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NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CRAN

It is with a very grateful heart that I write and present this message to you all for your invaluable contribution towards the progress of CRAN in the year 2015.

God indeed has been good to us! As you may have known, the year 2015 has been quite a difficult one with a number of challenges many of which are external to the organization. Some of



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these include the nationwide "dumsor" and the deteriorating economic situation which have led to the collapse of

many companies and organizations in Ghana.

Some of these companies and organization were better than us at the beginning of the year, but are no more. However, your immense contribution and constant prayers have kept CRAN through the difficult moments of

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UPDATE ON THE COMPETITIVE AFRICAN RICE INITIATIVE (CARI) PROJECT

CARI is being carried out Based Organizations period July 2015 to Feb- in four Districts: Hohoe, (FBOs) in the four target ruary 2017. Afadjato South, Kpando districts and has current- Some of the groups have and North Dayi. ly mobilized 1,063 of trained in Group Dynam- Currently, CRAN has 4,000 farmers targeted ics, Business Skills as well organized 39 Farmer for the two year project **Continue on page 2**

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as Harvesting and Post-Harvest Management of Rice.

To motivate farmers to participate and make meaningful impact on the project and on their own lives, modules are given to each farmer. Also to encourage the

farmers to keep accurate records each farmer is provided with a farmer passbook where he or she records every transaction.

The group has also a group records book where the individual information and records are kept. This arrangement promotes greater commitment of farmers in attending meetings and other group activities.

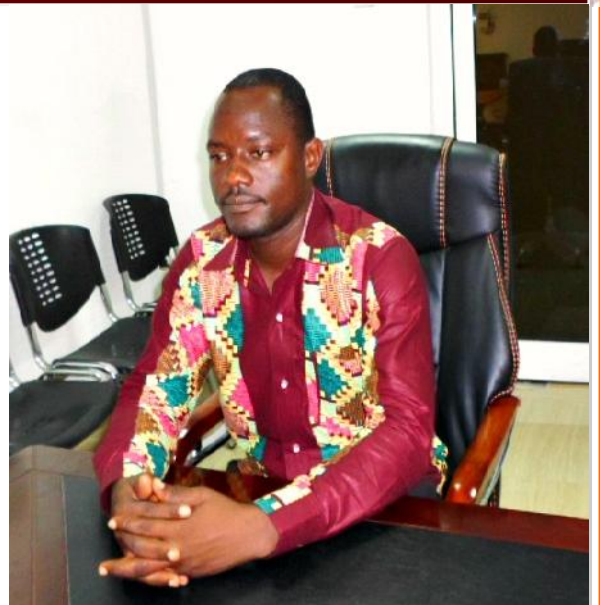


CRAN staff (with orange arrow) having a training workshop for farmers on CARI and Techno-serve team (with blue arrow) monitoring and interacting with farmers

NEW VOLTA REGIONAL COORDINATOR FOR CRAN

Following the resignation of Mr. Emmanuel Asior the Regional Coordinator for CRAN in the Volta Region in December 2015, CRAN has employed a Mr. Peter Koomson who was selected among other applicants to replace Mr. Asior.

Mr. Koomson has assured stakeholders that he would do his very best to continue the good work established by Mr. Asior.



Mr. Peter Koomson, the new Volta Regional Coordinator

CRAN MF BUDGETARY MEETING FOR 2016

On the 11th of January 2016, CRAN MF had a budgetary meeting to draft their budget for 2016. The budget is expected to generate higher incomes through provisions made for entering into new markets by diversifying products and maintaining quality client base. Provisions has been made in the budget to improve logistics such as purchase of new vehicles and motorbikes for CRAN MF units and field officers. There is provisions for continues training on proper loan assessment for loan officers among other training and skill development to enable staff and management collectively achieve CRAN MF'S targets for 2016.



CRAN MF management seated at the meeting:



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the year 2015. Once again God has been good to us all the time.

Highlighting some of the blessings of the year 2015; CRAN signed an 18 month contract for the renewal of the Rice Sector Support Project (RSSP), CRAN also signed a two year contract to provide consultancy services for the Cassava Adding Value for Africa (CAVA) project, in addition another two year contract was signed for Competitive African Rice Initiative (CARI) project where CRAN is to provide technical and business training to rice farmers in some target areas. The people of Shama-Kedzi can now boast of potable drinking water as CRAN completed the Rain-Water Harvesting Project in the community. CRAN continues to supervise activities of Microsfere in Lower and Upper Denkyira Districts in the Central Region.

Currently, our CESS project now boasts of thirty-five (35) new beneficiaries sponsored by CRAN Freundeskreis, Germany. Indeed, at the end of the year 2015 we can be counted among organizations

which are not only standing but standing firm. As we appreciate God for His Grace and Mercy towards us in 2015, we are thanking you also, for the sacrifices you have made for CRAN throughout the year.

As we enter into the New Year 2016, we are looking forward to achieving new goals and new heights for ourselves and for CRAN. We will be counting on your utmost support so as to face the challenges which will come with the year. We are confident that our good Lord who has promised us His continual presence is faithful. He will give what it takes to overcome all the challenges and to soar above the clouds to His glory. For He has said "I will never leave you nor forsake you", let us all trust in his faithfulness.

I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year !



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