

# **Sasakawa Africa Association - Sasakawa Global 2000**

Effective extension service delivery  
influences policy decisions and direct  
investments

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# Sasakawa Africa Association

- founded 1986 in Geneva as an international NGO
- collaboration with the Carter Center
  - Sasakawa Global 2000



**Objective:**  
increase agricultural  
productivity of small-  
scale farmers and  
improve national  
extension services



# Mode of operation:

- Enter countries on request
  - MoU with Agricultural Ministry;
  - Pledge for resources and political support;
- NAES collaboration
  - Capacity development – human, institutional, methodological;
  - Initiating change process – joint planning and implementation;
- SAA contribution
  - Resources – human and capital;
  - Know-how;
- Outcomes
  - Better service to farmers;
  - Efficient resource use;
  - Evidence based reporting;
  - Methodology development;

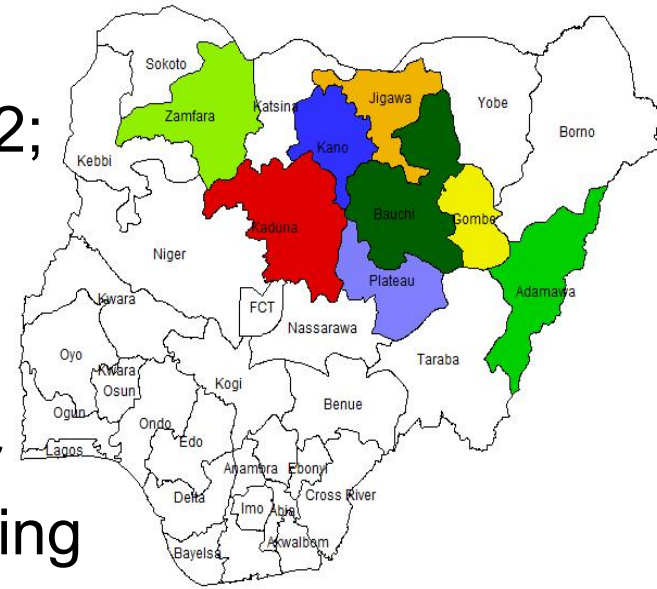
# Challenges:

- Political will and support to NAES
- Willingness to change – requirements from the ministry
- Different agendas on different hierarchical levels
- Communication



# SAA activities in Nigeria:

- Commencement of activities in 1992;
- Working in 8 states – investment of > 20,000,000 \$ US;
- In 2010 SAA invited 8 governors for round table discussion on cost sharing of field activities;





# **State funded activities – results and challenges:**

- States pledged to contribute 200,000 \$ US/year;
- 4 states paid 1 to 2 installments –  
total amount received: 1,153,300 \$ US

## **Results:**

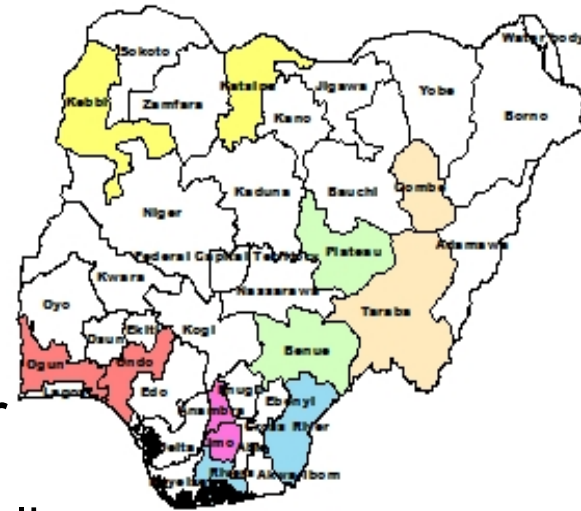
- 2,800 field demonstrations implemented;
- 29 demonstration site for post-harvest processing;
- > 1,200 Extension Agents and 28,000 farmers trained;
- > 60,000 farmers involved;

## **Challenges:**

- Sustained political and administrative support;
- Timely provision of funds;
- Activities based on farmers needs;
- Openness to change;
- Not paying states;

# FMARD funded activities:

- MoU signed in 2013 – project start in 6 states in 2014
- Funds provided > 1,500,000 \$ US/year
- Objectives:
  - improve extension services delivery
  - develop services along the value-chain
  - include youth and women programs
  - foster PPP, include research, FBOs
  - CSOs etc.
- Activities implemented by NAES under supervision of SAA



# FMARD funded activities – results and challenges

- **Needs Assessment and baseline studies**
- **120 EA trained**
- **590 farmers groups trained and 590 field demonstrations implemented**
- **Post-harvest and agro-processing demonstrations implemented**

- **Dependency on government policies – definition of goals and objectives;**
- **States view intervention as federal affair;**
- **Development of an inclusive approach to extension;**
- **FMARD request for further expansion - coordination of activities;**



## Mali – fertilizer subsidies:

- SAA active since 1996;
- SAA – research collaboration in providing new technologies for millet and sorghum cultivation;
- Success reported through NAES to CSA;
- In 2010 CSA decides on subsidies for fertilizer for millet and sorghum;
- SAA and NAES provide evidence for fertilizer use;







Thank you