



Horticulture Innovation Lab in Western Africa

With funds from the U.S. Agency for International Development, the Horticulture Innovation Lab has supported more than \$1.7 million in horticultural research projects that affect smallholder farmers in West African countries. The Horticulture Innovation Lab has examined aspects of orange-fleshed sweet potato production, tomato production, specialty crop marketing, nutrition, and postharvest training. Projects during the current phase include:

- Establishing a horticulture center in Guinea**
 The Horticulture Innovation Lab management entity leads this project that introduces new technologies and establishes a Horticulture Training and Services Center that is led by youth and driven by market needs.
- Improving postharvest practices for tomatoes in Burkina Faso**
 Gurbinder Gill, of Agribusiness Associates, Inc., leads this postharvest project that includes market assessment, capacity building among postharvest specialists, establishing a postharvest training and services center and promoting postharvest technologies, in response to needs identified by the USAID/Sahel Regional Office and USAID/Burkina Faso mission.
- Rapid assessment of horticulture in Guinea**
 The Horticulture Innovation Lab management entity was asked to evaluate the horticulture sector in Guinea, to identify constraints of improving fruit and vegetable production commercially and among households.

Partners in Western Africa

- Abomey Calavi University, Benin
- Agribusiness in Sustainable Natural African Plant Products, Ghana, South Africa, and Zambia
- Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria
- Association des Personnes Rénovatrices des Technologies Traditionnelles, Benin
- Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Ghana
- Crops Research Institute, Ghana
- Food Research Institute, Ghana
- Ghana PolyTechnic Institutes, Ghana
- Institut de l'Environnement et de Recherches Agricoles du Burkina Faso (INERA), Burkina Faso
- Institut de Recherche Agronomique de Guinée (IRAG), Guinea
- Institut Gabonais d'Appui au Developpement, Gabon
- Institut National des Recherches Agricoles du Bénin (INRAB), Benin
- International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, Benin
- Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana
- Selasie Farms and Groceries, Ghana
- University of Cape Coast, Ghana
- University of Ghana, Ghana
- USAID Resilience in the Sahel Enhanced (RISE) initiative
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