PROMOTING OFSP ALONGSIDE OTHER CROPS: LESSONS FROM HKI'S NUTRITION SENSITIVE AGRICULTURE INTERVENTIONS

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#### **HKI'S EHFP PROGRAM'S – SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS**



- Increased production and consumption of diverse nutritious crop and animal foods
- Improved nutrition and hygiene practices
- Increased women's involvement in household decision making and access to resources
- Increased income
- Improved nutritional status of women and children

## HKI'S ENHANCED HOMESTEAD FOOD PRODUCTION (EHFP) PROGRAM COMPONENTS



### Production of diverse plant and animal source foods



Home gardensAnimal raisingVillage model farms

### SBCC on nutrition and WASH



Essential
Nutrition Actions
Essential Hygiene
Actions

# Gender Empowerment



Women's access to resourcesGender education

#### **HKI'S RECENT OFSP PROGRAMS IN AFRICA**



- OFSP promoted as a component of EHFP programs in:
  - Burkina Faso; Cote d'Ivoire; Mali; Mozambique; Senegal; Sierra Leone; Tanzania;.
- Implementing with: multiple sectors of governments, NGOs, Community groups, Farmers and Research institutions

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#### **Lessons Learned**

- Yield, disease resistance, taste, texture and ease of cooking, influenced choice of OFSP varieties
- Promoting OFSP within EHFP facilitates diet diversity and allow programs to influence other pathways to better nutrition
- Context analysis, appropriate targeting and strengthened supportive systems are critical for success

LESSONS FROM SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT OF THE CHANGE PROJECT IN COTE D'IVOIRE : 2013 - 2016

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**AFTER 18 MONTHS FROM END OF PROJECT** 

- Women's group remained functional in all villages
- Only 66% of households had active home gardens, and only 35% had vitamin A rich crops
- VMF was active, but with fewer crops cultivated
- Shift towards individual instead of collective ownership and management of VMF
- Knowledge on nutrition and WASH were similar, but practices were lower
- Handwashing stations was less common



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