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Home Grown School Feeding and Health Programme



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Building the HGSSF Technical Assistance Plans

Osun State, Nigeria



Background: Osun State, Nigeria

- Population of 4 million people
- GDP per capita (PPP) of \$2076 USD
- Highly agrarian economy with a vast majority of the population involved in farming

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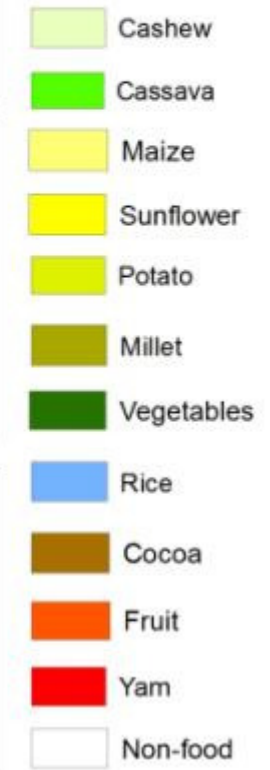
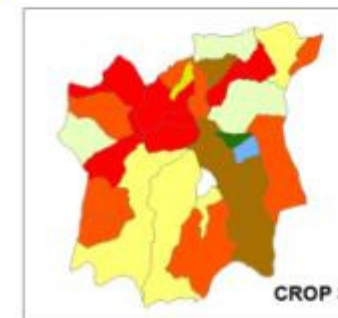
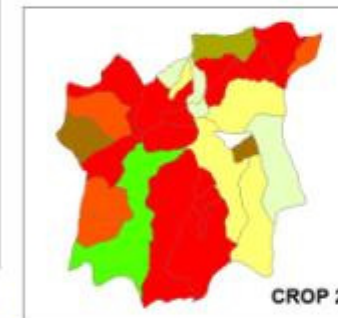
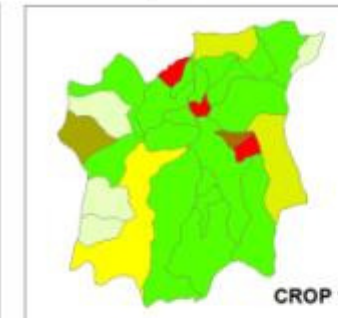
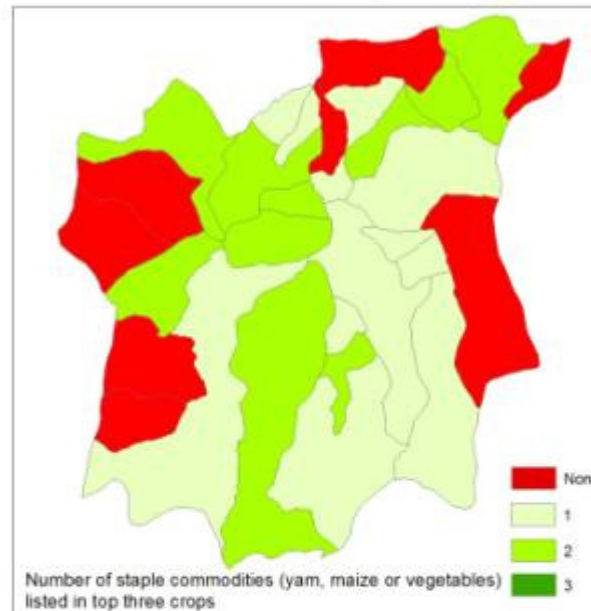
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Background: Agriculture

- Osun state is a large producer and consumer of cassava and yams

Osun State: crop distribution and production statistics



CROP	Area Planted 2005/06	Production 2005/06
Millet		
Guinea Corn		
Groundnut		
Beans		
Yam	10.27	149.12
Cotton		
Maize	44.16	67.34
Cassava	48.80	773.00
Rice	20.13	28.84
Melon	0.40	0.30
CocoYam	18.50	194.73

Area Planted reported as thousand hectares, Production is reported as thousand metric tons

Background: Education

- Osun has high primary school attendance rates
- There are also comparable numbers of females to males enrolled in primary schools

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Current status: HGSF

- Targets more than 129,000 children in kindergarten through to primary 2 in all 1,351 public schools in Osun state
- One cooked meal per child per day
- Cash transfer to cooks' bank accounts every two weeks
 - One cook per 50 students
 - Food purchased by cooks at local markets
- N964,369,371 (US\$6,429,129) per year budget from state and local government

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Menu Table

Day	Original	Present
Monday	Rice, Stew, and Fish	Maize, Stew, and Fish
Tuesday	Porridge, Vegetable, Egusi, and Egg	Porridge (Yam and Beans), Vegetables, and Fish
Wednesday	Rice, Beans, Egusi, Vegetable, Fish, and Cocoa Drink	Rice, Beans, Egusi, Vegetable, Fish, and Cocoa Drink
Thursday	Beans, Vegetables, and Fish	Maize, Beans, Stew, and Egg
Friday	Rice, Vegetable, and Fish	Rice, Beans, Vegetable, and Fish

HGSF: progress update

- Key successes
 - Strong political support for the programme coupled with good management and effective oversight
 - Efficient disbursement of funds
 - 3,000 jobs created for cooks
- Key challenges
 - Developing explicit links with local smallholder farmers
 - Reaching the most remote communities for monitoring
 - Understaffed LGA for monitoring visits
 - Continued funding of the programme and expansion to higher public primary grades

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HGSF in Nigeria

- The Federal Government of Nigeria initiated a Home Grown School Feeding Programme (HGSFP) in 2005 to improve student nutrition, improve student performance in school, and increase demand for local agricultural production
- Of 13 pilot states, Osun is the only clear success story
 - Still ongoing despite suspension of federal level programme
- Non-pilot states are interested in learning more about HGSF

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HGSF Osun target groups

1. Primary target: children in kindergarten through [all](#) primary in all public primary schools in Osun state
 - Eventually cover junior secondary schools
2. Primary target: local smallholder farmers
3. Primary target: local community groups to deliver support services
 - Linkages with cocoa processors
 - Jobs for approximately 3,000 cooks
 - School Based Management Committee (SBMC) oversees cooking and serving

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Overall objectives

- Hunger reduction
- Improvement of nutritional and health status of school children
- Increasing school enrolment, retention, and completion
- Elimination of post harvest losses through better food handling, utilization, and storage
- **Enhancement** of agricultural productivity (e.g. inputs...)
- Stimulating job creation, local food production, and income of small holder farmers
- Strengthening of capacity of local communities in effective school management
- Reduction of incidence of poverty and stimulating development of small and scale industries

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Activities to achieve objectives

- School feeding (ongoing)
- Deworming (ongoing)
- Community sensitization of farmers, farmer groups and farming organizations (needed)
- Building linkages with farming associations, communities, and co-operatives (needed)
- Strengthening linkages between agricultural, health, SUBEB, and HGSFHP (needed)
- Baseline survey and training of teachers to take basic measurements to enable monitoring (needed)

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Enabling environment: Policy

- A formal policy framework, accompanied by implementation guidelines, operational manuals, and financial and accountability manuals are needed
- These documents would be based on learnings from Osun State and the federal level pilot
- Links with the agriculture sector can also be formalized

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Enabling environment: Institutional capacity

- The Osun State HGSFP secretariat has requested capacity building for planning, implementation, and management
- Training of LGA desk officers, monitors, and cooks on standardized procedures is needed
- Data on the agricultural, health, and education aspects of the programme is needed
- It is unknown who specifically are the farmers already contributing produce to the programme
- Sensitization of farmers, farmer associations, and extension officers on the programme has not occurred

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Enabling environment: Financing

- Financing of the programme is shared between state and local government, with strong, high-level political support
- Other funding options may need to be explored to ensure sustainability
- The per child allocation is based on a review of costs for food basket items that may need to be updated



Enabling environment: Community

- **Ownership:** The community, and farmers specifically, may be unaware of their roles in the programme and associated opportunities

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Technical support: “Food supply” side

- Identify farmers already contributing produce to the program through the market women
- Capacity building for agriculture extension personnel in production and processing related to the programme
 - Quarterly meetings with farmers and extension officers at the senatorial level
 - HGSF sensitization/capacity building in existing farmer association meetings
- Productivity enhancement: inputs (improved seeds, fertilisers)

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Technical support: Key programmatic documents

- Development of the following documents:
 - Policy framework
 - Implementation guidelines
 - Operational manuals
 - Financial and accountability manual
 - Osun State case study
 - Assessment of the previous pilot (federal level)

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Technical support: “Food demand” side

- Capacity building for officers within Osun State HGSFP secretariat for planning, implementation, and management,
- Training of LGA desk officers, monitors, and cooks on operational manual
- Technical support for deworming

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Knowledge management: Learning/research

- Learnings from models in different countries
- Documenting lessons from Osun in case study of the programme
- Review of costs of different food items

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Knowledge management: Mapping and information systems

- Collaborate with researchers to develop a baseline and database on the agricultural, health, and education aspects of the programme
 - Conduct a rapid appraisal of farmers in Osun
- Overlay data/maps from MoA on production/supply chain with data on education, school health and nutrition
- Strengthen monitoring and evaluation systems

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Partnerships and advocacy

- Develop a formal policy document with endorsement from the education and agriculture sectors
- High-level advocacy meeting on the findings of the Osun State case study and assessment of the previous pilot (federal level)
- Develop an advocacy campaign to sponsor individual children, schools, and LGAs

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Partnerships and advocacy

- Prepare advocacy briefs for monthly meetings of Local Government chairmen, council of traditional rulers, Osun State Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), League of Imams, market women and market men fora, Osun State Students Association
- Disseminate HGSSF messages through EKU ISE LOKO, an Osun State agricultural radio program

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