



REBUILDING THE PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY OF THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR

Moa Dedicates And Hand Overs Agriculture Related Infrastructures To County Authority In Zwedru, Grand Gedeh County

The Agriculture Sector Rehabilitation Project (ASRP) seeks to contribute to food security and poverty reduction by enhancing food security and building community empowerment in highly deprived rural communities in four out of the fifteen Liberian counties: Grand Kru, Maryland, River Gee and Grand Gedeh.

The project is undertaking series of activities along the rice value chain to engender increased rice production with yields amounting between 2.5 to 4 MT per hectare to enable beneficiaries have sufficient rice for consumption and improved income from sales of their harvests for improvement in their livelihoods.

Activities undertaken to achieve this objective include lowland rice cultivation through rehabilitation of irrigation infrastructures for eight swamps to ensure efficient water management to support double-cropping in a year, construction of community infrastructures, such as rice milling facilities and warehouses to reduce post-harvest losses experienced by the farming communities, rehabilitation of farm-to-market roads to enable farmers have improved access to production sites, agricultural inputs or outputs as well as markets and introduction of improved production technologies.

In fulfillment to this, the Project dedicated and handed over a 1000 MT Agro-processing facility and Management Facilities along with an MOA Office and a 27th Kilometer Zwedru-Ziah Town Road to the County Leadership of Grand Gedeh County on Sunday 1st May 2016.

The dedication and handover were done by His Excellency Joseph N. Boakai, Vice President of the Republic of Liberia, among other Government officials including Hon. Alphonso Gaye-Senator, Grand Gedeh County, Hon. Peter Solo-Superintendent, Grand Gedeh, Hon. Charles McClain-Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Local leaderships, as well as ASRP staff, Field Staff, NGOs, engineers, workers, project beneficiaries and citizenry of the county.

Below are photos of activities characterizing the dedication ceremony:



Completed MoA Office ready for dedication and handover



Completed Processing/milling and Management facilities ready for dedication and handover



Deputy Minister McClain briefs Vice President Boakai while Superintendent Solo and Senator Gaye look on.



Vice President Boakai cuts ribbon at the newly constructed Processing/milling Building



Vice President Boakai cuts ribbon at the newly constructed MoA Office



Vice President Boakai and other officials led on tour of the facility by ASRP Engineer Sando Johnson



External view of the dedicated MoA Office



ASRP Project Coordinator Teakon Williams, Deputy Minister McClain and Field Officers take photos with some community residents in front the Newly constructed MoA Office.