

Increasing Farmer Income in Ghana

Ghana is one of the more stable nations in the region, with a good record of power changing hands peacefully

It is the world's second largest cocoa producer behind Ivory Coast, and Africa's biggest gold miner after South Africa. It is one of the continent's fastest growing economies, and newest oil producer

In August 2006, the US Government and the Government of Ghana signed a five-year, \$547 million agreement to reduce poverty by raising farmers' incomes through private sector-led agribusiness development.

The compact consisted of a three-pronged series of investments in 30 districts across Ghana. As Procurement Agent, Charles Kendall facilitated the signing of more than 850 contracts in 12 distinct activities designed to enhance returns from staple food and horticulture crops produced by low-income farmers, strengthen rural institutions to provide complementary services and support vital agribusiness development and reduce agricultural transportation costs at the regional and sub-regional level.

Our work in Ghana for the programme is estimated to have increased Ghanaian household income by a life-

saving USD 689m over the next 20 years and will directly affect the lives of over 1.5m people.

We facilitated the signing of more than 850 contracts over 30 districts and 12 activities to the value of \$498m aimed at increasing and supporting the incomes of over 1.5m farmers and their families.

