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FOSTERING SYNERGIES INFLUENCING MARKET DYNAMICS



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Renewing the minds of smallholders
involved in cashew production

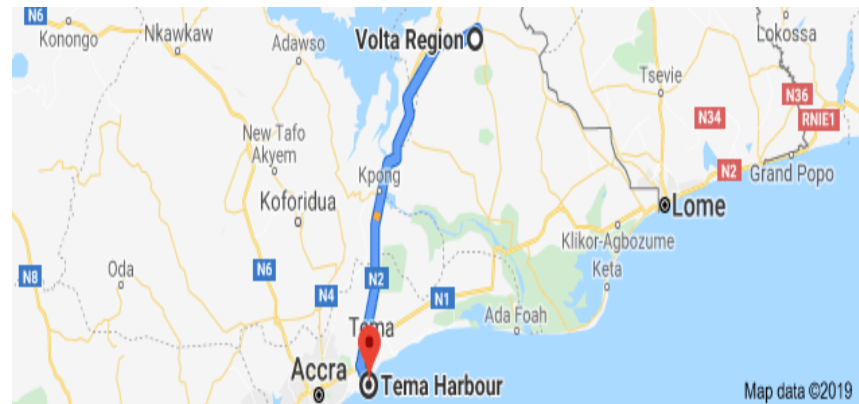
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Introduction

Com cashew match fund project started Oct 2018 until September 2020. Project title **“Innovative Cashew production in the Volta Region”**



- The Volta region in Ghana is probably the best place to grow cashew in Ghana and being the closest cashew growing area to the main exit port in the country. However cashew production has been neglected due to the perception that there is “no market or buyers” for raw cashew nuts!



- Ironically one of the worlds largest processors of cashew, Usibras operates right on the door step of the Volta region!



Providing the necessary infrastructure to deliver.

- Providing farmers access to improved grafted planting material. 9 high yielding clones used in our grafting programme. Scion banks planted with best in class clones.



- Established world class cashew grafting nursery



- Barcodes for traceability



Developing the framework to renew farmers thinking towards cashew production

- Inauguration of the “Cashew Abenyuie” (cashew for good life) farmer co operative



- Equipping farmer cooperatives with the necessary skills for them to succeed.



- Cashew farmer training.



Integrating high value crops within cashew

- Introducing high value intercrops, ie ginger and turmeric with initial propagation through tissue culture, ensuring genetically clean material and exact varieties buyers want.



- Facilitating direct market linkages translating to added revenue geared at supporting maintenance and expansion costs of cashew farms.

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Developments in tissue Culture

Tissue culture research

Initiation protocol is now available and propagation has started.

Rooting is still a challenge...



“One child, one cashew”

- Developing and nurturing the interest in cashew farming for the future generation, our youth.
- Two thousand junior and secondary schools have been earmarked to plant grafted cashew seedlings within their school grounds.
- Cashew buyers have offered to buy rcn directly from the schools to show support and encourage the youth to get involved in cashew production.



EAT THE APPLE BUT LEAVE THE NUT!

GOD HAS BLESSED YOU ALL, THANK YOU!

