

## **Impact Assessments**

The National Food Security Processing and Marketing Corporation (NFSPMC) strives to make a measurable difference in The Gambia's food security landscape. This section outlines the key impacts of our initiatives and operations over the past year.

### **Economic Impact**

NFSPMC contributed significantly to employment, generating over 1,200 direct jobs in processing, logistics, and administration, and indirectly supporting thousands more through supply chain activities. Partnering with 5,000 smallholder farmers, we have facilitated a 25% increase in average income by providing better access to markets, fair pricing, and technical support. By ensuring a steady supply of essential food items, NFSPMC helped stabilize prices in local markets, reducing price volatility and ensuring affordability for consumers.

### **Social Impact**

The introduction of fortified cereals and other nutritious food products has led to a 15% reduction in malnutrition rates among children in targeted regions. Through our outreach programs, over 10,000 individuals in rural communities have gained knowledge on sustainable farming practices and food security, fostering self-reliance and resilience. NFSPMC's initiatives have empowered women farmers and entrepreneurs, with 40% of our supported farmers being women, leading to enhanced economic participation and household food security.

### **Environmental Impact**

NFSPMC has implemented eco-friendly processing techniques that have reduced water usage by 20% and minimized waste production, contributing to environmental conservation. Our collaboration with farmers on climate-smart agricultural practices, such as drought-resistant crops and efficient irrigation systems, has improved crop yields and reduced vulnerability to climate change. Transitioning 30% of our energy use to renewable sources has significantly reduced our carbon emissions, aligning with global sustainability goals.

### **Health and Safety Impact**

NFSPMC's commitment to food safety standards has ensured that all our products meet international quality benchmarks, reducing the incidence of foodborne illnesses. We have maintained a strong focus on occupational health and safety, with a 0% increase in workplace accidents due to rigorous training and safety protocols. Our distribution of affordable, high-quality food products has improved overall public health by making nutritious food more accessible, particularly in underserved regions.

### **Educational and Capacity Building Impact**

NFSPMC has conducted over 50 training sessions on agricultural best practices, food processing, and marketing, benefiting more than 2,000 participants, including farmers, cooperatives, and local entrepreneurs. We have engaged 500 young people in various programs, including internships, apprenticeships, and entrepreneurship training, equipping them with skills for the agricultural and food processing sectors.

### **Long-term Impact**

NFSPMC's sustained efforts have contributed to a 10% increase in national food security levels, as

measured by the availability, accessibility, and affordability of staple foods. By promoting value-added processing and local sourcing, NFSPMC has played a key role in diversifying The Gambia's economy, reducing reliance on food imports, and fostering local industry growth.

## **Conclusion**

The impact of NFSPMC's operations extends beyond the immediate outcomes, contributing to long-term improvements in The Gambia's food security, economic stability, social equity, and environmental sustainability. Our commitment to continuous improvement and innovation ensures that we will continue to make a positive impact on the nation's development.