

Integrating OFSP into School Nutrition Initiative – Africare's Experience

Sweetpotato Support Platform Meeting, Cape Coast

November 23rd, 2010



Components of the Nutrition Initiative

- 1. Promotion of school nutrition gardens as a food-based approach to nutrition enhancement
- 2. Training
 - Community Health Nurses and Health Volunteers
 - School Teachers
 - Women's groups
- 3. Support for Monthly Growth Monitoring and Promotion:
 - Logistics (infantometers, weighing scales, charts, Motor bikes and bicycles for Nutrition unit and volunteers)
- 4. Nutrition Behaviour Change Communication (infant and young child nutrition).



Backyard Gardening Initiative

- <u>Goal</u>: To contribute to improved nutritional status of children in cocoa farming communities in Wassa Amenfi West district.
- <u>Purpose:</u> To provide basic gardening, nutrition, and food safety information to cocoa farming communities in Africare's target communities.

– Funding provided by Mars inc.

 Pilot initiative in eight communities in Wassa Amenfi West district of W/R



Project Locations

| Community | Comment |
|---------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Bokakore | School garden |
| 2. Jantuakrom | School garden |
| 3. Nkwantanum | School garden |
| 4. Nsabrekwa | Women's group |
| 5. Nyame nnae | Sweet potato multiplication site |
| 6. Tachikrom | Sweet potato multiplication site |
| 7. Wiredukrom | School garden |
| 8. Essakrom | Women's group |

- Education on production and consumption;
- Support from District
 Crop Officer (MOFA), GES
 and GHS (Nutrition Unit)







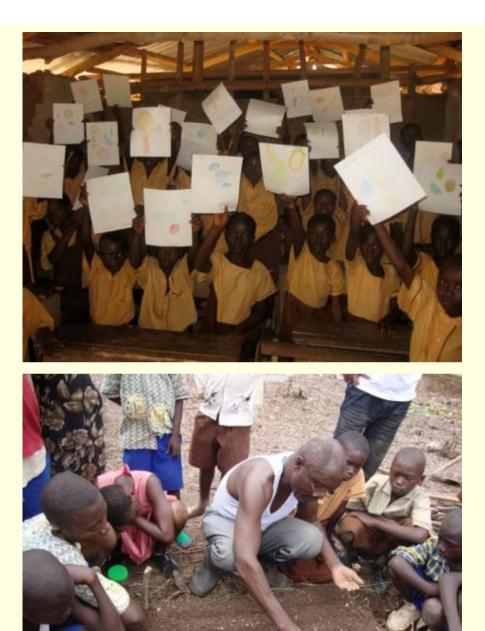


School Education

Production - field & classroom

Food safety – including handwashing











Education of school Children on the nutritional value of selected foods Nutrition Unit of GHS and School Teachers









Nyame Nnae School garden harvest day

- School meals
- Sharing of produce to parents



Vine multiplication sites

- Nyame Nnae
- Takyikrom







Other Components of School Nutrition Initiative

- Monthly Growth Monitoring and Promotion
 Community education
 Community Health Volunteers
 - •Women's groups







Growth Monitoring and Promotion





Looking forward

- Scaling up
 - Market access
 - Access to clean vines
 - Training and capacity support
- Balancing nutritional needs with income needs





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