Women and youth build a seed-business network in Nigeria

Inclusive seed systems and enterprise development

Scope • Nigeria; participants drawn from all six geopolitical zones

Partners • CAADP-XP4, ARCN research institutes, women seed-company owners, youth seed-company operators and youth farmers

The starting situation

Women and young people working in seed businesses needed stronger connections to one another and to research institutions that could support access to quality seed and technical knowledge.

How partners contributed

CAADP-XP4 helped establish a formal national and regional network bringing together women in seed businesses, youth seed companies and young farmers. Two training and networking events created space for shared learning and relationship-building. The network linked participants to ARCN research institutes and was led by Mrs Stella.

What changed

The source describes the network as functional and reports that Mrs Stella continued to lead it. About 25 participants are noted for a specific engagement context, and participants came from all six geopolitical zones. The wider case graphic also reports that women seed-business owners and youth operators participated in the network and that research-institute links supported access to quality seed.

Evidence and source

The available evidence documents the network's establishment, events, membership profile and continuing leadership. It does not quantify seed volumes, enterprise revenue, jobs or changes in member income. The additional institutional-impact panel records related ARCN outcomes, including a proposal-development committee, knowledge-management resources and back-to-office reporting practices.;

Source record • SS4 Infographics

Sustainability and lessons

A continuing network can provide a base for peer support and collaboration, but its value depends on active leadership, regular engagement and practical links to research and markets. Future monitoring could track membership, seed access, business performance and participation in decision-making to determine whether the network is strengthening women's and youth-led enterprises over time.