



**- International Fund for Agricultural Development –  
- Scouting and Sharing Innovation in Western and Central Africa –**

**- Commercial odourless foofoo (cassava derivate) production -**

**I- Background :**

**1. Name of innovation:**

Commercial odourless foofoo (cassava derivate) production

**2. Country - Region:**

Nigeria

**3. Organization:**

Root and Tuber Expansion Programme (RTEP)

**4. Who is the innovator?**

National Centre for Agricultural Mechanization. Federal Institute of Industrial Research Oshodi (FIIRO)

**5. Actors involved:**

RTEP, FIIRO, cassava producers and processors.

**6. Implementation date:**

2005

**7. Type of innovation:**

Technological

**II- Key issues :**

**8. Summary:**

The traditional Foofoo (cassava derivate) is sold inform of a paste, which has an offensive odour, perceived by many consumers. With the new, a bit more laborious technique this odour is reduced or neutralized. While the traditional Foofoo was sold in a moist form, the new product is dried and hence the storability significantly increased.

In the frame of pilots the new method, which can be done by smallholders, has led to a significant increased marketability (high demand of the new product). This means a new market niche for smallholders.

**9. What issue does the innovation address?**

The new product means a market widening in the cassava chain, which increases the income options of producers/ processors including smallholders. The improved taste /odour of the product and the improved storability (for months) form the basis for a high marketability, which was already identified within pilt projects.

**10. Key success factors for replication:**

- Awareness/ Dissemination of the technique among producers/ processors
- Awareness campaigns directed to end users

**11. Accessibility:** (Poor, gender, youth, migrants...)

- Women
- Poor

**12. Difficulties encountered:**

- Difficult access to processing equipment

**13. Financial aspects:**

- Poor financial base of the producers resulting in difficult access to processing equipment

**III- Technical Summary :****14.**

Odourless foofoo is one of the important food forms of cassava second only to gari. Its production through enhance technical know-how has improved significantly both in quality and quantity. Incomes of the processors have increased significantly.

**IV- Follow up :****15. Key contacts:**

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**16. Useful web link:****17. Key documents:**