

# WORKSHOP OF REFLECTION AND TRAINING ON REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND TRADE POLICIES

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# NAIP: NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PLAN OF SIERRA LONE

- ◉ Gears towards the national planning of resources both human and material agricultural inputs to intensify and increase agricultural productivity at community, chiefdom, district and national levels
- ◉ The planning also includes efficient implementation activities to successfully achieve the desired objectives/results
- ◉ The government of Sierra Leone has made agriculture its engine for growth and therefore agriculture has been given priority . For this reason, government has allocated 7% of its annual budget to agriculture. The Minister of Agriculture has harmonised all FO's in the country into four (4) FBO's . These four FBO's federated to form one apex farmers organization. All Agriculture activities in the country are channel through the national farmers federation through the four FBO's down to their various constitute membership. All Agriculture committees created by the line ministries have farmers representative.
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# SUCCESSFUL EXAMPLES OF NATIONAL POLICIES AND PLANS

- ◉ The focus is more on group farming instead of individual farm family farming
- ◉ With the introduction of CAADP and small holder commercialization Program (SCP) into Agricultural Sector farmers are moving away from subsistence farming to commercial farming which is helping to intensify and increase agricultural productivity to achieve food security
- ◉ Government has introduced mechanised farming through tractor hire purchase scheme to farmer organisations (FO's) and community based organisations (CBO's).
- ◉ The farmers have been organised into FO's of farming groups of 25 to 30 members which normally comprises several farms families
- ◉ FO's receive and control input materials from government and other stakeholders involved in the agricultural sector. Such inputs can be fertilizer, improved seeds, small ruminants, restocking parent stock, food for work, farming implements

# DRIVERS FOR SUCCESSFUL ATTAINMENTS

- ◉ The establishment of FBO executives at chiefdom, district and national levels to supervise, monitor and evaluate farmers activities for the intensification of agricultural activities
- ◉ FBO's created as partnership agents for government and other interested partners(donors)
- ◉ FBO's organise farmers at community, chiefdom and district levels to ensure the implementation of policies nationwide
- ◉ FBO's serves as advocates and lobbying groups for their FO's
- ◉ FBO's work in partnerships with NGO's like Oxfam, World Vision, Action Aid, CARE by distributing farming inputs, provide processing equipment for value addition. Also conduct workshops, seminars to teach farmers modern techniques in farming and value addition.

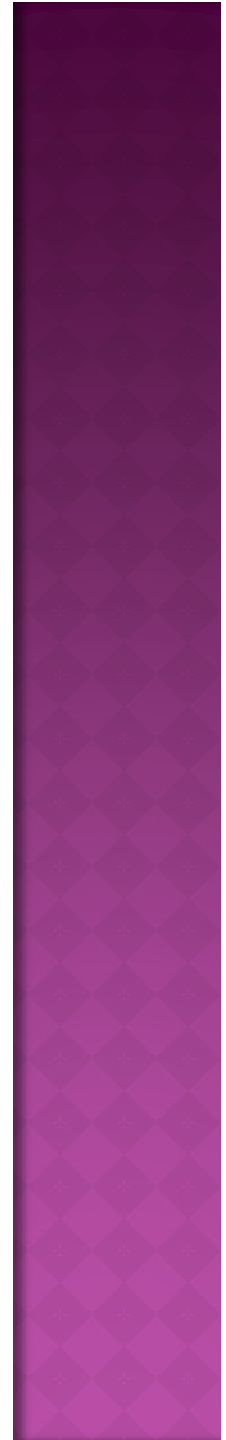
# INITIATIVES BY FBO'S TO SUPPORT INTENSIFICATION AND PRODUCTION

- ◉ Organising farmers into farming groups of 25 to 30 members at community, chiefdom and district levels
- ◉ Conducting seminars and workshops to teach farmers modern technique of farming and value addition (processing)
- ◉ Advocacy and lobbying on behalf of their farmers to access loan from financial institutions.



# STOCKING

- ◉ Government is creating storage centres at chiefdom for FO's through agricultural business centre(ABC) structures to store and sell farm produce and products
- ◉ INGO's are also providing storage centres at both community and chiefdom level for farmers to store their farm produce and products at minimum cost for storage



# EXPERIENCES

- Financial institutions are gradually accepting farmers to access loan from their loan from their institution.
- Large area of land are been provided from farm families land to the farming group to intensify
- There is comparatively increase in productivity
- Tractorization through tractor hire purchase scheme for farmer is intensifying agriculture production
- Fielder roads are been recondition for easy access from highly productive area to trunk roads with funds World bank

# RURAL LAND GOVERNANCE OF FAMILY FARMING

- ◉ Farmers comprising farming groups are willing to contribute farm family lands to their groups to ,increase farm land for intensive agricultural production

