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Cassava Value Chain Development

Cassava

Cassava is one of staple food in many tropical countries. It is the basic food resource for around one billion people in tropical areas and raw material for starch processing, which could contribute to income increasing and poverty reduction among smallholders. It also has several advantages over rice, maize, and other grains as a staple food in areas where there is a degraded resource base, uncertain rainfall, and weak infrastructure. Cassava has historically played a famine prevention role in eastern and southern Africa.

Currently, cassava is planted in more than 90 countries over the world.

Cassava Technology

Breeding

- * Variety Improvement
- * Tissue Culture Techniques

Cultivation

- * Intercropping, Interplanting and Rotation
- * Diseases, Pests and Weed Control
- * Stem Storage

Processing

- * Cassava Flour
- * Cassava Starch
- * Cassava Products

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WFP South-South and Triangular Cooperation Country Pilot in the Republic of Congo

The project, funded by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China, aims at creating benefits for the most vulnerable people suffering from hunger and malnutrition by tapping into China's successful experience with a focus on food systems and resilience building through a combination of South-South and Triangular Cooperation modalities.

Components

1. Training for cassava production, processing, and cooking
2. Workshop on cassava value chain improvement
3. Support to WFP Home-grown School Feeding Programme in the Republic of Congo (RoC)

Outcomes

- ◆ 3653 children from 5 schools benefited from the WFP's accessed to locally produced cassava-based products.
- ◆ 173 smallholder farmers, cassava producers, accessors and artisans have been trained.
- ◆ 1 national virtual workshop was held and joined by WFP RoC, Regional Centre of Excellence against Hunger and Malnutrition (CERFAM), WFP Centre of Excellence for Rural Transformation (WFP China COE), and WFP Headquarters.

Technical Partner

- Chinese Academy of Tropical Agricultural Sciences (CATAS)

WFP China COE's Engagement

Cassava value chain is one of important thematic areas for WFP Centre of Excellence for Rural Transformation (WFP China COE) to share China's experience and expertise through South-South Cooperation. In collaboration with strategic and technical partners, WFP China COE supports cassava value chain development in other developing countries by facilitating technical training, seminar, expert deployment, and other activities pursuant to Agenda 2030 and UN Sustainable Development Goals.



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Seminar on Cassava Production and Processing Technology for African Countries

The Seminar was organized online by CATAS and supported by WFP China COE and CERFAM from 28 June to 15 July in 2021. In total, 246 participants from 16 countries attended the seminar.

The 18-day seminar shared experience and promoted China's technologies of cassava cultivation and processing to support the development of cassava value chain in Africa through online courses, virtual tours, and country presentations. Qualified participants were awarded certificates endorsed by the three agencies.

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