

BAWKU WEST SEEDS CREDIT PROGRAMME – UPDATE

Trade Plus Aid supported the Bawku Seeds Credit Programme in the 1993/94 farming season. That was the year when farmers in the region faced a very serious drought that wilted their crops to death and endangered their very survival.

The project was implemented in two phases – short and long-term. Within the short-term, seeds were purchased and distributed to farmers to facilitate early planting. This enabled all farmers in the Development Area to have access to seeds for planting.

For the long-term phase, 12 seed stores were constructed and a package was made to stock the stores with seeds. Each beneficiary community had a management committee (2 females and 3 males) to manage the seed store. Committee members were trained in basic management and book-keeping practices.

The project worked successfully. It has now been replicated in 7 other communities.

ActionAid engages with communities for long-term development, ensuring that projects are sustainable and self-sufficient. As such ActionAid Ghana continues to monitor the progress of this Development Area and offer small-scale assistance, for example by providing improved seeds (namely, maize, sorghum and soyabean) to farmers. Currently all beneficiary communities have access to seeds both for replanting and household consumption during lean seasons. Contributions made by Trade plus Aid have made very positive impact on the people, even years after initial support.