THE SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGIES FOR ORANGE AND PURPLE SWEETPOTATOES (STOPS)
STOPS TEAM

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• **GOAL:**

- Use nutrition-based education to introduce new technologies in the sweetpotato value chain

• **FOCUS:**

- Integrating nutrition and production (horticulture) of OSP and PSP for nutritional health
- Bio-availability of nutrients to reduce vitamin A and Fe deficiencies
STOPS

• Target Audience
  • Women

  ➢ Processing of sweetpotato puree & flour
  ➢ Reformulating traditional recipes with sweetpotatoes for home consumption
  ➢ Developing new sweetpotato products
• Target Audience
• **Youth and Children**
  - The concept of changing food behavior starts with children & youth – influence adults
  - Elohim Senior High School
  - St. Monica’s Junior High School
  - SOS Children’s Village
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- Target Audience
  - Farmers

- Clean vine multiplication
- Improved cultural practices
- Improved postharvest handling
STOPs

- Project Advantages

- Uses existing farming systems with similar crops - does not require additional land/labor

- Fosters community self-reliance through inclusion of all stakeholders, leading to sustainable development of orange and purple sweetpotato value chains

- Provides opportunities for enhanced incomes for farmers and value-added linkages such as processors and bakers
Project Advantages

Sweetpotato as a "one stop shop" (roots and leave) for nutrition and health

SP grown year round for both leaves and roots.

Traditional leaves are sporadic and irregular. SP leaves are used to when the traditional leaves are scarce or unavailable.
Interrelated factors directly affect nutritional outcomes
  • Production
  • Processing
  • Consumption

Technologies revolve around 5 broad areas:
  Introduction of new more nutritious sweetpotato varieties (OSP, PSP)

Improved production practices to increase yields

New methods to increase value

Reformulating traditional recipes with sweetpotato (flour, leaves) for nutritive value

Introduce new products with sweetpotato flour and puree to increase general consumption
Introduction of new more nutritious sweetpotato varieties (OSP, PSP)

Varieties and Breeding Lines

- TU-1-12  Jewel
- TU-2-12  TU Purple
- TU-3-12  B-63
- TU-4-12  Beauregard
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Anthocyanin Content of Sweetpotato Flours

[Graph showing anthocyanin content in different sweetpotato flours]
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**β-Carotene Content**

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Total Phenolics Content - Sweetpotato Flours
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- **TU-3-12** B-63 (TU Orange)
- **Minerals** – Ca, Fe, P (tips); K (2-400mg), P, Ca, Mn, Na, Fe, Cu, Mg, Zn (roots)
- **Starch** -16-25% (8-12% in tips = dietary fiber
- **Protein** – 1-5% (4-6% leaves)
- **Vitamins** –
  - Betacarotene (5-15 mg/100g
  - C – 10-20 mg (as ascorbic acid)
  - E – 4 mg
  - Thiamine
  - Riboflavin
  - Niacin
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- Vine Multiplication
- University of Ghana
- CRI
- SARI
- Farmer Leaders
  - Joseph Apedo
  - Sena Ahiabor
HortCRSP STOPS Project Sweetpotato Clean Vine Distribution

SARI Registry of Clean Vines and Demonstration Nyankpala

SARI 2 Demonstration Bawku

Grower-Multiplier Northern Region Tiring Community

Grower-Multiplier Upper East Region

Grower 1 Nyankpala

Grower 1 Navrongo

Grower 2 Daboya Road

Grower 2 Bawku
Cultural - bed preparation and Improved bed preparation

Mounds

Ridges
Improved production practices to enhance yields

Harvesting/Post harvesting

- Cultural grading
Improved production practices to enhance yields

Harvesting/Post harvesting

• Cultural packaging, storage and marketing
New methods to increase value

- Processing of sweetpotato products
  - Chips (Solar Drying)
  - Flour
- Development of new products
Solar Dryers Use in SP Processing
Reformulating Traditional Recipes with sweetpotato

- Functional foods
- Bread
- MAYVITA complementary infant food
Introduce new products with sweetpotato flour and puree

- Tea, sugar, buns, butter bread)
- Golden Sika bread
- Purtopomo (purple sweetpotato gruel)
- Potagourt
Outcomes

- Clean vine production, maintenance, and distribution established for successful demonstration and adoption by local farmers.

- Bakers are still very interested in producing orange sweetpotato bread and are in touch with farmers for sustained local production.
Outcomes

- Schools and organizations (SOS Children’s Village and Shea Butter Women’s Cooperative, St. Monica’s; Elohim) have established and are maintaining sweetpotato gardens, and incorporating O & PSP into their menus and/or selling the roots at market.

- Have identified seed company to multiply vines for farmers at minimum fee

- Identifying pathways for adoption, from farmer/production to consumption