



ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOODS: SUCCESSSES FROM GHANA

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GHANA

Location in Ghana



Tarkwa Bogoso/Prestea

OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION

- Oil palm Project of Golden Star Resources (GSOPP)
- Oil palm Project and Intercropping Goldfields Ghana Limited (GGGL)

Example of an innovative sustainable approach to Community Alternate Livelihood Programme



The Case for Oil Palm Development as an ALP

- Oil palm grows well in western Ghana. Climatic conditions are suitable
- Oil palm plantations Can be use as the end-land use for closed out tailings disposal facilities.
- Local large plantations are successful (Unilever in Ghana – 2 plantations (approx. 6,000 ha each).
- Oil palm cultivation can be used as a leading sustainable economic venture that will contribute broadly to the local and national economies.
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- Oil palm development is a familiar business in the Western region of Ghana – the local population is engaged with it daily.
- Labour intensive offer a lot of employment

- **DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (PARTNERSHIP)**

- Traditional authorities provide land and local people are paid for their labour to develop the project.
- The company provides development capital and operating funds (loans to smallholder farmers)
- The company provides technical support
- The company purchases fruit
- After 3 years, farmers are trained to operate the small plots and will then be beneficiaries of plots (4 ha).

Gross Revenue Distribution

- Development cost recovery - 20%
- Contribution admin expenses - 5%
- Rent to Traditional leaders (Landowners) - 5%
- Smallholder Farmers - 70%

Matured Oil Palm Fruits



Oil Palm Nursery operations



Women engaged in nursery work

Employment generation

- Women engaged in plantation work
- These women form part of over 300 employees engaged in carrying seedlings to the planting points.



Typical Smallholder plot 10ha.



4 ha plot average earning \$6.4/day

Other Source of income



Focus on women: engaged to intercrop for additional income

Beneficiaries

- Now 400 farmers have benefited from the project so far benefiting about(1600) people
- The target was 2500 farmers within 8yrs benefiting not less than (10,000) people.
- Lack of funding has slowed down the project.

GOLDFIELDS GHANA PROJECT

- Due to the success of GSR project GFG has started 80ha pilot project Below is the pictorial view of the project started last March
- Food security and extra income generation is seriously considered
- Maize, Plantain, Vegetables etc. are intercropped

Land Preparation



















Palm Field/Plantation



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