

4 YEARS OF 4R SOLUTION IN AFRICA



Village Savings and Loans Associations help co-operative members manage their money and access agricultural inputs.

WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT:

Co-operatives' services help members thrive in Ghana

4R Solution Project Works with Rural Co-Operatives to Deliver Services That Support Food Security

Farming households in northern Ghana that reported their co-operative helped them access credit, farm equipment, seed, fertilizer, and helped them increase the income from their crops, ate a more diverse diet. This suggests that the package of co-operative services promoted through the 4R project may improve food security among rural households.

This result is consistent with findings that value chain participation is significant in reducing food insecurity among smallholder farmers (Ndlovu et.al, 2022).

The 4R Project is working with 130 small rural co-operatives in Ghana to deliver

training on the 4R best management practices and improving access to agricultural inputs.

Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs) formed within the co-operative provide essential financial services that help farmers put those inputs to use.

"Before it was difficult to buy a lot of goods to sell but since the inception of the co-operative, I have been able to take a loan to buy more goods to my community to sell. I have expanded my business and I have paid back the loan." – Mercy Pompi Labrido, Ghana

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