

Role of the SSP-WA and Next

Q1	
List up to 5 things you'd like to do related to moving the SP agenda forward in the next 6 months	
Name	Answers to Q1
Letitia Sam	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Help organize farmers into co-operatives to have more control on the marketing of their crops. 2. Share information on what is happening in member countries. 3. Develop an OFSP programme in Mali. 4. Start advocating at the MOH and MOFA levels 5. Collect information on what is happening in other countries.
Kerstin Hell	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Link with Tom Gambrah to facilitate process for producing SP juice. 2. Evaluate local OFSP in Benin for morphology, yield and nutritional value. 3. Link up to Boneforder NGO and FAFA project in Benin for SP vine production and distribution. 4. Develop composite SP and AHIPA flour. 5. Develop with Belgium partners project to reduce SP losses in Africa.
Robert Appiah	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To sensitize the populace about the need to grow, sell and eat SP. 2. Sensitize the populace about the nutritional value of SP. 3. To contact schools that participate in the school feeding program to start including SP in the menu. 4. To educate farmers about the negative perception they have about SP.
Emmanuel A. Abole	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Talk to my colleague lecturers at the University about the benefits of SP. 2. Sensitize my students adequately and challenge them to be agents of information dissemination. 3. Prompt and create awareness in restaurant operators and encourage the incorporation into menu. 4. Get the leaders of Agric students in the university to make it a strong part of their exhibition during the annual Green Week Celebration. 5. Prepare handouts for distribution where needed.

John Mahama	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scale-up the inclusion of OFSP in Africare supported backyard gardens. 2. Intensify education on the consumption of OFSP e.g. through cooking demonstration. 3. Support local farmers with vines through vine multiplication nurseries in selected schools. 4. Scale-up pilot gardening initiative to other districts where Africare works. 5. Develop improved monitoring and evaluation of Africare's nutrition interventions so that lessons learnt can be shared and replicated/scale-up.
Teye Ernest	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Educate my students on the importance of SP diets 2. Educate other farmers on the need to grow SP. 3. Start eating SP meal at least 4 times a week to create the market. 4. Conduct research on SP post-harvest handling. 5. Bring research findings to the public domain.
Esi Amoahful	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Build consensus/Advocate among healthy and nutrition MOFA policy makers and partners. 2. Compile more information on OFSP. 3. Explore outlets to increase utilization
J. N. Asafu-Agyei	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do something about the negative perception that the sweetness in SP is inimical to health in men. 2. Contract a marketing professional to establish market for communities. 3. Get varieties demonstrated to farmers in Central regions. 4. Establish the seed system in at least three areas. Kumasi, Cape Coast and Akatsi in the Volta region.
K. Obeng-Antwi	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vigorous promotion exercise of the crop; highlighting nutritional and health benefits nationwide. 2. Liaise with secondary schools and health institutions on the possibility integrating the use of SP in the menu of these institutions. 2. Explore the possibility of introducing non-Sweet varieties as a way of encouraging adults to eat it. 3. Investigate the potential use of SP industrially as a means of promoting SP use in Ghana.
Ijeoma Egeonu	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Germplasm collection of all available SP varieties in Nigeria. 2. Update the list SP actors. 3. Conduct training workshops on the benefits of SP and value addition.
Ibok Odoro	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Give SP a "good" image through seminar presentations. Target audience- students, colleagues, Church groups and food industries.

F. O. Ababio	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Education of the populace on the benefits of SP- Use of the mass media, flyers, pamphlets etc. 2. Vigorous marketing.
E. Obeng-Bio	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure that our screen house is ready for production of disease-free vines. 2. Help to expand the crossing block at CRI. 3. Assist in the grafting of less flowering but suitable materials onto those that flower profusely for maximum seed production in the crossing block at CRI. 4. Assist in the establishment of multiplication sites around river banks and dams to make planting materials available e.g. Tono irrigation dam in the North. 5. Assist in all activities concerning SP in the SASHA project.
Vivian Oduro	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Educate people on the nutritional benefits of SP. 2. Use SP more often in my family's meals. 3. Support the activities of the SSP. 4. Contribute to population development as a Breeder.
Tom Gambrah	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not sure. 2. Willing to play a role to establish a pilot primary processing plant that can be replicated regionally or nationally.
Solomon O. Afuape	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interact with farmers and processors on breeding

requirements.

2. interact with food scientists on product development.
3. Evaluate more advanced lines in multi-locations.
4. Advocate for SP's use in all available opportunities.
5. Refocus the breeding programme to be more farmer inclusive.

Isaac K. Golokumah	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To strengthen SP groups in 3 communities.2. To conduct training for SP farmers.3. T conduct trials on cylas control using omo.4. To facilitate the use of OFSP in school feeding programme.5. To show documentary on OFSP utilization.
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Lydia Sasu	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Visit/monitor 6 communities farmers to see how the SP are doing.2. Regular communication with farmers. Ted etc.3. Follow-up identifications of markets.4. Apply to WAAPP to benefit from their project.5. Harvest SP and discuss the yield and how to utilize it.
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Elvis A. Baidoo	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Help with facilitation of value chain development of SP actors.2. Conduct research on post-harvest storage and flour storage characteristics from newly developed varieties of SP.3. Conduct research on product development from new varieties of SP.
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Esi Amoaful	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Consensus building and advocacy among stakeholders2. Awareness and demand creation to increase production, processing, utilization and consumption3. support development of sweetpotato value chains4. Bulld capacity of key stakeholders to support sweetpotato5. Streamline and strengthen the operation of the platform
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Q2

List up to 5 things you think the SSP-WA should do in the next 6 to 12 months (or longer)

Answers to Q2

1. Introduce OFSP nutrition education into programmes.
2. Identify other partners.
3. Promote inter-country networking.
4. share information between countries.
5. Open an online discussion forum.

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1. Select high-yielding varieties with demanded end-user characteristics.
 2. Elucidate role of SP in WA food systems: Ghana, Nigeria, BF, Niger, Togo.
 3. Support publication of WA SP recipe book.

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1. To hold meetings that can push the programme forward.
 2. Regular visits to SP farmers as we did a day before should continue all over the SP growing areas.

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1. Seek appointment with policy makers i.e. politicians, District, Municipal and Metropolitan authorities to disseminate information.
 2. Engage marketing experts to begin vigorous promotion of the agenda.
 3. Organize exhibition in major agricultural, food and health shows.
 4. Prepare handouts and engage the media (written and electronic) to partner SSP-WA.
 5. Seek market for producers.
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1. Conduct a value chain analysis for SP in Ghana.
2. Identify and support training for various actors in the value chain.
3. Lead advocacy efforts aimed at putting OFSP in a central position-e.g. school feeding programmes.
4. Support in the establishment of key vine multiplication nurseries to feed commercial farms.
5. Serve as a SP knowledge clearing house- including publication, research, technical assistance etc.

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1. create market for SP.
 2. Advertise the importance and benefits of eating SP.
 3. Organize educational campaign for farmers and others.
 4. Educate policy makers.
 5. Organize competition for students on SP.

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1. Define terms of and scope.
 2. Facilitate the development of SP value chain.
 3. Strengthening networking and coordination.
 4. coordinate resource mobilization.
 5. Coordinate information sharing.

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1. Help exchange information on uses of SP in the region.
 2. Backstop
 3. Facilitate surveys to establish the state of SP in the sub-region.
 4. Facilitate exchange.

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1. SSP-WA should play a leading role in the campaign to promote the use SP both for consumption and industrial use.
 2. Should serve as a focal point and link between stakeholders in the SP value chain.
 3. Explore ways of promoting SP in the Participatory countries. E.g. constituting a Sub-committee for this agenda.

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1. Share information on Sp research and development across WA.
 2. Conduct a survey on the SP value chain in Nigeria.
 3. Exchange results of researchers and others along the value chain among participating WA countries.

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1. Create a functional structure.
 2. Mobilize financial resources.
 3. Identify key policy stakeholders and share information on SP
 4. Organize awareness programme.

5. Establish functional SP groups in the three regions (Central, Volta and Upper East- Farmers, traders, MOFA, processors, exporters, consumers).

1. Encourage farmers to use clean and healthy materials.
 2. Development of value chain for SP.
 3. Encourage NGOs to buy from farmers/producers to be given free to hospitals, orphanage homes, to boost their eating.
 4. Breed high quality starch materials.
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1. Should strongly link up also with experts in soil health and quality.
 2. Should visit farmers as often as possible to make this platform a different one.
 3. The SSP should organize a forum with policy makers to draw their attention to the potentials of SP.
 4. Funds must be available as indicated on the first day to move the SSP agenda forward.
 5. Should strongly promote OFSP using all available channels.
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1. Become a strong advocacy group for the promotion of SP.
 2. Solicit for support including funds for the activities of the SSP-WA.
 3. Set-up a small committee within the platform that can meet more regularly.
 4. Educate in partnership with MOFA, MOH, School principals and authorities to promote the use of SP in school feeding programmes.
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1. Do a value chain analysis.
 2. Develop an entry point strategy to kick start SP utilization.
 3. facilitate formalization of existing value chain stakeholders and help set in motion.
 4. Facilitate establishment of non-existent links in the chain.
 5. Facilitate strengthening of the weakest links in the chain.
 6. Get RTIMP fully involved and take full ownership to funding and driving the national programme. I believe we should pilot from vitamin A deficiency programme of Ministry of health and target children through addition of SP to bread. Develop value chain strategy from research, breeding, nursery, production, primary processing, secondary processing (bakery), Distribution, consumer (schools, public, hotels, institutions etc).
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1. Initiate value chain in Nigeria.

2. Help NRCRI, Umudike to have an effective link to WAAPP.
 3. Bring regional SP breeders together to discuss more on national and regional challenges.
 4. Collate available germplasm within the sub-region and facilitate exchange between countries.
 5. Help develop regional proposal for production, marketing and utilization studies.
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1. To coordinate the regional activities.
 2. To facilitate value chain structure.
 3. Should organise regional meetings.
 4. Should monitor the activities in regions.
 5. Should facilitate research work on SP.
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1. Make vines available on time to farmers.
 2. Educate and discuss how to keep vines for next farming season.
 3. Utilization/demonstration workshops.
 4. Media awareness and how to use it to make farmers grow more to feed the requirement.
 5. Exchange visit for platform meetings at the platform level.
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1. Prepare and disseminate/educate consumers on benefits of SP consumption.
 2. Provide some funds for conducting research. Increase the number of meetings held per year.
 3. Collaborate with all members both home and international.
 4. Call in other W/A states to partake in the platform
- e. g. Sierra Leone is known to have SP as a major staple for many years.
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1. Outline TOR that describes operational mechanisms; responsibilities and roles of member institutions
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2. Develop position statements and work plans