

The Ghana federation of forest and farm Producers (GhaffaP)

Building Inclusive Communities, Climate Resilience and Poverty Alleviation

Organisational Brief

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About GhaFFaP

The Ghana Federation of Forest and Farm Producers (GhaFFaP) is a national federation of Forest and Farm Producer Organizations (FFPOs) drawn from three ecological zones of Ghana – the Savannah, Transition and Forest ecological zones - for promoting the interest of forest and farm producers in Ghana. The evolution of GhaFFaP has been influenced by the desire of members to maximize their strength in numbers towards building strong and profitable forest and farm based businesses, contribute to shaping national policies for sustainable development and promote climate resilience landscapes across the forest, transition and savannah ecological zones in Ghana.

THE VISION OF THE FEDERATION

Improved standard of living of members (Forest and Farm producers) through sustainable environmental management and land use practices.

THE MISSION OF THE FEDERATION

Contribute to sustainable livelihoods of Forest and Farm Producers through capacity building, business development, partnership building and support FFPOs to become climate Resilient.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the federation includes but not limited to;

- a. To serve as a platform for advocating conducive forest and farm policies and laws in Ghana
- To coordinate the establishment of partnerships with government, private sector and civil society organizations for the benefit of forest and farm producers and promote participation in national development
- c. To improve entrepreneurial and business capacities of members and provide business incubation services to forest and farm producers in Ghana
- d. To promote sustainable environmental management and climate resilient practices and landscape restoration.

- e. To ensure gender inclusive practices in all programmes and activities of member organizations
- f. To serve as a platform for resource mobilization for member organizations.
- g. To provide internal economic, social, cultural and other appropriate and relevant welfare services to members

GhaFFaP Membership and implementing partners

Since its formation on September 2019 in Tamale, the Northern Region of Ghana, GhaFFaP currently has a membership of 167,737 across the respective ecological zones and is open to all forest and farm producer organizations in Ghana that share in its objectives. The current membership is made of 72,949 women (44%), and 94,788 men (56%) respectively of which 33,691 (20%) are youth forest and farm producers. The Peasant Farmers Association of Ghana (PFAG) is the apex national coordinating organization of the affairs of GhaFFaP, Kuapa Kokoo Farmers and Marketing Union (KKFU) is the coordinating organization for the forest zone, Abrono Organic Farmers Association (ABOFA) is the coordinating organization for the transition zone and Zal-Taaba Farmers Association (ZOFA) is the coordinating organization for the savanna zone. Other current members of GhaFFaP include Kookoo Pa Farmers Association (KKFA), Achichire- Sureso Pebaseman Community Resource Management Area (ASP CREMA), Tele-Bere Village Savings and Loans Association (Tele-bere), Tuna Women Development Project (TUWODEP), Community Action in Development and Research (CADER), Kassena Nankana Baobab Cooperative Union (KANBAOCU) and Katti tietaah Maali Lanbgboore (KAMALA

GhaFFaP Comparative Advantage

GhaFFaP is built on 5 key pillars that members agree will enable the realization of building inclusive communities, climate resilience and poverty alleviation in Ghana. GhaFFaP serves as a major entry point in delivering at scale national development programmes targeting smallholder farmers as key players and end beneficiaries. The 5 key pillars of GhaFFaP are:

✓ Strength in Numbers (SIN): The very high number of GhaFFaP

members collectively makes it easy to achieve large scale impact in every aspect including business development and landscape restoration. This pillar is particularly useful towards partnership for delivery of government flagship programmes, the Ghana Beyond Aid Agenda, Landscape Restoration, the National Determined Contributions and the SDGs.

- Strengthened Internal Governance (SIG): Through GhaFFaP's internal democracy strengthening approaches, GhaFFaP serves as a bigger voice for smallholder forest and farm producers that make decisions for GhaFFaP to implement. This therefore ensures that rural resource producers concerns are addressed through engagement with GhaFFaP
- Strong Seat at the Table (SSAT): GhaFFaP has adopted a capacity development approach and lessons sharing through exchanges among members and providing capacity building to members on policy opportunities and policy barriers towards ensuring that GhaFFaP and its member organizations become competent and effective partners in national policy dialogue and policy formulation, implementation and monitoring.
- Strength in Businesses (SIB) collectively: GhaFFaP has established its national business incubation team with members across the 3 ecological zones to provide business incubation services to member organizations. GhaFFaP has also established business development teams in each of the ecological zones to provide business development services specific to each ecological zone. Key to GhaFFaP "strength in business" pillar is the development of business plans for "basket of products" for each ecological zone and facilitating the building of partnerships for implementation. Key in the business plans is the aggregation of products, market access and superior quality standards, access to finance, generating internal financing through "village Savings and Loans" Scheme, value addition and partnership with government flagship programmes.
- ✓ Strength in Climate Resilience landscapes building and forest land restoration collectively (SIC): GhaFFaP serves as a major entry point to build climate resilience landscapes and forest landscape

restoration at a large scale across the three ecological zones in Ghana. GhaFFaP aims to use it strength in numbers to partner with government and other stakeholders to ensure members implement climate resilience plans and undertake forest landscape restoration including the integration of trees on their lands, use of farmer managed natural regeneration approaches and agro-ecology farming best practices.

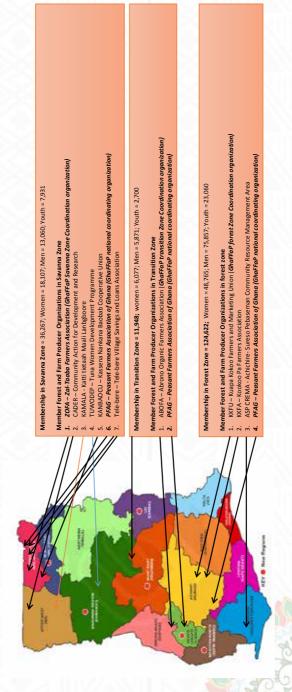
GhaFFaP Gender Strategy

The GhaFFaP Gender Strategy draws inspiration from the Forest and Farm Facility Gender Strategy document as well as the legal and development frameworks for addressing critical gender issues applicable in Ghana. The key approaches adopted by GhaFFaP on gender include:

- Women Advocates: GhaFFaP recognizes the significance of advocacy in advancing the promotion of gender inclusion; hence a conscious effort to identify promising women leaders at all levels of the federation (grassroots, zonal and national) and providing them with continuous capacity building in the area of Advocacy is an integral approach. GhaFFaP believes through this approach a critical mass of Women Advocates adequately prepared to lead in various advocacy efforts is key
- ✓ Women Coaches: GhaFFaP will identify 'women champions' with the requisite experience and track record to serve as coaches to other women across the various levels.
- ✓ Women Business Mentors: to ensure that women derive sufficient benefits through our business facilitation efforts, GhaFFaP identifies women with very good business acumen within GhaFFaP to serve as business mentors to other women members

GhaFFaP Operation Zones at a Glance

GhaFFaP Operational Zones



Forest and Farm Facility

Brief on GhaFFaP Members at a Glance

PEASANT FARMERS ASSOCIATION OF GHANA (PFAG)

Peasant Farmers association of Ghana (PFAG) is the apex Farmer- Based Non-Governmental Organisation in Ghana with the goal to advocate for pro-poor agriculture and trade policies and other issues that affects the livelihoods of small holder farmers.



PFAG Mission: Formed in August 2005, our mission is to develop beneficial programmes favorable for increasing agricultural production, processing and marketing through building and strengthening the capacities of farmers in policy advocacy and entrepreneurial skills and improve access to local, national and international markets and resources.

PFAG Vision: A life of a dignity through improved, secured food and livelihoods and poverty reduction for the peasant farmer.

Objectives

- To provide a platform to discuss issues related to peasant farmers
- To facilitate advocacy and lobbying on national and international agricultural and trade policy issues affecting peasant farming
- To provide technical, business development and other services to members aimed at addressing constraints faced by peasant farmers in Ghana.
- To provide avenue for information collection, processing and dissemination among members of PFAG
- · To provide leadership for peasant farmers in Ghana.
- To provide support to farmers through the secretariat and to strengthen district relationships through the establishment of offices in all districts in Ghana.
- To mobilize peasant farmers for collective action for policy reforms targeting agricultural trade and production
- To work with strategic partners to promote a peaceful environment for agricultural activities.

Our main Activities Include:

Organizational and Technical Capacity Building

- Information and Knowledge Management
- · Strategic Partnership Building
- · Entrepreneurship and Business Development
- · Membership and Network Strengthening
- Advocacy and Lobbying
- · Gender and Youth Integration

What PFAG produces: The farmers produce a wide range of food crops such as cassava, Rice, Maize, Yam, Millet, Soyabean, Watermelon, Groundnut, Potatoes, Cocoa, Cashew, Cotton, Vegetables including pepper, tomatoes, onion, okra etc. across the 16 regions in Ghana.

The membership of PFAG currently stands at 39740, made up of 21,856 males and 17,884 females of which 20% are youth forest and farm Producers.



KUAPA KOKOO COOPERATIVE COCOA FARMERS AND MARKETING UNION LIMITED (KKFU)

Kuapa Kokoo was formed in 1993 led by Nana Frimpong Abebrese with support from TWIN, SNV and Christian Aid. KKFU is a cocoa farmers' organization registered under the Cooperative Societies of Ghana with membership of over 100,000 organized into over 1,300 communities in



57 primary societies (Districts) in six cocoa growing regions. KKFU over the years have been providing technical support to farmers and undertaking social development project in Health, Agri-Business, Gender Empowerment and Climate Change Mitigation.

KKFU Mission: Kuapa Kokoo seeks to develop itself into a formidable farmer-based organisation capable of mobilizing quality cocoa products, improving the livelihood of members and satisfying customers.

KKFU Vision: To become a leading, caring, efficient and most global recognized cooperative in cocoa production and marketing in Ghana

KKFU Objectives

- To provide a medium for the social, economic and political empowerment of cocoa farmers.
- Enhance the participation of women in the decision making process at all levels of operation and organisation.
- Encourage environmentally sustainable cocoa production processes.

The membership of KKFU currently stands at 100,000, made up of 60000 males and 40000 females of which 20% are youth forest and farm Producers.



Kookoo Pa Farmers Association (KKFA)

Kookoo Pa Farmers Association was formed in 2009 as a farmer organization that network cocoa



farmers in Ghana and provide them with knowledge in sustainable agricultural practices to produce cocoa and other agricultural products in a more environmentally sustainable, socially responsible and economically viable way. Kookoo Pa was the first Farmer Association to pilot Digital Green in partnership with Solidaridad West Africa in CLP phase I and it is implementing Digital Green in selected communities as part of CLP Phase II.

KKFA Vision: We envision a leading, vibrant and independent farmer organisation in West Africa in the production of high quality sustainable cocoa and other agricultural commodities.

KKFA Mission: We promote the adoption of sustainable farming practices to achieve socio-economic well-being of our members, their households and communities for a better world.

KKFA Approach:

We strive for our members to be knowledgeable in sustainable agricultural production practices in which they are professional and consider farming as a business and not a last resort. We do this through:

- ✓ Training and other forms of capacity building to achieve a very strong farmer organization and contribute to a sustainable agriculture.
- ✓ We support our members to adopt better farming practices in their
 production activities to improve their incomes and social well-being and
 protect the environment.

KKFA Services rendered are:

- √ Farmer capacity development on sustainable production practices including good agricultural, social and environmental practices
- ✓ Supply of improved planting materials/seedlings and shade trees to improve biodiversity conservation.
- Training on additional source of livelihood support ventures such as plantain production using plantain sucker multiplication technique and

- cassava production using improved cassava varieties.
- √ Capacity development on health and safety in cocoa production e.g.the formation of Spray Service Producers (SSP) in member- farmers communities
- ✓ Promotion of institutional engagements

KKFA Women's Group

Kokoo Pa has a formidable group of women that meet and deliberate on issues that affect their well-being as women. They receive training in both soft skills and vocational skills such as and are often ready for new income generating activities that will help them diversify and improve their income.

The membership of KKFA currently stands at 11,200, made up of 8400 males and 2800 females of which 5% are youth forest and farm Producers.



ACHICHIRE-SURESO PEBASEMAN COMMUNITY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AREA (ASP-CREMA)

ASP-CREMA is a community based producer organization with the aim of mobilizing its members towards the protection of natural resources within its catchment Area. ASP-CREMA is made up of twenty-eight (28) communities. These communities are clustered



into eleven (11) Community Resource Management Committees (11 CRMCs).

ASP CREMA Vision: To have well-informed constituents with secured ownership of natural resources who are committed to enhancing environmental and socio-economic benefits, and financial independence of CREMA through improved representative, transparent and accountable governance.

ASP CREMA Mission: To mobilize the collective efforts of CREMA members at all levels to effectively work together to ensure long term management and development of the CREMA for improved livelihoods and environmental conservation.

ASP CREMA Objectives:

- To secure scare natural resources within the Achichire-Sureso-Pebaseman CREMA through improved land management, sound conservation practices and regulations.
- To generate and provide financial and technical incentives to farmers for biodiversity conservation, development and management.

The membership of ASP CREMA currently stands at 1,500, made up of 900 males and 600 females of which 33% are youth forest and farm Producers.

Abrono Organic Farmers Association (ABOFA)

The Abrono Organic Farmers Association (ABOFA) is a Farmer-based organization establish in 1992 with strong focus on environmental friendly sustainable agriculture and integrated community development. It operates in the Bono, Ahafo, Bono East and



Ashanti Regions of Ghana and beyond. ABOFA is registered with mandated to engage in promoting organic agriculture, environmental education, farmer to farmer extension, as well as building and strengthening the capacities of poor disadvantaged rural households and community groups and structures to assert their functional human rights and to demand for improved standards of living. It also incorporated cross cutting issues ie. HIV/AIDS, Conflict management, gender and Climate change issues in its programs and activities.

ABOFA Vision: Sustainable and Environmental friendly Agriculture for poor rural farm families.

ABOFA Mission: Links up farmer Organizations to Service Providers to access information skills and knowledge and advocating voice for the rural farm communities.

The membership of ABOFA currently stands at 4,000, made up of 1,500 males and 2,500 females of which 30% are youth forest and farm Producers.



Zal-Taaba Organic Farmers' Association (ZOFA)

(ZOFA) Zal-Taaba Farmers Association Organic (Previously known as the Zuuri Vegetable Farmers Association –ZOVFA) was established in 1993 and registered with the registrar general department (registration no: G-4,650).ZOFA is a member-based forest and farmer producer organization operating Promoting A Healthy Environment largely in the Upper East Region of Ghana. Key



products and/or businesses of members of ZOFA include shea, baobab, fruits, vegetables and food crops.

ZOFA has over two decades of experience working especially in the area of Ecological and/or Organic Agriculture Promotion in Northern Ghana. The Association supports smallholder vegetable farming activities with particular focus on Dry Season Vegetable Production targeting some Two Hundred (200) Village Savings' & Loans' Associations or Groups (VSLA).

A Sustainably Secured Livelihood of Dignity in the Rural **ZOFA Vision:** Community.

ZOFA Mission: An Independent Organisation Capable of Providing Support to Rural Underserved Communities to Reduce their Poverty level through Natural Resources Management and General Health Education in a Socially Just Manner

ZOFA's Goal: The Overall Goal is Increased Food Security and Improved Livelihood.

Key Activities of ZOFA include:

- The Association Provides Community-level Capacity Building Trainings (Knowledge, Information & Skills) for all relevant Actors
- Acquisition and Distribution of Appropriate Vegetable Farming Inputs inclusive of the most appropriate varieties of crop seeds that are adapted to the environment.

- Facilitate the Establishment, Development and Strengthening of Linkages between the District Producer Co-operatives and all relevant Actors along the Value Chains.
- At the community-level and among the members of the VSLA Groups, we Provide Awareness Raising, Sensitisation and Education on the Practice of Low External Inputs & Sustainable Agriculture (LEISA)

The membership of ZOFA currently stands at 5,000, made up of 1,500 males and 3,500 females of which 30% are youth forest and farm Producers.



TELE-BERE VSL ASSOCIATION (TELE-BERE)

Tele-Bere is a membership based Forest and Farm Producer Organisation (FFPO) whose members are also actively involved in Village Savings and Loans (VSL) as a major driver of financial inclusion for our membership majority of whom are women (85%) and youth. Tele-Bere is currently working towards improving livelihoods



by strengthening the capacity of forest and farm producers to effectively organise themselves around products, markets and effective policy engagement.

Tele-bere Vision: Sustainable Futures for All

Tele-bere Mission: Building ecologically stable and economically viable communities towards improved livelihoods

Tele-bere Key Objectives:

- Develop programmes that promote the production and marketing of sustainable products from forest and farm activities, integrating men, women and youth into productive activities for the generation of economic, social and environmental benefits
- Provide appropriate capacity development for members towards increased income and employment for Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) and Farm Producers
- Facilitate Village based Savings and Loans (VSL) activities for our members; this expected to improve members savings culture as well as mobilise resources locally to finance productive forest and farm activities
- Build a strong alliance to undertake advocacy aimed at addressing issues of our concern to our members

Approach:

Promoting Financial Inclusion **Evidence Informed Advocacy**

Promoting Climate
Resilient Landscapes

The membership of Tele-bere currently stands at 2,550, made up of 385 males and 2,165 females of which 45% are youth forest and farm Producers.



KASENA NANKANA BAOBAB COOPERATIVE UNION (KANBAOCU)

KANBOACU is a growing member based local Cooperative Union with over 10,500 members within the Kasena Nankana districts of the Upper East Region established in 2016 and registered with the Department of Social Welfare in Upper East Region. KANBAOCU runs its Head Office based in Paga in the Upper East Region of Ghana with Zonal unions



Spread across the two district in the Kasena Districts.

KANBAOCU Vision: To become a leading Baobab and Shea based Products Company in Ghana

KANBAOCU Mission: KANBOACU exists to create the best value for its members through the provision of quality Baobab and Shea base products and services to satisfy its customers using effective and efficient strategies of operations.

KANBAOCU aims: The aim of KANBAOCU is to promote production, processing, storage, marketing, access to inputs, etc. for its member Baobab and Shea value chain and Unons directly or indirectly through its member facilitating agencies.

KANBAOCU OBJECTIVES

- Provide a platform for discussions on issues related to access to both local and international markets.
- Provide technical, business, entrepreneurial, and other services to members aimed at addressing constraints faced by small Baobab and Shea producers in accessing markets for their products.
- Facilitate advocacy and lobbying on national and international trade policies and issues impacting on production, processing, storage, marketing, access to inputs, etc.
- Provide an avenue for information collection, processing and dissemination among members and with other interested Unions and

organizations worldwide.

The membership of KANBAOCU currently stands at 1,209, made up of 39 males and 1,170 females of which 26% are youth forest and farm Producers.



COMMUNITY ACTION IN DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH (CADER)



Community Action in Development and Research (CADER-Ghana) is a member based organization made of women and men groups in the Lawra and Nandom municipalities. The organisation constitutes over 25 Farmer Based groups operating under it. In total, CADER has a membership of over 800 farmers (women are the majority) cutting across Lawra and Nandom respectively in the Upper West Region of Ghana.

CADER Vision: To create self-sustaining Forest and Farm Producer Organizations, hunger and poverty free nation

CADER Mission: To work in partnership with FFPOs, Government departments and agencies, as well as local communities to find sustainable solutions to hunger, poverty, and diseases in Ghana.

CADER Objectives

- To embark on membership drive to bring more FFPOs to access the services of the secretariat
- To identify capacity building activities to improve members capacities
- · To identify interest areas of members and lobby for them
- To promote the general growth and well-being of member groups
- To advocate for government programmes that are beneficial to members
- To embark on Capacity Building/Trainings, Research and gender equality
- To increase collaboration plans with other organizations, bodies or individuals whether national or international but having advocacy strategies for the similar cause as laid herein.
- To act as a secretariat for all members of the sub-groups

CADER Activities

- Advocacy
- · Capacity building
- · Market access

Research

CADER Products of members

- Soya production and utilisation
- Shea nuts and butter processing
- Vegetables production and sale
- Moringa production, processing and marketing
- Cereals
- Livestock
- Compost preparation

The membership of CADER currently stands at 750, made up of 30 males and 720 females of which 40% are youth forest and farm Producers.



KATTETAAH MAALI LANBUURE (KAMALA)

Kattetaah Maali Lanbuure-KAMALA is a woman led farmer cooperative formed in 2016. It is made up of 54 groups from 8 zones with a total membership of 1,781 that cut across two districts of the Upper West region of Ghana namely Nadowli-Kaleo and Dafiama Busie Issah. KAMALA has a fifteen member Executive Committee (12 women and 3 men) with elected representatives from the different zones.



KAMALA Vision: To build a resilient society without poverty in which people have improved livelihoods security, access to health services, education and general well-being of its members.

KAMALA Mission: To increase the household income of smallholder farm families, especially women by improving the management of forest and farm resources, while strengthening members' capacity in policy engagement with duty bearers.

KAMALA Objectives

- Improve livelihoods and empowerment of women farmers in advocacy, business development and climate resilient activities.
- To be an independent, profitable provider of financial services to the members
- Provide services to members in the forest and farm activities including; trainings, financial linkages, market linkages and nutrition.

KAMALA Major activities

- Village savings and loans associations
- Shea processing
- · Dry season vegetable cultivation
- Forestry
- · Bee keeping

The membership of KAMALA currently stands at 1,771, made up of 155 males and 1,516 females of which 6% are youth forest and farm Producers.



TUNA WOMEN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (TUWODEP)

TUWODEP is a local non-profit, non-religious and an equal opportunity non-governmental organization. It is legally registered with the registrar Generals department with number G.12, 754 and duly recognized by the Department of Social Welfare (with accreditation number DSW/ 2705).



The idea of TUWODEP was generated some fourteen years (1995) ago when a group of professionals with the Catholic Arch-diocese of Tamale came together to help liberate the civic and economic woes of the rural women in the Sawla-Tuna-Kalba, District of the Northern Region of Ghana. It has been operating effectively, assisting varied women groups since its formation till present.

TUWODEP vision: 'Women are actively equally participating in productive ventures that makes them self-reliant and are involved in development project formation and execution'

TUWODEP Mission; 'work in collaboration with all concerned partners and donors to empower women especially the vulnerable so that they will be able to increase their economic fortunes, demand both their civic and human rights in society. This is to enable them participate in development planning, implementation and management'.

TUWODEP Objectives:

- Build the capacity of women to advocate and demand the right to sustainable development
- Agricultural and Food security- Creating an enabling environment for the women to improve on the production of their crops for the house and Market
- Increase women's access to productive ventures.
- To provide micro-credit facilities to women groups to increase food security at both the family and the house hold levels.
- To increase women's awareness and ability to make informed choices on reproductive health especially on issues of HIV/AIDS.

- To expand women's opportunities in agriculture
- To increase opportunities for women to participate in development policy planning and implementation at the local level.
- Supporting women to increase their production of Maize, rice, soya bean and groundnuts as means of alleviating poverty in their communities
- Encourage enterprise development by Facilitating and supporting community social infrastructural development of the women

TUWODEP Activities:

- Income Generation
- Agricultural / Food Security
- Micro-Credit Facility
- Advocacy
- Basic education
- Health Education
- Capacity Building
- Environmental Conservation

The membership of TUWODEP currently stands at 177, made up of 23 males and 94 females of which 56% are youth forest and farm Producers.



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