



Supervision mission: Ghana

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Introduction

This report concerns a short supervision mission by the IFAD IPCI Project Manager to Ghana. The terms of reference for the mission are attached.

The mission had two broad objectives: to discuss how IPCI can help GASIP with its plans to develop the Ghana cassava sector; and, review with SNV progress towards achieving the project aim of completing the Ghana Pilot Cassava Waste Energy Pilot Plant.

Discussion

IFAD/GASIP

After a broad review of the strategies being adopted by GASIP during its inception period, a support strategy for IPCI was agreed in principal as follows:

1. Support GASIP's first round call for proposals in the cassava sector:

Action: IPCI will Review terms of reference and provide technical advice and back-up as needed

2. Support the cassava value chain assessment

In order to guide its investments in cassava value chains, GASIP needs to re-assess the domestic cassava economy in some depth. As it stands there are two strategies proposed: the first a strategic review of the value chain, the second an in-depth and quantitative value chain analysis. Both may be necessary. To have certainty about the likely success of a range of different investments, a series of 'Investment Pack' should evolve from these value chain studies and generic business assessments.

IPCI does not have the funds to undertake large-scale detailed surveys, however, resources could be used for specific specialised studies or for more general support to the development of terms of reference and technical review of outcomes.

Action: Its was agreed that IFAD would clarify with HQ how they want IPCI to use its resources in Ghana

IFAD/GEF Gasifier

It was an aim of the mission to bring IPCI up to date with progress on procurement and installation of a cassava peel gasification plant in Aseyi village in Techiman. Discussions were held with Dr Twum.



After several years of procurement challenges, it is now confidently expected that a gasification plant from India will be constructed in Aseyi in 2016. IFAD HQ missions by technical experts in the coming weeks will clarify the details and efforts are under-way to work with the community to develop a suitable operation and ownership model.

The main area for IPCI support, mostly through the specialist expertise of SNV, is technical review and, if necessary support with aspects of installation and start up.

Action: It was agree that Dr Twum would provide the detailed technical specifications of the plant to NRI/SNV by 4th March so that they can give advice prior to the final fabrication of the equipment in India.

It would make sense for SNV's technical expert to provide background support during installation and initial operation of the plant. This will be agreed once an installation schedule has been made.

SNV

In 2015 SNV Ghana worked in three areas for IPCI: follow-up to the GEF gasifier project, a brief survey of flash dryers and a literature review for cassava in Ghana.

The work programme for 2016 was discussed and it was agreed that the focus for SNV Ghana intervention should be on supporting the procurement, installation and operation of the gasifier.

Conclusions

The mission came at a very opportune moment for IFAD with tenders for key aspects of GASIP about to be launched and the IFAD Gasifier investment soon to arrive in Ghana. The IPCI Team are well know the to various members of the Ghana country team and well able to provide support to IFAD as necessary.

List of persons met during the mission

Name	Title	Organisation
Franck Kapiamba	Programme Officer, West & Central Africa Division	IFAD
Dr Eric Twum	Climate Change Adaptation Manager	GASIP
Gian Marco Agostini	Value Chain Manager	GASIP
Dr Andre de Jager	Country Director	SNV
Alex Donyinah	Associate Advisor	SNV
Roy Ayariga	National Programme Coordinator	GASIP
Andy Wehkamp	Global Managing Director, Energy	SNV
Nicholas Nyathi	Country Sector Leader: Agriculture	SNV

[Draft] Mission Terms of References

The IFAD funded project, Increasing Performance of the Cassava Industry in West and Central Africa (IPCI) started in January 2015 (see <http://projects.nri.org/cassava-ipci/>). It aims to enhance the performance of IFAD-funded national root and tuber crops projects. It is also expected to have wider regional impact through: stock-taking and dissemination of good practice and lessons learned; introduction and dissemination of technological innovations; enhancement of policy dialogue among relevant actors; increasing private sector involvement and promoting private-public partnerships (PPP's).

These Terms of Reference (ToR) are for a short visit by the IPCI Project Manager, as requested by Rich Pelrine, Lead Regional Economist in an email of 20th October 2015. The mission has two broad aims:

1. To meet with GASIP and discuss how IPCI can support their analysis of the cassava value chain and development of the cassava processing sector going forward; and,

2. To meet with the IFAD Asueyi Biogas team with our partners in SNV and take stock of the technical support provided to them by IPCI. IPCI is in the process of developing its detailed Annual Workplan and Budget for 2016. These discussions can lead to a plan of action for support from the project to meet the aims of GASIP during the remaining project period.

Meetings will be held with the following:

- GASIP
- SNV
- IFAD Country Manager
- Asueyi Team

Timing:

The mission is proposed during the week beginning 29th February (arrive 28th Feb depart 2nd March) and will be for 3 days.

Deliverables:

The key deliverable will be contributions to the 2016 IPCI AW&B. A short mission report will be produced highlight the action points and responsibilities.