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Abstract : The progress made In Cameroon in the rice sector through the INTERVENTION of FAO in the framework of the project “Partnership for Sustainable Rice Systems Development in Sub-Saharan Africa (GCP/RAF/489/VEN)” Cameroon has benefited from the regional project of "development of sustainable rice production systems in sub-Saharan Africa launched in February 2017 by a sharing workshop which resulted to ownership of the program and the finalization of the draft national plan of action of the project proposed to the FAO. It was decided to target the project in two agroecological zones of the five in the country. The two areas have in common to host new rice basins of production. However, the achievements of the project concern both the Technical Secretariat of the Steering Committee of the national rice development strategy (NRDS) hosted at the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development who’s the Focal Point ensures the Coordination of the project and of course the rice farmers of the two regions targeted for the implementation of the project. With regard to the administration, it has benefited: - the acquisition of equipment and material office to facilitate the coordination of the project and incidentally to improve the monitoring of the implementation of the NRDS and also support to improve the efficiency of rice related programs and policies through a study on mapping of the current initiatives on rice development prior to the updating of the national rice development strategy (NRDS); the possibility to organize local screening of a batch of seeds obtained through international cooperation on the site of the project. Gains for rice farmers newly interested in the rice activity consisted on: support in setting up of cooperatives and capacity-building on management of cooperatives, the strengthening of the technical capabilities of production and rice post-harvest processing; the supply of equipment and technologies to improve the productivity of their business. They were also encouraged to adopt best practices and to scale up proven technologies tested by different institutional actors (research institutes) and development projects including. Among

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