SHEA SECTOR DEVELOPMENT IN NIGERIA
ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD

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PREAMBLE

The presentation intends to give a detailed explanation of the Shea industry in Nigeria in terms of issues, challenges, and progress made by stakeholders across the shea value chain.
In Nigeria the trees grow in an extremely wide area of Niger, Nasarawa, Kebbi, Kwara, Kogi, Kastina, Kaduna, Plateau, Gombe, Bauch, Kano, Jigawa, Yobe, Taraba, Adamawa, Taraba, Borno and Oyo states, with large concentration in Niger Kebbi and Kwara State.
The Benefits of Shea Development in Nigeria

• High potential to create employment opportunities and generate income for investors, the Government and the producing communities.

• Women empowerment and poverty reduction strategies towards a better rural livelihood.

• Prepare a solid raw material base for the fast growing local and international shea based food, personal care and cosmetics industries.

• Equip the local shea butter producers with the right skills and tools to be able to compete favorably in the modern hyper-competitive global market.
The challenges on shea development in Nigeria are:

- Indiscriminate cutting of shea trees all over the producing states.
- Lack of standardized method of processing good quality nuts/butter.
- No access to quality / hygienic water for processing shea butter.
- Lack of uniform method of processing butter in all the producing states.
- No access to modern processing facilities (semi-automated machines) by traditional processors.
- No access to organized market (market dominated by local buying agents who determine the price).
STEP TAKEN SO FAR
(SHEA ROAD MAP)

- Baseline study in 48 Communities in 10 local government areas of Niger State in March 2008 by GTZ.
- International Shea Financing Conference in conjunction with WATH, BOI, GTZ and NSCEPA in 2010.
- Training of 30 stake holders including 4 consultants from Hybrid Agro Business Consult from 10 local government areas on Shea butter Quality Improvement in Bida & Gbangban community in July 2009 by GTZ & NSCEPA.
- Training of 25 local government principal women development officers (PWDO) Oct. 2009 GTZ and NSCEPA.
STEP TAKEN SO FAR CONT.

- Collaborative meeting with all relevant agencies on the need to work out modalities for collaboration in order to avoid duplication, GTZ NSCEPA, SMEDAN RMDC, SON, ADP, Min. of local Govt. Min. of agric. Feb.2010.
STEP TAKEN SO FAR CONT.

- Training of 48 extension workers/Supervisors from Niger State ADP in shea nut quality improvement training in order to replicate same in their various stations in June 2010 at Bida Niger State by NSCEPA and GTZ.
- Establishment of 3 pilot project of shea butter village in Niger State.
- Development and adoption of a uniform method of processing sheanut/butter in the state.
The Next Actions to be Taken are:-

➢ To encourage other producing state to adopt the uniform method of shea processing.
➢ Setting up of more shea butter villages
➢ More quality improvement training for local processors.
➢ Mass education and promotion of high quality shea nuts to feed the SBVs and for international markets.
THE NEXT ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN CONT.

- Promoting the use of shea butter by local cosmetic industries in their products.
- Entrepreneurship training and market linkages.