



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

Nigeria – 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.



Nigeria became an implementing country of MOVE-ComCashew in 2022. The country is among the largest producers of cashews in the world.

2. Actors overview

No of cashew farmers	400,000
No of Processors in country	12 processors (7 operational)
Cashew growing regions	States: Ogun, Ondo, Kwara, Kogi, Oyo, Osun, Niger, Abuja, Nassarawa, Benue, Cross River, Abuja, Ekiti, Lagos, Taraba, Akwa Ibom, Imo, Ebonyi, Enugu, Anambra, and Delta.
Policy and Regulation	No specific policy yet but one under preparation currently.
Lead Ministry	Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (FMAFS, formerly FMARD); Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment (FMIT)
Regional Network	Consultative International Cashew Council (CICC) African Cashew Alliance (ACA)
NGOs and Project active on Cashew Sector	GIZ MOVE-ComCashew, USDA-ProCashew/CNFA, USDA Prosper Cashew/Technoserve
Private Sector	National Cashew Association of Nigeria (NCAN), Cashew Processors and Packers Association of Nigeria (CAPPAN); Federation of Agricultural Commodity Association of Nigeria (FACAN)

30 graduates from the Master Training Programme with **20** men and **10** women.

3. 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 Nigeria are:

- Support to policy development for cashew sector
- Capacity building
- Support to local processors
- Technical training programme on cashews
- Revision and Adaptation of training manuals.
- Institutionalization of innovative approaches

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