



**REMOVING THE BARRIERS TO LARGE SCALE
PRODUCTION OF RICE IN NIGERIA AND
WEST AFRICA**



Public Private partnership: A Potent Avenue to grow the Rice Industry and the desired value Chain.



Project Features

- **Developing a 10000 Ha of land in Nasarawa State**
- **Fully irrigated rice scheme**
- **Precision levelled fields**
- **Two crop cycles in a year**
- **Aerial inputs application**
- **10 MT / ha (annual yield over two crops)**
- **A nucleus model supported by an out growers scheme**



Project Update

- **Commenced in 2011**
- **Over N 18 billion invested so far**
- **1000 Ha planted and harvested in March 2013**
- **3000 Ha harvested in November – December 2013 – Wet Season crop**
- **3000 Ha being harvested March / April 2014- Dry Season crop**
- **4000 Ha being now**
- **6000 Ha planting by July 2016**
- **3000 farmer out growers scheme commenced in May 2014**
- **105,000 MT capacity Mill with an expansion provision to double this capacity**

Project Highlights

- **High quality paddy to ensure processed rice that can compete with imported rice**
- **Employment generation of more than 1000 at present, which can extend to more than 2000 by 2016 July**
- **A network of 4 Villages with approximately 6000 population turning out to townships in next 18 months**
- **Import substitution, food security.**
- **A prominent member in GES**
- **Out growers scheme in partnership with USAID MARKETS and The Ministry of Agriculture**
- **A key initiative under the Agricultural Transformation Agenda of the Federal Government of Nigeria. The FGN has announced the project as a SCPZ.**

Major Challenges

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- **Roads**
- **Electricity**
- **Irrigation Infrastructure**
- **Machinery spares sourcing**

R&D Trials



Mill



Paddy



Irrigation – Pump station and balancing dam



CR&S

- School Building for Community
- Solar Lights
- Health / medical support
- Clean Water – Bore wells
- 64 Km road linking neighbouring villages and the town

