



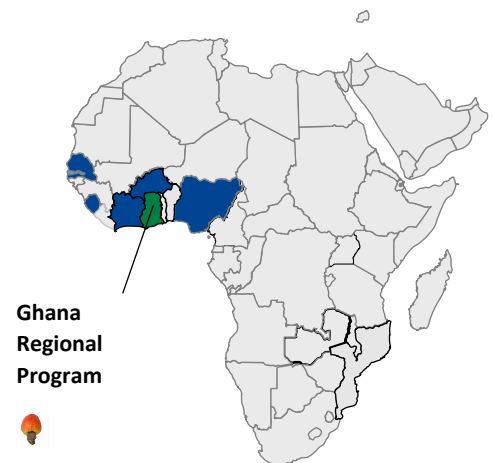
Market-Oriented Value Chains for Jobs and Growth in the ECOWAS Region (MOVE-ComCashew)

Ghana – Country Report

1. Promoting Competitiveness of the Cashew Value Chain.

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The impact of ComCashew since its inception in 2009, recorded 712,000 new jobs created in cashew production, processing, and trade, across project countries and over 790,000 farmers were trained on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Farmer Business School (FBS) from 2009 to 2020, resulting in higher productivity, diversified and higher incomes in implementing countries.



In Ghana, over 400,000 households are involved in the cultivation of cashew nuts with a national production volume of Raw Cashew Nuts of 200,00 metric tons in 2022.

2. Actors overview

No of cashew farmers	400,000
No of Processors in country	12 processors (7 operational)
Cashew growing regions	Bono , Bono East, Ahafo, Northern, Ashanti, Western, Volta, Eastern, Upper West, Central, Upper, Savannah, North East and Oti
Policy and Regulation	Establishment of the regulation by the Tree Crop Authority. Currently at parliament awaiting to be passed
Lead Ministry	Ministry of Food and Agriculture
Regional Network	Consultative International Cashew Council (CICC) African Cashew Alliance (ACA)
NGOs and Project active on Cashew Sector	USDA-Procashew/CNFA, USDA-ProsperCashew/Technoserve Niras,ACPG
Private Sector	Usibras Limited, Gensap Ventures, Agroking limited, Raboni Agro limited, Kabile cooperative processing, Nimdee Hyeren Processing Limited

3. Main Achievements



Establishment of **12 scion** banks in the Eastern, Volta and Ashanti regions. Covid support to value chain actors thus farmers, processors.



Six (6) curricula consisting of **119 learning** materials have been developed thus for the National Proficiency 1 & 11 and National Certificate 1&11, HND and BTEch levels. **471** graduates from the Master Training Programme (MTP) of which **240** men and **231** women.



Development of The Tree Crop Development Authority (TCDA) and inaugurated to regulate cashew and five other tree crop sectors. The drafting of the Tree Crop Development Bill laid before parliament and ratified into an Act.

4. Facts and Figures

	2019	2020	2021	2022
National production volume of RCN – estimate (metric tons)	140,000	150,000	160,000	200,000
National processing capacity – installed (metric tons)	46,290	46,290	46,290	46,290
National processing capacity – utilized (metric tons)	10,770	10,770	10,000	12,352
Productivity (kg/ha)	850	850	900	950
Number of ComCashew trained farmers (cumulative)	48,108	48,944	49,340	N/A
Cummulative Income of all farmers (Mio EUR)	950	N/A	937	N/A

5. Ongoing Activities

MOVE-ComCashew through its intervention supports the development of conducive business environment for all actors of the cashew value chain. Some activities currently ongoing in Ghana include:

- Business development activities
- Capacity development on by- product processing
- Cashew Master training programme
- Policy dialogues.
- Matching Fund for private sector businesses
- Recipe book development
- Development of e-learning modules, 3D Animation video on cashew harvest and postharvest practices will be used as a pilot.
- Conservation Agriculture and Agroforestry for lead farmers, Women and youth and AEAS

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