

PROFILE – AGBEYEYE VEGETABLE FARMERS GROUP – DEVEGO

The Agbeyeye vegetable farmers group is located at Devego in the Ketu North District of the Volta Region. The community lies in the eastern part of Tadzewu. The members are basically farmers who rely on rain-fed agriculture for subsistence. Though deprived, the community is blessed with arable land for the cultivation of watermelon, okro, garden egg, tomato, chili pepper, maize, cowpea, cassava and sweet potato.



Members of Agbeyeye group in a meeting

The membership of Agbeyeye Vegetable Farmers comprises of 30 farmers who cut across the gender divide. The group was formed in 2001 by vegetable and food crop farmers in the community with the aim of supporting each other in times of need. Through this collective effort members enjoy credit facility from the group with a low interest rate. The group also buys farm inputs in bulk and then distributes them among its members to cut costs.

With the activities of DSC in the District, the group approached DSC for support. The group was accepted and integrated into the livelihood project named the Avenor Grasscutter and Beekeeping Project. Members of the group were trained in various areas under the DSC/HPI project compact. The training covered areas such as the production and management of small ruminants (goat & sheep), compost preparation and usage, agroforestry management, HIV/AIDS, gender and domestic violence. In addition, members also received training in record keeping, group dynamics, leadership skills and group cohesion.

DSC supported the group with about 130 goats, 230 cockerels and 60 improved mango seedlings under the DSC/HPI livelihood package. Veterinary support was also provided after the placement to address the health needs of the group.

“We are very grateful to both DSC/HPI for the support and pledge to make good use of it and to support other resource-challenged people within and without our community. God bless you for your good work”. – Moses Agoba.