



# HQCF PROJECT

## IITA IFAD HIGH QUALITY CASSAVA VALUE CHAIN PROJECT

*Enhancing the competitiveness of the High Quality Cassava  
Flour Value Chain in Nigeria*

### **The activities regarding Output 5**

- (a) Analyse the factors leading to both successful and unsuccessful transitions from domestic modes of production and/or utilization to commercial and industrial modes of cassava production, utilization and/or marketing.
- (b) Determine key processes and factors (internal and external drivers) leading to the adoption, dis-adoption and adaptation of market oriented cassava production, processing and marketing technologies/approaches.
- (c) Qualify and quantify their effects on the dynamics of commercial cassava food and industrial systems in Nigeria.
- (d) Determine the allocation of costs and benefits, associated with the commercialization to actors.
- (e) Determine total value-added in a commercialised system compared to subsistence level and the distribution of value-added benefits among actors.
- (f) Assess the extent of reduction in the relative retail cost of cassava for low-income cassava consumers.
- (g) Analyze and determine the most durable and equitable

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approaches to scaling-up and scaling-out successful cassava production, processing, and marketing systems for equitable and sustainable transformation. This research will include the following:

- Assess the dynamics of the commercialized cassava food systems including a detailed analysis of actor~and~action combinations that promote or restrict cassava transformation, including changing gender dynamics and benefit distribution.
- Assess the institutional and regulatory contexts on cassava transformation with focus on assessing whether or not institutions and regulatory contexts facilitate or constraint the commercialization and sustainability of cassava development;
- Assess the efficiency, effectiveness and impact of micro-finance activities on cassava commercialization.
- Analyze the effectiveness and impact of policies (general agricultural policies, enabling legislative acts for market promotion, fiscal policies, financial service interventions, incentives and sanctions) to achieving the envisaged equitable and sustainable transformation.
- Analyse the performance of tested institutional arrangements for promoting technology delivery (out-grower) and improving sector efficiency.