

ORGANISATION:KISDO-KONO.

PROJECT PROPOSAL

TITLE OF PROJECT: KISDO-KONO CASSAVA PROJECT
INITIATIVE IN KONO DISTRICT

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JUSTIFICATION OF THE PROJECT.

Cassava is one of the products grown by farmers in Sierra Leone, and it can be used as a substitute for our staple food. But very little is realized from its cultivation and its post-harvest processing by most farmers. Therefore, there is a very trending need to modernize the product of this ignored but very important commodity by using advanced machinery, means and skills for its transformation into needed food items on our market. This shall increase the economic status and food security of farmers in cassava growing environment but most especially the communities surrounding the project site and the KISDO farmers.

GOAL.

The goal of this initiative is to increase the productivity of cassava and the potential of its post-harvest processing products in Kono District.

OBJECTIVE.

The overall objective of this intervention is enhancing food security and income earning for farmers in Kono District.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

1. Establishing a secured source of income for farmers in Kono District.
2. Promoting and ensuring skill training for female farmers in Kono District.
3. Promoting KISDO's activities in Kono District and Sierra Leone at large.
4. To help improve the standard of living of farmers in Kono district through agro-processing.
5. To create job opportunities for agro-business for women folks in Kono district.
6. To promote women's empowerment in agricultural production in Kono district.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

It is proposed that the project should cover a maximum of five (5) acres of cultivable and productive land with a formidable manpower for its implementation.

The project also has three (3) main important components which unfold as follows:

- i. Procurement of the new cassava stems and its product transformation skills to farmers.
- ii. Assisting farmers in post-harvest processing of the cassava tubers. It is being proposed to equip them with skills and portable graters.
- iii. Hiring the services of skill-training schools and professional gari producers, having experience with the cassava production and its post-harvest processing to train farmers.

ACTIVITIES AND TIME LINE.

No	Activity	Time												Responsible persons	
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D		
1	Brushing and clearing of the site										X	X			KISDO MEMBERS
2	Heaping, buying, transporting and planting											X	X	X	KISDO MEMBERS
3	Designing the project location signboard.											X			KISDO MEMBERS

PENDING ACTIVITIES:

These are activities to be undertaken in 2020, after the planting of cassava and close to the harvesting period.

No	Activity	Time												Responsible Person	
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D		
1	Selection of skill trainers		X												
2	Selection and training of farmers on cassava post-harvest processing			X	X										
3	Designing of KISDO-KONO Gari packets					X	X								
4	Processing and marketing of the cassava post-harvesting products (gari)							X	X						

BUDGET ESTIMATE

No	Activity/Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost in Le	Total Cost in Le
1	Brushing and clearing	Town lots	50	50,000 x 50	2,500,000
2	Heaping	Town lots	50	100,000 x 50	5,000,000
3	Buying of stems (by bundle)	Bundles	250	15,000 x 250	3,750,000
4	Transportation of stems	Bundles	250	3,000 x 250	750,000
5	planting	Town lots	50	20,000 x 50	1,000,000
6	weeding	Town lots	50	20,000 x 50 x 2	2,000,000
7	cutlasses	single	10	30,000 x 10	300,000
8	Hoes	single	10	50,000 x 10	500.000
GRAND TOTAL					15,800,000

The total budget of this project is estimated at fifteen million eight hundred thousand Leones.