

# **Improving maize productivity and dissemination through the promotion of integrated management technologies in the Savannah zone of Cameroon, Nigeria and Chad**

**Project Code:** SC/06/CP/USAID/2010-13/

## **Objective:**

Technologies/innovations for improving maize productivity are promoted

## **Background/Rationale:**

Subsaharan Africa will import 11 million tons of grain in 2025, if nothing is done to improve the production of agricultural commodities; Bourlaug Norman, Nobel Prize, said it would achieve agricultural growth of 4%, to meet the grain needs in 2025. Maize (*Zea mays* L.) ranked 1st cereals grown in Cameroon, the third place in Chad. In the savannas of Nigeria, there is enthusiasm to replace traditional cereals such as sorghum and millet where the population has access to fertilizer and markets (Manyong and al.1996). This culture is highly strategic in Cameroon and Chad in the perspective of food security (SRHR, 2006; SNRP2, 2008). With its potential economic and food, maize production is expanding in the Guinean savannah zone to the savannas of the entire West Africa, which occupy about 12 million hectares (Manyong et al, 1996).

## **Project Outputs:**

1. Improved technologies and innovations for soil fertility, Striga and drought control produced
2. Innovation platforms are created
3. Access to input/output markets and value addition enhanced
4. Capacity of stakeholders are strengthened

**Project Funding Type:** Competitive project

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