



"Participants in the NSA workshop"

The meeting consensus was that the project achieved a great deal in the first year but that there was still much to be done. The general sense of the meeting was that Africa Lead has strongly expanded the number of people understanding the CAADP agenda and

principles, and has increased the sense of urgency among agriculture Champions to make a difference. The next step is to provide the support needed to translate this enthusiasm into strengthened institutional capacity to achieve agriculture productivity and food security goals.

BENEFICIARY STORY: Liberia Champion Becomes a Catalyst in Food Production

"[I look] forward to seeing when Liberians will invest more in the soil, grow food to feed themselves and export food to other countries and see agriculture as a business."

— Zinnah M. Yallah

A Liberian Africa Lead Champion, Zinnah M. Yallah put his new skills to use shortly after completing the USAID-sponsored five-day leadership training program. He organized a community sensitization program for 50 farmers in his community. During the sensitization field day, he promoted the importance of food security and nutrition. Additionally, he explained what CAADP and the Liberia Agricultural Sector Investment Plan (LASIP) could do for Liberian farmers. The sensitization focused on helping farmers from Gayah Hill in Bomi County of Western Liberia 1) identify soil types for different categories of food production and 2) recognize the need to invest in the soil to boost production. Zinnah's aim was to change the mindset and attitudes of farmers to enable them to apply the knowledge they acquired from the sensitization. In addition, Zinnah also urged farmers to view food production as not only for consumption but also for business—to generate income to improve livelihoods. Since the sensitization, 20 farmers have started growing rice and other food crops using Zinnah's advice.

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What is Africa Lead?

Africa Lead is a USAID-funded program—and part of the Feed the Future global food security initiative—that builds the capacity of African agriculture professionals to lead change in food security

Africa Lead supports the CAADP by providing four main services to participating countries and regions:

- **Developing and delivering training modules:**
 - CAADP Champions for Change, a five-day course about CAADP and leading change.
 - A second, four-day course, tailored to each country, to equip CAADP leaders to operationalize investment plans. The first offering took place in Tanzania in late October.
- **Providing logistical and financial support for other training** and innovative learning partnerships that connect participants with institutional hosts, such as the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), the World Food Programme, and private sector agribusinesses.
- **Assessing capacity needs** of national and regional institutions, CAADP Country Teams, and National Agriculture Investment Plan implementation.
- **Developing an online database** of short courses relevant to African agriculture professionals.

RESULTS TO DATE

- ✓ **1,107** trained CAADP Champions from 29 countries:
 - 545 in East Africa
 - 375 in West Africa
 - 197 in Southern Africa
- ✓ 109 people supported to attend various technical training
- ✓ 6 professional interns trained in agriculture show management
- ✓ 8 national NSA workshops to mobilize NGOs and private sector actors to participate in CAADP
- ✓ Facilitation and logistics preparation for various conferences and meetings
- ✓ 28 institutional capacity assessments
- ✓ 2 assessments of CAADP Country Team processes
- ✓ A short course database features 436 upcoming offerings relevant to African agriculture professionals! Browse or search by clicking on Upcoming Short Courses on the Africa Lead website:
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