of the TAKOWA Cooperative and EA in Zaria LGA, Kaduna state, during the monitoring and personal visit recently to her soybean mother demo on 3rd July 2023



Some members of the TAKOWA Cooperative in Zaria LGA, Kaduna state



Cross section of AEs & CBA representative from Makarfi LGA with NAERLS staff during the distribution of input (fertilizer) presentation



Cross section of AEs & CBA representative from Makarfi LGA with NAERLS staff during the distribution of inputs (maize, rice, and soybean) for baby demo presentation



Cross section of AEs presenting inputs (fertilizer) to CBAs and baby demo packs for farmers in Jema'a LGA



Cross section of CBAs with inputs (fertilizer) for their mother demos and baby demo packs for farmers in Jema'a LGA





AEs and CBAs representative from Sabon-Gari LGA with some NAERLS staff during inputs distribution (Third Batch) for mother demos



EA and CBA: Adamu Jamo Husaini during fertilizer application to maize demo in Sabon-Gari LGA



AEs presenting inputs (fertilizer) to CBA for mother demo in Jaba LGA



AEs presenting inputs (fertilizer) to CBA for mother demo in Jaba LGA





AEs & CBA representatives from Kaura LGA with some NAERLS staff during the distribution input (fertilizer) for mother demos



AEs & CBA representatives from Kaura LGA with some NAERLS staff during the distribution of inputs (maize, soybean, and rice) baby demos packs presentation



EA, CBAs representative from Sanga LGA with some NAERLS staff during the distribution of fertilizer for mother demo



EA, CBAs representative from Sanga LGA with some NAERLS staff during the distribution of inputs (maize, soybean, and rice) baby demos



EA and CBA representatives from Kagarko LGA with some NAERLS staff during the distribution of fertilizer for the mother demo



EA and CBA representatives from Kagarko LGA with some NAERLS staff during the distribution of inputs (maize, soybean, and rice) baby demos



Fertilizer Application for mother demo plot of CBA (Fatima Hamza) Nasarawa community, Kaura LGA July 5/7/ 2023



CBA Dahiru Idris Adamu from Dokan Buhari community at his mother demo. Crop: Rice. Variety: Faro 59.

