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ABBREVIATIONS

ARCN	Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria
ARTTC	Agricultural Technology Transfer Centres
FCAHPT	Federal College of Animal Health and Production Technology
FCAPT	Federal College of Agricultural Produce Technology
FECORT	Federal College of Horticulture
IAR	Institute for Agricultural Research
IART	Institute of Agricultural Research and Training
NAPRI	National Animal Production Research Institute
NCRI	National Cereals Research Institute
NIHORT	National Horticultural Research Institute
NRCRI	National Roots Crops Research Institute
NSPRI	Nigeria Stored Products Research Institute
RRIN	Rubber Research Institute of Nigeria

INTRODUCTION

The Agricultural Research Outreach Centres (AROCs) under the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (ARCN) play a vital role in promoting agricultural development and improving livelihoods across Nigeria. Launched in 1996, AROCs serve as platforms for demonstrating and disseminating improved agricultural technologies, all aimed at enhancing food security, empowering farmers, and driving agricultural innovation. However, some findings of some National Agriculture Research Institutes lie on the shelves awaiting dissemination to farmers due to the weak and poorly funded extension service system. This weak link between research and farmers and limited access to modern agriculture knowledge by rural farmers inhibits productivity and the full activation of benefits derivable from the value chain of many agricultural products. It may stultify the realisation of the vision of “growing Nigeria's agriculture sector, driving income growth, accelerating food and nutrition security, generating employment, and transforming Nigeria into a leading global food market with wealth for farmers”¹

The Agricultural Research Outreach Centres (AROCs), Adopted Villages and Schools, initiatives of the ARCN seeks to bridge the gap by providing a model for disseminating improved agricultural technologies to smallholder farmers and schools, fostering direct collaboration between researchers, extension agents, and farming communities thereby enhancing food security, empowering farmers, and inspiring youth engagement in agriculture. ARCN mandates each National Agricultural Research Institute (NARI) and Federal College of Agriculture (FCA) to adopt 2 villages and 2 schools.²

The locations, activities and service available at the Adopted Villages, Schools, and Agricultural Research Outreach Centres (AROC) where research findings are demonstrated are largely unknown to some grassroots farmers who ideally should benefit from their services. This is a low hanging fruit that critical civil society intervention can provide facilitation for the last mile.

The vision of the National Agricultural Technology and Innovation Policy.
<https://arcn.gov.ng/mandate/initiatives/extension>

Under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, each State Party (including Nigeria) undertakes to take steps, individually, especially economic and technical, to the maximum of its available resources, with a view to achieving progressively the full realisation of the rights recognised in the Covenant by all appropriate means. This Handbook focuses on some of the locations, activities and service available at the Adopted Village/Agricultural Research Outreach Centres (AROC). It is about facilitating the implementation of the state obligation to take steps by all appropriate means and utilising the maximum of available resources for the progressive realisation of the right to food and a plethora of other rights encapsulated in the right to an adequate standard of living. Knowledge and information emanating from the work of public research institutions and agricultural colleges are great available resources. Disseminating available information, farming methodologies, techniques and technologies to farmers is an appropriate step taken towards the realisation of basic rights. This documentation therefore facilitates access to information which is a prerequisite for benefitting from research interventions.

SWOFON members, other farmers and the general public are therefore encouraged to use this handbook to locate outreach centres where they can have access to new knowledge and methodologies demonstrated to improve farming and value addition.

NAME OF ADOPTED VILLAGE/SCHOOL AND LOCATION	INSTITUTION	LGA	STATE	YEAR ADOPTED	MANDATE: CROPS AND ANIMAL
<p>NATIONAL ROOTS CROPS RESEARCH INSTITUTE (NRCRI), UMUDIKE UMUAHIA</p> <p>S.10 of the Research Institutes (Establishment, etc.) Order¹ states as follows:</p> <p><i>The National Root Crops Research Institute shall conduct research into the production and products of yam, cocoa-yam, cassava, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes and other root and tuber crops of economic importance and shall, in particular, undertake research into—</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>(a) the improvement of the genetic potentials of the specified crops,</i> <i>(b) the improvement of agronomic and husbandry practices,</i> <i>(c) the mechanisation and improvement of the methods of cultivating, harvesting, processing and storage of the specified crops,</i> <i>(d) the improvement of the utilisation of by-products,</i> <i>(e) the ecology of pests and diseases of the specified crops and improved methods of their control,</i> <i>(f) the integration of the cultivation of the specified crops into farming systems in different ecological zones and its socio-economic effects on the rural populations, and</i> <i>(g) any other matters related to the specified crops.</i> <p>This mandate is broad and covers sustainable food and farming practices, the ecology of pests and diseases, integration of the cultivation of the specified crops into farming systems which includes mixed cropping and agro-forestry. “Other root and tuber crops” in the mandate extends the crops and tubers beyond those specifically mentioned. This encourages diversity in root and tuber research. “Improvement of the methods of cultivating, harvesting, processing and storage of the specified crops” will include organic practices, less tillage and reduced application of chemicals and pesticides, etc. It also implies the reduction of high external input</p>					

¹ Made pursuant to the Agriculture Research Institutes Decree No.35 of 1973. Supplement to Official Gazzete, No.61.Vol.62, 11th December 1975 ~ Part B

and resource intensive roots and tubers farming system and reduction of high levels of greenhouse gas emissions. Also, it anticipates local value addition in the roots and tubers value chain. The improvement of the utilization of by-products invokes the circular economy concept of reuse and regeneration, sharing, preservation and reducing waste and post-harvest loss. Furthermore, the omnibus “any other matters related to the specified crops” will definitely include research on prevention of land degradation and restoration of degraded lands on which cultivation takes place as well as sustainable use and proper value attached to the ecosystem.

St Theresa's Girls Secondary School, Olokoro, Umuahia.	NRCRI	Umuahia South	Abia	2024	Cassava, Yam, Sweet Potatoes, Irish Potatoes, Cocoyam, and Ginger.
Ndume Utoka Secondary School, Ahiake, Umuahia	NRCRI	Umuahia South	Abia	2025	Cassava, Yam, Sweet Potatoes, Irish Potatoes, Cocoyam, and Ginger.
Methodist Secondary School, Oboro, Umuahia	NRCRI	Ikwuano	Abia	2024	Cassava, Yam, Sweet Potatoes, Irish Potatoes, Cocoyam, and Ginger.
Comprehensive Secondary School, Okoko Item	NRCRI	Bende	Abia	2021	Cassava, Yam, Sweet Potatoes, Irish Potatoes, Cocoyam, and Ginger.
Bishop Nwedo Memorial Boys School, Ohiya	NRCRI	Umuahia South	Abia	2013	Cassava, Yam, Sweet Potatoes, Irish Potatoes, Cocoyam, and Ginger.
St.Johns's Science and Technical College, Alor	NRCRI	Idemili South	Anambra	2013	Cassava, Yam, Sweet Potatoes, Irish Potatoes, Cocoyam, and Ginger.
Bishop Nwedo Memorial Boys High School, Ossah, Umuahia	NRCRI	Umuahia North	Abia	2015	Cassava, Yam, Sweet Potatoes, Irish Potatoes, Cocoyam, and Ginger.
St Augustus Secondary School Nkwerre	NRCRI	Nkwerre	Imo	2012	Cassava, Yam, Sweet Potatoes, Irish Potatoes, Cocoyam, and Ginger.
Ibeku High School, Umahia	NRCRI	UmuahiaNorth	Abia	2021	Cassava, Yam, Sweet Potatoes, Irish Potatoes, Cocoyam, and Ginger.
Mbato Community, Okigwe	NRCRI	Okigwe	Imo	2013	Cassava, Yam, Sweet Potatoes, Irish Potatoes, Cocoyam, and Ginger.

Wilson Memorial Grammer School, Ndoro, Ikwuano	NRCRI	Ikwuano	Abia		Cassava, Yam, Sweet Potatoes, Irish Potatoes, Cocoyam, and Ginger.
Community Secondary School, Umumbo	NRCRI	Ayamelum	Anambra	2014	Cassava, Yam, Sweet Potatoes, Irish Potatoes, Cocoyam, and Ginger.
Santa Cruz, Olokoro	NRCRI	Umahia South	Abia	2024	Cassava, Yam, Sweet Potatoes, Irish Potatoes, Cocoyam, and Ginger.
Igbariam Community Secondary School	NRCRI	Anambra East	Anambra	2010	Cassava, Yam, Sweet Potatoes, Irish Potatoes, Cocoyam, and Ginger.
Caray College International, Umuobia Olokoro	NRCRI	Umuahia South	Abia	2012	Cassava, Yam, Sweet Potatoes, Irish Potatoes, Cocoyam, and Ginger.
Wesley Community School, Amuro Okigwe	NRCRI	Okigwe	Imo	2015	Cassava, Yam, Sweet Potatoes, Irish Potatoes, Cocoyam, and Ginger.

NIGERIA STORED PRODUCTS RESEARCH INSTITUTE (NSPRI)

NSPRI conducts research into post-harvest handling and storage problems of agricultural commodities and develops pilot scale postharvest handling equipment and storage structures. The results of research are disseminated through appropriate extension methods to improve competence and skills of farmers, agro-processors, produce handlers and inspectors. NSPRI sets out to reduce post-harvest losses by enhancing the quality, safety and availability of agricultural produce.²

The mandate of NSPRI is more succinctly stated as follows:³

The Nigerian Stored Products Research Institute shall conduct research into the post-harvest handling, problems of agricultural commodities and fabricate pilot scout post-harvest handling equipment. NSPRI shall disseminate results of research through appropriate extension methods to improve competence and skills of farmers, industrialists, produce handlers and inspectors. It shall also in collaboration with other agencies, develop standards for marketing of agricultural commodities. The Institute shall, in particular, conduct research into:

² <https://www.nspri.gov.ng/index.php/en/features/faq>

³ <https://www.nspri.gov.ng/index.php/en/features/module-positions>

Improvement and maintenance of quality of perishable crops including all roots and tuber crops, fruits and vegetables and other such crops.

Improvement and maintenance of the quality of durable crops including cereal grain, pulses, oil seeds from the farm level to commercial level including export.

Improvement and maintenance of the quality of tree crops including cocoa, kola, palm produce, coffee, cashew and shea nut.

Designing, fabricating and developing postharvest equipment to the pilot plant stage. Specifically conduct studies into the improvement of food storage structures, primary processing equipment and food packaging.

Improvement in the primary processing methods of livestock products including milk, meat, fish and related products and conduct research into packaging and proper storage of dried meat, fish and related products to maintain quality.

Provide methods to improve the skill and build capacity in postharvest technology through formal training of farmers, industrialists, food handlers, inspectors and extension workers in food preservation technique.

Developing food standards to improve the quality of food commodities after harvest, which will aid in the marketing of produce in both local and export markets. Also conduct studies on the impact assessment of technologies and processes developed by the Institute.

Provide advisory services on post-harvest food handling and preservation.

Conduct special studies on stored products pests, pesticide formulation and mycotoxin survey.

Create a database for published research findings and human resources directory in post- harvest science.

Any other related matters as may be determined from time to time by the supervising ministries/agency.

River State University, Port-Harcourt	NSPRI	Eleme	Rivers	2024	Post-harvest storage research for major food and industrial crops, study of stored product pests and diseases, pesticide formulation, and residue analysis.
Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	NSPRI	Odeda	Ogun	2024	Post-harvest storage research for major food and industrial crops, study of stored product pests and diseases, pesticide formulation, and residue analysis.
Mchael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike	NSPRI	Ikwuano	Abia	2024	Post-harvest storage research for major food and industrial crops, study of stored product pests and diseases, pesticide formulation, and residue analysis.
University of Benin, Edo State	NSPRI	Egor	Edo	2024	Post-harvest storage research for major food and industrial crops, study of stored product pests and diseases, pesticide formulation, and residue analysis.
Eucharistic Secondary School, Ilorin	NSPRI	Ilorin West	Kwara	2008	Post-harvest storage research for major food and industrial crops, study of stored product pests and diseases, pesticide formulation, and residue analysis.

NATIONAL ANIMAL PRODUCTION RESEARCH INSTITUTE (NAPRI)

S.7 of the Research Institutes (Establishment, etc.) Order states as follows:

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7. The National Animal Production Research Institute shall conduct research into animal production and animal products generally, and in particular-

- (a) the genetic and nutritional improvement of cattle, sheep, goats and other livestock of economic importance,*
- (b) the improvement of livestock management and husbandry practices,*
- (c) the economics of meat production,*
- (d) nomadism and the socio-economic effect of the settlement of nomads,*
- (e) the integration of livestock into the farming systems and its socio-economic effects on rural populations,*
- (f) the improvement and management of natural range for the grazing of livestock,*
- (g) the improvement, establishment and management of sown pastures, and*
- (h) any other problems related to animal production.*

The mandate of the Institute is broad and interpretable to include the promotion of diversity using local breeds. The integration of livestock into farming systems will include mixed crop-livestock farming systems that support and reinforce each other. Synergies, recycling and resilience will be built where plant residues and waste provide food for animals while animal waste forms part of the composting and soil enrichment practice. The nomadism mandate will include co-creation, sharing of knowledge and participatory processes that respond to the specific needs of nomads. The economics of meat production coupled with the improvement, establishment and management of sown pastures and improvement of livestock management and husbandry practices will build human and social values of improved livelihoods, jobs and value addition. The mandate accommodates the enhanced participation of women (especially rural women) and youths.

Government Day Secondary Shika	NAPRI	Giwa	Kaduna	2009	Poultry, Cattle, Rabbits, Sheep and Goat
Government Day Secondary School Giwa	NAPRI	Giwa	Kaduna	2009	Poultry, Cattle, Rabbits, Sheep and Goat
Shiak AROC	NAPRI	Giwa	Kaduna	2009	Poultry, Cattle, Rabbits, Sheep and Goat
Biye AROC	NAPRI	Giwa	Kaduna	2009	Poultry, Cattle, Rabbits, Sheep and Goat

NATIONAL HORTICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE (NIHORT)

S.9 of the Research Institutes (Establishment, etc.) Order states as follows:

The National Horticultural Research Institution shall conduct research into fruit trees and vegetables of economic importance generally and shall, in particular, undertake research into-

- (a) the improvement of the genetic potential of specified crops,*
- (b) the improvement of agronomic and husbandry practices,*
- (c) the mechanisation and improvement of the methods of cultivating, harvesting, processing and storage of the specified crops,*
- (d) the improvement of the utilisation of by-products,*
- (e) the ecology of pests and diseases of the specified crops and improved methods of their control,*
- (f) the integration of the cultivation of the specified crops into farming systems in different ecological zones and its socio-economic effects on the rural populations, and*
- (g) any other matters related to the specified crops.*

This mandate covers fruits trees and vegetables of economic importance without specifically mentioning any of them. This gives NIHORT a range of discretion to choose the trees and vegetables to focus on. The mandate is broad and covers sustainable food and farming practices, the ecology of pests and diseases, integration of the cultivation of the specified fruits tree and vegetables into farming systems which includes mixed cropping and agro-forestry. Improvement of the methods of cultivating, harvesting, processing and storage of the fruit trees and vegetables will include organic practices, less tillage and reduced application of chemicals and pesticides, etc. It also implies the reduction of high external input and resource intensive fruit trees and vegetables farming system and reduction of high levels of greenhouse gas emissions. Furthermore, it anticipates local value addition in the fruit trees and vegetables value chain. The improvement of the utilisation of by-products invokes the circular economy concept of reuse and regeneration, sharing, preservation and reducing waste and post-harvest loss. Furthermore, the omnibus “any other matters related to the specified crops” will definitely include research on prevention of land degradation and restoration of degraded lands on which cultivation takes place as well as sustainable use and proper value attached to the ecosystem.

NIHORT defines its objectives as:

To determine the most suitable environmental conditions in different ecological areas for the commercial production of various fruits, vegetables, spices and ornamental plants.

To collect and conserve available genetic resources of horticultural plants for improvement.

To select and breed the desired varieties of the best tropical horticultural plants vegetables for commercial production.

To develop improved agro-techniques for horticultural crop production through investigations into such area as crop management, nutrition, irrigation, integrated crop management, weed control and mechanisation.

To add value through processing and preservation of fruits, ornamentals and vegetables, so as to curb wastage and sustain production throughout the year.

To study the present systems of distribution, handling, packing, preservation and marketing of fruits, vegetables and spices with a view to make recommendations for improvement.

To undertake socio economic studies of rural societies through adopted villages and research outreach centers.

On farm adaptive research through comparative trials of farmers compared with improved varieties of horticultural crops.

To provide knowledge and skills to farm managers, research support staffs, farmers, extension personnel and others interested in fruits, vegetables, spices and ornamental plants production through training (formal and informal) and information dissemination.

Baptist High School, Idi-Ishin, Jericho	NIHORT	Ibadan	Oyo	2012	Vegetables (Tomato, Okra, Pepper, Amaranthus), Fruits (Sweet Orange, Citrus, Plantain/Banana), Mango, Pineapple, Pawpaw, Guava, Avocado Pear, Passion Fruit, etc., and Processing Techniques.
Tobi International Jericho Ibadan	NIHORT	Ibadan	Oyo	2016	Vegetables (Tomato, Okra, Pepper, Amaranthus), Fruits (Sweet Orange, Citrus, Plantain/Banana), Mango, Pineapple, Pawpaw, Guava, Avocado Pear, Passion Fruit, etc., and Processing Techniques.

Oba Abass Alesinloye Grammar School	NIHORT	Ibadan	Oyo	2016	Vegetables (Tomato, Okra, Pepper, Amaranthus), Fruits (Sweet Orange, Citrus, Plantain/Banana), Mango, Pineapple, Pawpaw, Guava, Avocado Pear, Passion Fruit, etc., and Processing Techniques.
Anwaru Islam Secondary School	NIHORT	Ibadan	Oyo	2016	Vegetables (Tomato, Okra, Pepper, Amaranthus), Fruits (Sweet Orange, Citrus, Plantain/Banana), Mango, Pineapple, Pawpaw, Guava, Avocado Pear, Passion Fruit, etc., and Processing Techniques.
Urban Day Grammar School, Jericho	NIHORT	Ibadan	Oyo	2016	Vegetables (Tomato, Okra, Pepper, Amaranthus), Fruits (Sweet Orange, Citrus, Plantain/Banana), Mango, Pineapple, Pawpaw, Guava, Avocado Pear, Passion Fruit, etc., and Processing Techniques.
Jericho High School, Jericho, Ibadan	NIHORT	Ibadan	Oyo	2016	Vegetables (Tomato, Okra, Pepper, Amaranthus), Fruits (Sweet Orange, Citrus, Plantain/Banana), Mango, Pineapple, Pawpaw, Guava, Avocado Pear, Passion Fruit, etc., and Processing Techniques.
St Theresa College, Oke Ado, Ibadan	NIHORT	Ibadan	Oyo	2012	Vegetables (Tomato, Okra, Pepper, Amaranthus), Fruits (Sweet Orange, Citrus, Plantain/Banana), Mango, Pineapple, Pawpaw, Guava, Avocado Pear, Passion Fruit, etc., and Processing Techniques.

Ansaru Deen High School 1	NIHORT	Ibadan	Oyo	2024	Vegetables (Tomato, Okra, Pepper, Amaranthus), Fruits (Sweet Orange, Citrus, Plantain/Banana), Mango, Pineapple, Pawpaw, Guava, Avocado Pear, Passion Fruit, etc., and Processing Techniques.
Awaye Village	NIHORT	Egbeda	Oyo	2006	Vegetables (Tomato, Okra, Pepper, Amaranthus), Fruits (Sweet Orange, Citrus, Plantain/Banana), Mango, Pineapple, Pawpaw, Guava, Avocado Pear, Passion Fruit, etc., and Processing Techniques.
Osegere Village	NIHORT	Egbeda	Oyo		Vegetables (Tomato, Okra, Pepper, Amaranthus), Fruits (Sweet Orange, Citrus, Plantain/Banana), Mango, Pineapple, Pawpaw, Guava, Avocado Pear, Passion Fruit, etc., and Processing Techniques.
Badeku Village	NIHORT	Egbeda	Oyo		Vegetables (Tomato, Okra, Pepper, Amaranthus), Fruits (Sweet Orange, Citrus, Plantain/Banana), Mango, Pineapple, Pawpaw, Guava, Avocado Pear, Passion Fruit, etc., and Processing Techniques.

RUBBER RESEARCH INSTITUTE (RRI), BENIN, EDO STATE

S.15 of the Research Institutes (Establishment, etc.) Order states as follows:

The Rubber Research Institute of Nigeria shall conduct research into the production and products of rubber and other latex producing plants of economic importance and shall, in particular, undertake research into -

- (a) the improvement of the genetic potentials of the specified crops,*
- (b) the improvement of agronomic and husbandry practices relating to the specified crops,*
- (c) the mechanisation and improvement of the methods of cultivating, harvesting, processing and storage of the specified crops,*
- (d) the improvement of the utilisation of by-products,*
- (e) the ecology of pests and diseases of the specified crops and improved methods of their control,*
- (f) the integration of the cultivation of the specified crop into farming systems of different ecological zones and its socio-economic effects on the rural population; and*
- (g) any other matters related to the specified crops.*

Iguovbiobo Village-Fixed Dome	RRI	Uhumwonde	Edo	2015	Genetic improvement; development of control measures against pests and diseases and design and fabrication of simple processing implements and equipment for natural rubber, gum arabic and other latex producing plants.
Izombe Oguta-RSS Production	RRI	Oguta	Imo	2021	Genetic improvement; development of control measures against pests and diseases and design and fabrication of simple processing implements and equipment for natural rubber, gum arabic and other latex producing plants.

Ozolua Grammer School, Ologbo	RRI	Ikpoba-Okha	Edo	2012	Genetic improvement; development of control measures against pests and diseases and design and fabrication of simple processing implements and equipment for natural rubber, gum arabic and other latex producing plants.
RRIN Secondary School, Iyanomo, Poultry	RRI	Ikpoba-Okha	Edo	2012	Genetic improvement; development of control measures against pests and diseases and design and fabrication of simple processing implements and equipment for natural rubber, gum arabic and other latex producing plants.
Iguoriakhi Farm Settlement: Snairy	RRI	Ovia South-	Edo	2013	Genetic improvement; development of control measures against pests and diseases and design and fabrication of simple processing implements and equipment for natural rubber, gum arabic and other latex producing plants.
Iguoriakhi Farm Settlement: Apiary	RRI	Ikpoba-Okha	Edo	2011	Genetic improvement; development of control measures against pests and diseases and design and fabrication of simple processing implements and equipment for natural rubber, gum arabic and other latex producing plants.
Imasabor, Rubber intercrop	RRI	Ikpoba-Okha	Edo	2012	Genetic improvement; development of control measures against pests and diseases and design and fabrication of simple processing implements and equipment for natural rubber, gum arabic and other latex producing plants.

Iyanomo Village; Poultry	RRI	Ikpoba-Okha	Edo	2012	Genetic improvement; development of control measures against pests and diseases and design and fabrication of simple processing implements and equipment for natural rubber, gum arabic and other latex producing plants.
Ogo-Ikilibi: RSS Factory	RRI	Isoko South	Delta	2014	Genetic improvement; development of control measures against pests and diseases and design and fabrication of simple processing implements and equipment for natural rubber, gum arabic and other latex producing plants.
Isselegu: RSS Factory	RRI	Ukwani	Delta	2014	Genetic improvement; development of control measures against pests and diseases and design and fabrication of simple processing implements and equipment for natural rubber, gum arabic and other latex producing plants
Ibiade- RSS Factory	RRI	Waterside	Ogun	2014	Genetic improvement; development of control measures against pests and diseases and design and fabrication of simple processing implements and equipment for natural rubber, gum arabic and other latex producing plants.
Iguoriakhi: RSS Factory	RRI	Ovia South- West	Edo	2014	Genetic improvement; development of control measures against pests and diseases and design and fabrication of simple processing implements and equipment for natural rubber, gum arabic and other latex producing plants.

Ibom: RSS Factory	RRI	Ibiono	Akwa Ibom	2014	Genetic improvement; development of control measures against pests and diseases and design and fabrication of simple processing implements and equipment for natural rubber, gum arabic and other latex producing plants.
FEDERAL COLLEGE OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY, (FCAHPT) VOM, PLATEAU STATE					
<p>This is the first Veterinary School in West Africa. The Federal College of Animal Health and Production Technology, Vom has been at the forefront of training veterinary professionals for over eight decades. Nestled in the serene plateau region of Vom, the institution provides an unparalleled environment for scholarly research and hands-on practical engagement with nature and livestock. It focuses on advanced veterinary diagnostics and care techniques, sustainable livestock management and breeding systems, empowering farmers with modern research and innovation and hands-on training for self-reliant entrepreneurs.</p>					
Kuru Dakan Village, Jos South LGA. Plateau State	FCAHPT	Jos-South	Plateau	2012	Training, capacity building and human resource development in animal health and production technology.
Chaha Village, Jos South LGA, Plateau State	FCAHPT	Jos-South	Plateau	2012	Training, capacity building and human resource development in animal health and production technology.
Government Day Secondary School Vwang, Jos South LGA Plateau State	FCAHPT	Jos-South	Plateau	2012	Training, capacity building and human resource development in animal health and production technology.
Riyom Village, Jos South LGA, Plateau State	FCAHPT	Jos-South	Plateau	2012	Training, capacity building and human resource development in animal health and production technology.
Government Secondary School Riyom, Riyom LGA, Plateau State	FCAHPT	Riyom	Plateau	2012	Training, capacity building and human resource development in animal health and production technology.

Dalo Memorial High School, Foron, Barkin Ladi LGA	FCAHPT	Barkin-Ladi	Plateau	2012	Training, capacity building and human resource development in animal health and production technology.
Government Secondary School Fobur, Jos East LGA, Plateau State	FCAHPT	Jos-East	Plateau	2012	Training, capacity building and human resource development in animal health and production technology.
Kwall Village, Bassa LGA, Plateau State	FCAHPT	Bassa	Plateau	2012	Training, capacity building and human resource development in animal health and production technology.
BumGanawuri, Riyom LGA, Plateau State	FCAHPT	Riyom	Plateau	2012	Training, capacity building and human resource development in animal health and production technology.
Plateau School for the Deaf, Bassa LGA, Plateau State	FCAHPT	Bassa	Plateau	2012	Training, capacity building and human resource development in animal health and production technology.

NATIONAL CEREALS RESEARCH INSTITUTE (NCRI), BADEGGI, NIGER STATE

S.8 of the Research Institutes (Establishment, etc.) Order states as follows:

The National Cereals Research Institute shall conduct research into the production and products of rice, maize and grains and legumes of economic importance and shall, in particular, undertake research into-

- (a) the improvement of genetic potentials of the specified crops,*
- (b) the improvement of agronomic and husbandry practices,*
- (c) the mechanisation and improvement of the methods of cultivating, harvesting, processing and storage of the specified crops,*
- (d) the improvement of the utilisation of by-products,*

(e) the ecology of pests and diseases of the specified crops and improved methods of their control,

(f) the integration of the cultivation of the specified crops into farming systems in different ecological zones and its socio-economic effects on the rural population, and

(g) any other problems related to the specified crops.

This mandate generally covers rice, maize, grains and legumes of economic importance. Legumes are members of the bean family. In Nigeria, they include cowpea, groundnut (peanut), and soybean, African yam bean, chickpea, kidney bean, etc. They are major foods and sources of protein for the population. Grains include corn, wheat, rice, sorghum, millet, etc. They are staple foods for a large part of the population. This positions NCRI as a strategic institute focusing on crops that are of fundamental priority to the population. This broad mandate covers sustainable food and farming practices, the ecology of pests and diseases, integration of the cultivation of the specified grains and legumes into farming systems which includes mixed cropping and agro-forestry. "Improvement of the methods of cultivating, harvesting, processing and storage" will include organic practices, less tillage and reduced application of chemicals and pesticides, etc. It also implies the reduction of high external input and resource intensive farming of grains and legumes and the reduction of high levels of greenhouse gas emissions. Furthermore, it anticipates local value addition in the grains and legumes value chain. The improvement of the utilisation of by-products invokes the circular economy concept of reuse and regeneration, sharing, preservation and reducing waste and post-harvest loss. Furthermore, the omnibus "any other matters related to the specified crops" will definitely include research on prevention of land degradation and restoration of degraded lands on which cultivation takes place as well as sustainable use and proper value attached to the ecosystem.

Ndagbachi	NCRI	Gbako	Niger		Rice, Maize, Grains and Legumes - Soyabean, Beniseed and Sugarcane
Emitsundadan	NCRI	Lavun	Niger		Rice, Maize, Grains and Legumes - Soyabean, Beniseed and Sugarcane
Jima-Dako	NCRI	Lavun	Niger		Rice, Maize, Grains and Legumes - Soyabean, Beniseed and Sugarcane
Dabarako	NCRI	Gbako	Niger		Rice, Maize, Grains and Legumes - Soyabean, Beniseed and Sugarcane
Naimi	NCRI	Agei	Niger		Rice, Maize, Grains and Legumes - Soyabean, Beniseed and Sugarcane

Dwarfu	NCRI	Katcha	Niger		Rice, Maize, Grains and Legumes - Soyabean, Beniseed and Sugarcane
Tundu Fulani	NCRI	Lapai	Niger		Rice, Maize, Grains and Legumes - Soyabean, Beniseed and Sugarcane
Takuma	NCRI	Mokwa	Niger		Rice, Maize, Grains and Legumes - Soyabean, Beniseed and Sugarcane
Enagi	NCRI	Edati	Niger		Rice, Maize, Grains and Legumes - Soyabean, Beniseed and Sugarcane
Edokota	NCRI	Gbako	Niger		Rice, Maize, Grains and Legumes - Soyabean, Beniseed and Sugarcane
Federal Government Girls College, Bida	NCRI	Bida	Niger		Rice, Maize, Grains and Legumes - Soyabean, Beniseed and Sugarcane
Vunchi Community Commercial and Technical College, Vunchi	NCRI	Lavun	Niger		Rice, Maize, Grains and Legumes - Soyabean, Beniseed and Sugarcane
Jibril Memorial College, Bida	NCRI	Bida	Niger		Rice, Maize, Grains and Legumes - Soyabean, Beniseed and Sugarcane
Federal Poly Staff School, Bida	NCRI	Bida	Niger		Rice, Maize, Grains and Legumes - Soyabean, Beniseed and Sugarcane
Government Girls Day College, Bida	NCRI	Bida	Niger		Rice, Maize, Grains and Legumes - Soyabean, Beniseed and Sugarcane
Government Science College, Kutugi	NCRI	Lavun	Niger		Rice, Maize, Grains and Legumes - Soyabean, Beniseed and Sugarcane
Government Day Secondary School	NCRI	Agaei	Niger		Rice, Maize, Grains and Legumes - Soyabean, Beniseed and Sugarcane

Mohammed Kobo Secondary School, Lapai	NCRI	Lapai	Niger		Rice, Maize, Grains and Legumes - Soyabean, Beniseed and Sugarcane
Government Day Secondary School, Lamu	NCRI	Gbako	Niger		Rice, Maize, Grains and Legumes - Soyabean, Beniseed and Sugarcane
Government Secondary School, Mokwa	NCRI	Mokwa	Niger		Rice, Maize, Grains and Legumes - Soyabean, Beniseed and Sugarcane

THE INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING (IART), IBADAN, OYO STATE

IART has the following motto, vision, mission, national and zonal mandates.

Motto: Institute of Agricultural Research and Training - Improving Farmers' Productivity and Livelihoods

Vision: A world class Institute of Agricultural Research, responsive to farmers' and other stakeholders' needs towards Sustainable Development.

Mission: To develop, validate and transfer appropriate demand-driven agricultural technologies that are ecofriendly, affordable and adaptable through effective agricultural research and extension system.

National mandates

- Research into efficient use and management of soil resources for increased and sustainable agricultural productivity.
- Research into genetic improvement of kenaf and jute

Zonal Mandates

- Southwest Farming Systems Research and Extension in various agro-ecologies.
- Research into maize, grain legumes and trypanotolerant livestock for Southwest Nigerian ecologies.
- Development of improved processing and utilization technology for crops and livestock.

The extant Strategic Plan of IART discloses that the research activities of the Institute are coordinated through seven Research Programmes. These are:

Land and Water Resources Management Programme.
 Kenaf and Jute Fibre Programme.
 South West Farming Systems Research and Extension Programme.
 Maize Improvement Programme for Southern Ecologies.
 Grain Legumes Improvement Programme.
 Livestock Improvement Programme.
 Agricultural Value Addition Programme.

Alabata Adopted Village	IART	Akinyele	Oyo State	2015	Soil & Water Management, Maize, Cassava, Soybean, and Livestock.
Ikija Adopted Village	IART	Oluyole	Oyo State	2019	Soil & Water Management, Maize, Cassava, Soybean, and Livestock.
Apete-Onidoko Adopted Village	IART	Ido	Oyo State	2015	Soil & Water Management, Maize, Cassava, Soybean, and Livestock.
Oniyo Adopted Village	IART	Orire	Oyo State	1999	Soil & Water Management, Maize, Cassava, Soybean, and Livestock.
Aborisade Adoptede Village	IART	Ibarapa East	Oyo State	2015	Soil & Water Management, Maize, Cassava, Soybean, and Livestock.
IMG High School Apata	IART	Ido	Oyo State	2015	Soil & Water Management, Maize, Cassava, Soybean, and Livestock.
United Christian Secondary School Omi Adio	IART	Ido	Oyo State		Soil & Water Management, Maize, Cassava, Soybean, and Livestock.
United Senior Secondary School, Ijokodo Ibadan	IART	Ido	Oyo State		Soil & Water Management, Maize, Cassava, Soybean, and Livestock.

Baptist Primary School Ogbomoso	IART	Orire	Oyo State		Soil & Water Management, Maize, Cassava, Soybean, and Livestock.
Tewure Grammar School, Ogbomoso	IART	Orire	Oyo State		Soil & Water Management, Maize, Cassava, Soybean, and Livestock.
Government College, Apata Ibadan	IART	Ibadan Southwest	Oyo State	2019	Soil & Water Management, Maize, Cassava, Soybean, and Livestock.
INSTITUTE FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH (IAR) SAMARU, ZARIA, KADUNA STATE					
<p>The national mandate of IAR is for the genetic improvement of maize, cowpea, sorghum, cotton, sunflower, Jatropha, Castor, Oat and groundnut together with research into their respective agronomy and plant health; irrigation engineering and irrigated crop production; mechanization of crop production and post-harvest research.⁴ The goal of the Institute is to serve as centre of excellence for sustainable, affordable, efficient and easily adoptable technologies to enhance farm productivity and product utilization in Nigeria whilst the value is to generate, disseminate and impart improved agricultural technologies for enhanced crop production and utilization to achieve national self-reliance in food and industrial raw materials and have surplus for export.</p>					
Dakace Village	IAR	Zaria	Kaduna	2025	Sorghum, Maize, Groundnut, Cotton, Soil and Water Management
Dutsen Abba Village	IAR	Zaria	Kaduna	2013	Sorghum, Maize, Groundnut, Cotton, Soil and Water Management
Hunkuyi Village	IAR	Kudan	Kaduna	2019	Sorghum, Maize, Groundnut, Cotton, Soil and Water Management
Jaja Village	IAR	Kudan	Kaduna	2009	Sorghum, Maize, Groundnut, Cotton, Soil and Water Management
Kwarbai Village	IAR	Zaria	Kaduna	2022	Sorghum, Maize, Groundnut, Cotton, Soil and Water Management

⁴ <https://iar.gov.ng/>

Makarfi Village	IAR	Makarfi	Kaduna	2024	Sorghum, Maize, Groundnut, Cotton, Soil and Water Management
Marwa Village	IAR	Soba	Kaduna	2018	Sorghum, Maize, Groundnut, Cotton, Soil and Water Management
Samaru Village	IAR	Sabon Gari	Kaduna	2025	Sorghum, Maize, Groundnut, Cotton, Soil and Water Management
Tudun Muntsira Village	IAR	Giwa	Kaduna	2009	Sorghum, Maize, Groundnut, Cotton, Soil and Water Management
Yakasai Village	IAR	Soba	Kaduna	2018	Sorghum, Maize, Groundnut, Cotton, Soil and Water Management
Barewa College, Zaria	IAR	Zaria	Kaduna	2024	Sorghum, Maize, Groundnut, Cotton, Soil and Water Management
Government Secondary School, Bomo	IAR	Sabon Gari	Kaduna	2009	Sorghum, Maize, Groundnut, Cotton, Soil and Water Management
Government Girls Secondary School,	IAR	Sabon Gari	Kaduna	2009	Sorghum, Maize, Groundnut, Cotton, Soil and Water Management

FEDERAL COLLEGE OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY (FCAHPT), IBADAN, OYO STATE

The Federal College of Animal Health and Production Technology blends academic excellence with a profound commitment to animal welfare, agricultural production, and technological innovation. Founded with a dedicated mission to enhance expertise in animal health, production, and technology, it has been a pivotal hub for education and research in these domains since 1964. It cultivates a dynamic community of learners, researchers, and practitioners united in the resolve to confront the intricate challenges within the animal health, production and technological sector. The College seeks to train qualitative manpower by adequate exposure to sound theoretical background, practical, farm and field demonstrations.⁵

⁵ <https://fcahptib.edu.ng/about-us/>

Wesley College of Science, Elekuro, Ibadan	FCAHPT	Ibadan North	Oyo	2012	Training, capacity building and human resource development in animal health and production technology.
Oladipo Alayande School of Science, Oke	FCAHPT	Ibadan South	Oyo	2013	Training, capacity building and human resource development in animal health and production technology.
United Missionary Comprehensive College	FCAHPT	Ibadan South	Oyo	2016	Training, capacity building and human resource development in animal health and production technology.
Urban Day Grammar School, Ring Road Ibadan	FCAHPT	Ibadan South	Oyo	2012	Training, capacity building and human resource development in animal health and production technology.
Community Grammar School, Oluyole Estate	FCAHPT	Ibadan South	Oyo	2012	Training, capacity building and human resource development in animal health and production technology.
Our Lady of Apostolic Secondary School	FCAHPT	Ibadan South	Oyo	2012	Training, capacity building and human resource development in animal health and production technology.
All Saint College, Ibadan	FCAHPT	Iddo	Oyo	2013	Training, capacity building and human resource development in animal health and production technology.
All Farmers Association of Nigeria	FCAHPT	Lagelu	Oyo	2012	Training, capacity building and human resource development in animal health and production technology.

Moyanran Rice Farmers Group Iddo Town	FCAHPT	Iddo	Oyo	3013	Training, capacity building and human resource development in animal health and production technology.
Multipurpose Farmers Association Besides	FCAHPT	Iddo	Oyo	2012	Training, capacity building and human resource development in animal health and production technology.
Farmers Group Opposite Community High	FCAHPT	Iddo	Oyo	2012	Training, capacity building and human resource development in animal health and production technology.
Farmer Group Alaafia Estate, by Akala Ex	FCAHPT	Iddo	Oyo	2013	Training, capacity building and human resource development in animal health and production technology.
Oluyole Egbeda Farmers Group, Agara Estate	FCAHPT	Oluyole	Oyo	2012	Training, capacity building and human resource development in animal health and production technology.
FEDERAL COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE TECHNOLOGY (FCAPT), KANO					
The objective of the College is to produce a pool of trained professionals that will manage the post-harvest system of the Nigerian agriculture in order to exploit all the benefits that will lead to national food security, employment generation and general poverty alleviation among the Nigerian people. FCAPT's vision is of a world-class training institute for the dissemination of technical information on post-harvest handling, processing, preservation and storage of Agricultural Produce through post-harvest technology.					
Adopted Village Kadage	FCAPT	Gezawa	Kano	2016	Training, capacity building and human resource development on post-harvest handling, processing, preservation and storage of Agricultural Produce through post-harvest technology
Adopted Village D/Naabba	FCAPT	Dawakin Kudu	Kano	2016	Training, capacity building and human resource development on post-harvest handling, processing, preservation and post-harvest technology

Adopted Village Yan Kusa	FCAPT	Kumbotso	Kano	2012	Training, capacity building and human resource development on post-harvest handling, processing, preservation and storage of Agricultural Produce through post-harvest technology
Adopted Village Barkum	FCAPT	Bunkure	Kano	2012	Training, capacity building and human resource development on post-harvest handling, processing, preservation and storage of Agricultural Produce through post-harvest technology
Adopted Village Dakasoye	FCAPT	Garun Malam	Kano	2014	Training, capacity building and human resource development on post-harvest handling, processing, preservation and storage of Agricultural Produce through post-harvest technology
Adopted Village Takai	FCAPT	Dawakin Kudu	Kano	2014	Training, capacity building and human resource development on post-harvest handling, processing, preservation and storage of Agricultural Produce through post-harvest technology
Adopted Village Gurin Gawa	FCAPT	Kumbotso	Kano	2014	Training, capacity building and human resource development on post-harvest handling, processing, preservation and storage of Agricultural Produce through post-harvest technology
Adopted Village Gurjiya	FCAPT	Minjibir	Kano	2016	Training, capacity building and human resource development on post-harvest handling, processing, preservation and storage of Agricultural Produce through post-harvest technology

Adopted Village Unguwar Liman	FCAPT	Kibia	Kano	2016	Training, capacity building and human resource development on post-harvest handling, processing, preservation and storage of Agricultural Produce through post-harvest technology
Adopted Village Limawa	FCAPT	Dawakin Kudu	Kano	2015	Training, capacity building and human resource development on post-harvest handling, processing, preservation and storage of Agricultural Produce through post-harvest technology
Adopted Village Gundutse	FCAPT	Kura	Kano	2014	Training, capacity building and human resource development on post-harvest handling, processing, preservation and storage of Agricultural Produce through post-harvest technology
Government Secondary School Kawaji	FCAPT	Nasarawa	Kano	2014	Training, capacity building and human resource development on post-harvest handling, processing, preservation and storage of Agricultural Produce through post-harvest technology
Government Secondary School Kwankwaso	FCAPT	Madobi	Kano	2014	Training, capacity building and human resource development on post-harvest handling, processing, preservation and storage of Agricultural Produce through post-harvest technology
Government Girls College, Dala	FCAPT	Dala	Kano	2012	Training, capacity building and human resource development on post-harvest handling, processing, preservation and storage of Agricultural Produce through post-harvest technology

Government Secondary School, Stadium	FCAPT	Nasarawa	Kano	2012	Training, capacity building and human resource development on post-harvest handling, processing, preservation and storage of Agricultural Produce through post-harvest technology
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FEDERAL COLLEGE OF HORTICULTURE, (FECORT) DADIN KOWA, GOMBE STATE

FECORT is a center of excellence in agricultural education, research, and innovation, with a special focus on horticultural development and sustainable food production. It is committed to equipping students with practical knowledge, entrepreneurial skills, and ethical values needed to drive Nigeria's agricultural transformation.

Baure	FECORT	Yamaltu Deba	Gombe	2013	Training, capacity building and human resource development in horticulture and improvements in agricultural productivity.
Hinna	FECORT	Yamaltu Deba	Gombe	2013	Training, capacity building and human resource development in horticulture and improvements in agricultural productivity.
Wajari	FECORT	Yamaltu Deba	Gombe	2013	Training, capacity building and human resource development in horticulture and improvements in agricultural productivity.
Dadin Kowa	FECORT	Yamaltu Deba	Gombe	2013	Training, capacity building and human resource development in horticulture and improvements in agricultural productivity.
Angwa Bukar	FECORT	Yamaltu Deba	Gombe	2013	Training, capacity building and human resource development in horticulture and improvements in agricultural productivity.

Gadam	FECORT	Kwami	Gombe	2013	Training, capacity building and human resource development in horticulture and improvements in agricultural productivity.
Bojude	FECORT	Kwami	Gombe	2013	Training, capacity building and human resource development in horticulture and improvements in agricultural productivity.
Gadawo	FECORT	Akko	Gombe	2013	Training, capacity building and human resource development in horticulture and improvements in agricultural productivity.
Bajanje	FECORT	Billiri	Gombe	2013	Training, capacity building and human resource development in horticulture and improvements in agricultural productivity.
Swa	FECORT	Balanga	Gombe	2013	Training, capacity building and human resource development in horticulture and improvements in agricultural productivity.
Zambuk	FECORT	Yamaltu Deba	Gombe	2013	Training, capacity building and human resource development in horticulture and improvements in agricultural productivity.
Mal. Jamo	FECORT	Akko	Gombe	2013	Training, capacity building and human resource development in horticulture and improvements in agricultural productivity.
Gagaragaje	FECORT	Yamaltu Deba	Gombe	2013	Training, capacity building and human resource development in horticulture and improvements in agricultural productivity.

GSS Hinna	FECORT	Yamaltu Deba	Gombe	2013	Training, capacity building and human resource development in horticulture and improvements in agricultural productivity.
GSS Dadin Kowa	FECORT	Yamaltu Deba	Gombe	2013	Training, capacity building and human resource development in horticulture and improvements in agricultural productivity.
GGSS Doma	FECORT	Gombe	Gombe	2013	Training, capacity building and human resource development in horticulture and improvements in agricultural productivity.

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF NIGERIA (ARCN) SECRETARIAT, ABUJA

ARCN is a center of excellence in agricultural education, research, and innovation, with a special focus on coordination, and research management for sustainable food production. It has three (3) AROCs in 3 adopted villages namely Kiyi, located in Kuje Area Council, Kawu, in Bwari Area Council and Karshi located in the Abuja Municipal Council. All committed to equipping farmers and students with practical knowledge, entrepreneurial skills, and ethical values needed to drive Nigeria's agricultural transformation in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

Kiyi,	ARCN	Kuje Area Council	FCT	2012	Training, capacity building and human resource development on post-harvest handling, processing, preservation and storage of Agricultural Produce through post-harvest technology
Kawu,	ARCN	Bwari Area Council	FCT	2012	Training, capacity building and human resource development on post-harvest handling, processing, preservation and storage of Agricultural Produce through post-harvest technology
Karshi.	ARCN	Abuja Municipal	FCT	2012	Training, capacity building and human resource development on post-harvest handling, processing, preservation and storage of Agricultural Produce through post-harvest technology

