

## VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME PREQUALIFICATION NOTICE

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The FGN and IFAD are jointly implementing a value chain Development Programme(VCDP) since 2015 to "enhance incomes and food security "of poor rural households (HHS) engaged in the rice and cassava value chains (VCs). Starting with six Sates of Anambra, Benue, Ebonyi, Niger, Ogun, Taraba and in five (5) Local Government Areas each in all the Satte (30 LGAs in total). The program was expanded to cover three (3) additional states of Enugu, Kogi and Nasarawa States from 2019 through IFAD Additional Financing (AF I and II). The program strategically targeted 135,000 direct beneficiaries (121,000 producers and 14,000 processors & traders) including youths, women and people with disabilities (PWD). The Program Development Objective (PDO) is "to enhance on a sustainable basis income and food security of poor rural household engaged in the production, processing and marketing of rice and cassava in the nine (9) states for a total of 63 LGAs.

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