Nigeria smallholder women poultry farmers reaping the benefits of ACGG project: Evidence from CIPs

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PHYSICAL PARTICIPATION AT COMMUNITY INNOVATION PLATFORMS

Gender Disaggregated Attendance at Community Innovation Platforms

- Men: 23.50%
- Women: 76.50%
BENEFITS OF ACGG POULTRY BIRDS: The women voices

- Social
- Economic
- Nutrition & Dietary diversity
- Agency & Decision making
- Health
WOMEN AND MEN BREED PREFERENCES

Women
- Shika brown, FUNAAB-Alpha and Sasso
- Egg, high adaptability, beautiful feather colors—children admire them, better market value

Men
- Kroiler
- High meat value, bigger in size and weight, higher market value
EMERGING BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES ALONG POULTRY VALUE CHAIN

- Bird multiplication through hatching of Day old chicks (DOC)
- Sales of young chicks and old birds
- Production and sale of fertile and table eggs
- Sales of poultry feed, drugs and other inputs
- Production of organic manure
- Community-based poultry birds vaccinators
ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR GENDER EQUAL MAXIMUM BENEFITS

• Existence of knowledge of use of phytobiotics like Ginger, Garlic, Nee leaf, Cent leaf, Moriga and Bitter leaf etc in poultry feed/water

• Youth involvement along PVC

• Increased interest from and engagement of private and public partners

• Emergence of smallholder poultry value actors’ forum at the National level
• Successful organisation of local SHPF groups in some communities; Saint Akatta Multipurpose cooperative society in Imo State
• On-going discussion on microfinance opportunities (BRAC)
• Increased market demand for local poultry eggs and meat
• Gender strategy document by KIT
IMMEDIATE CHALLENGES

• Demand for the birds is higher than supply
• Inadequate access to sources of medication/drugs and good quality feeds.
• Ceassation of egg laying/ bird mortality
• Challenge of crossing ACGG birds with indigenous birds
• Light egg shell
• Marketing challenge
• High mortality of locally crossed and hatched chicks
• High cost of feed and drugs
• Inadequate transportation facilities for the Field Officers and the State Coordinators
• Gap between the CIP and NIP
• Gender issues at CIPs reflecting at NIP’s task forces/work groups
THREATS: SUSTAINABLE WOMEN’S GAINS?

• Increase in men’s interest in poultry production
• Low involvement of women in the emerging business opportunities for women empowerment and security at the community level
• Production becoming more attractive at the expense of other VC activities
• Inadequate gender M&E
ACGG POULTRY WOMEN FARMERS’ EMPOWERMENT TRAINING NEEDS

• Effective poultry management practices
• Value-addition of poultry products and marketing
• Financial security and networks
• Group formation, leadership and management
• Poultry product-based dietary diversity
• Uptake of newly emerging business opportunities along poultry value chain
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