1. **Nigeria: Climate Change Adaptation and Agribusiness Support Programme in the Savannah Belt (CASP)**

Goal and objectives:

The goal of the programme is to improve the livelihoods of poor households in rural areas. The programme development objective is increased incomes, enhanced food security and reduced vulnerability for smallholder farmers, particularly women and youth in the participating States.

**Youth interventions**

*Under Private Sector Linkage component*

**Activity 2: Micro Small Enterprises (MSE) and N-Agropreneurs in Priority Value Chains.** Support to micro small enterprises (MSEs, target of 3 600) would be focused on the commodities that have been prioritised in each state (see table below).

**Step 1: Identification of N-Agropreneurs:** There would be a call for proposals for young females and males already carrying out or is interested in starting up an agro-allied enterprise (N-Agropreneurs) to express interest. A carefully crafted questionnaire (see example used in Community Based Natural Resource Management Programme – Niger Delta would be developed to identify innovative young entrepreneurs (using the Youth Employment in Agriculture Programme-YEAP definition of youth as between 18-35 years) with the most potential to develop their enterprise, to grow in terms of leadership, and to contribute sustainably to the development of the value chain.

**Step 2: Training in Youth Leadership and Skills Acquisition:** N-Agropreneurs will be systematically trained and regularly retrained in business planning, development & management. A training curriculum would be developed for N-Agropreneurs on how to develop and implement business plan development, managing raw materials and other inputs, developing marketing strategies, promotions and advertising, and linking to service providers and markets Advice and technical assistance would be provided to N-Agropreneurs through the Farmers‟ Business Schools.

**Step 3: Develop a mentorship programme:** A mentorship programme would be developed, whereby a set of experienced entrepreneurs would provide training to the N-Agropreneurs, to be called Agripreneur Field School. The Songhai Center ([www.songhai.org](http://www.songhai.org)) would be used to train N-Agropreneurs in skills acquisition and technology adoption in agricultural entrepreneurship.

**Step 4: Empowerment:** N–Agropreneurs are to be identified on a rolling basis annually and support would be provided for their initial start-up through the Financial Service Association. In addition, the programme would support young entrepreneurs to be linked to financial services from the Government’s YEAP and Microfinance banks.

**Step 5: Youth Events:** Youth forums of all N-Agroprenuers will be organized at least once or twice a year at the state and interstate level to share challenges and identify solutions. YEAP is to develop a State Stakeholders Platform (SSP) composed of youth representatives along priority value chains will be identified, IFAD supported N-Agropreneurs would play an active part.

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| **State(s)** | **Primary Food Security Crops** | **Economic Crops** | **Major Crop Mix under Intercropping** |
| **Borno, Yobe, Katsina** | Millet, Sorghum, Cowpea, Groundnut | Millet, Cowpea, Groundnut | Millet/cowpea,  Sorghum/groundnut |
| **Jigawa** | Millet, Sorghum, Cowpea, Groundnut, Rice | Cowpea, Groundnut, Rice |  |
| **Sokoto** | Rice, Millet, Sorghum, Cowpea, Onion, Vegetables | Rice, Millet, Onion |  |
| **Kebbi** | Rice, Millet, Sorghum, Cowpea, Onion, Vegetables | Rice, Millet, Onion, Vegetables |  |
| **Zamfara** | Rice, Millet, Sorghum, Maize, Cowpea, Onion, Vegetables | Rice, Maize, Millet, Onion, vegetables |  |

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1. **Ghana: Ghana Agricultural Sector Investment Programme (GASIP)**

**Goal and objective:** The overall goal of GASIP is to contribute to sustainable poverty reduction in rural Ghana. The Programme Development Objective is: “agribusinesses, including smallholders, have enhanced their profitability and climate change resilience”.

**Commodities/VC**: include (a) cassava; (b) maize; (c) sorghum; (d) yam; (e) fruits and vegetables. Additional value chains would be selected and taken on board based on following criteria: (i) evidence of increased financial return for smallholders, in particular youth and women

**Target group**: GASIP will target smallholder farmers and resource-poor rural people, in particular women, youth (15-24 years) and young adults (25-34 years). GASIP is expected to reach at least 62,900 clients or direct beneficiaries by PY3 and 86,400 clients by PY6

**Youth Action Plan**

A range of mechanisms will be used to reach at least 20% youth (between 15 and 24 years) 24.and 30% young adults (between 25 and 34 years) as direct clients. Within these age groups gender equality will be sought and closely monitored. It is acknowledged that rural youth and women are among the most vulnerable groups to the effects of climate change, which could aggravate existing gender disparities. The M&E system will monitor outputs and outcomes for the two age groups. The Youth Action Plan (YAP) would support the following activities for young people: (a) direct targeting of young women in all activities of the YAP; (b) peer education; (c) integration of young people in FBOs, extension groups and VCCs; (d) participation in business networks; (e) promotion of value chains that are interesting for young people (horticulture, intensive livestock production, etc..); (f) provision of start-up kits and facilitation of access to finance; (g) agribusiness education; (h) promotion campaigns using role models. Coordination of implementation would be ensured by the Senior Policy and Evaluation Expert of the Programme Coordination Unit (PCU). In addition, a GASIP youth council attached to Zonal Programme Offices in Tamale and Kumasi would ensure an active participation of young people in planning and implementation.

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| **Table 1: Youth Action Plan Proposed Mechanisms** | **Rationale** | **Target Group** |
| Facilitation of “young FBOs” and extension groups (target of 20%) | By, to building on existing dynamics among youth in the communities, supporting the organisation of the young people to empower them | 15-34, skilled and unskilled |
| Peer education | Peer-educators can better convey agri-business information to young FBOs and act as role models | 15-34, skilled and unskilled |
| Facilitation of integration of 15-34 year in FBOs (target of 20%) | To ensure inclusion of young people and inter-generation learning and dialogue | 15-34, skilled and unskilled |
| Encourage value chain actors to allow a higher degree of participation of young people | The facilitating agents will work with value chain committees and other stakeholders to spur a higher inclusion of young people in value chains | 15-34, skilled and unskilled |
| Facilitation of young people in agribusiness network via social media, SMS-networks, rural radio | Support the interconnectivity of young FBOs and young people in agribusiness | 15-34, skilled and unskilled |
| Focus on “youth crops” | Support the development of value chains that require little investment or less land but skilled labour | 15-34, skilled and unskilled |
| Youth start-up kit | Start-up kits for youth 15-24 to counter the problem of start-up resources should be linked to skills training. | 15-24, skilled and unskilled |
| Classes on agribusiness offered at JHS and SHS, if possible linked to school gardening, and information campaigns using role models | To inform young people on possibilities in agri-business | 15-24, unskilled |
| **Implementation arrangements** | | |
| Senior Policy and Evaluation Specialist to ensure mainstreaming of the Youth Action Plan among programme specialists | Work through ZPO executive staff to ensure youth, gender and social inclusion, and to forward youth and gender issues in policy dialogue | N/A |
| Establishment of a GASIP youth council attached to ZPOs, and an annual youth stakeholder forum | To ensure dynamism and flexibility in the youth approach of GASIP | 15-34, skilled and unskilled |
| Creating linkages to REP, Youth Into Agriculture Programme and other relevant programmes | To ensure opportunities of young people along the value chain. Collaboration with REP should be made regarding processing and service delivery to the agricultural sector | 15-34, skilled and unskilled |
| The Senior Policy Specialist will promote the opportunities of youth in policy dialogue with Government partners. | To ensure a coherent government approach to bringing youth into profitable agribusiness opportunities | N/A |

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