IN CAMEROON, AGRICULTURE CONTRIBUTES MORE THAN 20 PERCENT OF NON-OIL GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AND EMPLOYS 60 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION, OVER TWO THIRDS OF WHOM ARE WOMEN.

This project is a joint World Bank/IFC initiative and targets the three largest agricultural value chains in Cameroon – cassava, maize and sorghum – and grown by over 75 percent of farmers in the country. Working with BICEC, one of the top banking networks in Cameroon and part of the French banking group, BPCE, this project allows GAFSP to help build a more productive and efficient agricultural sector in Cameroon through better access to finance and competitive supply chains. The project aims to make a transformative impact on the agricultural sector in Cameroon over the long-term thereby driving sustainable change that will ultimately contribute to the World Bank Group’s twin goals of ending extreme poverty and promoting shared prosperity.

**EXPECTED RESULTS:**

This joint World Bank/IFC initiative aims to reach 150,000 farmers across Cameroon.

The project will also target poverty reduction by supporting the provision of access to credit and productive assets to producer organizations. This will enable GAFSP and IFC to help intensify production systems and contribute to increased production, food security and competitiveness as well as improved livelihoods.

Through increased access to finance and growth, this project will promote shared prosperity particularly in terms of incremental on- and off-farm employment as well as additional jobs created by agribusiness buyers.