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MRA2- Support of Social Science Research
• Original Goal- support social science research by providing soybean success kits to 2 of 3 survey villages
• Expanded goals
  • Increased sphere of influence of soybean around one survey village (Ghana and Mozambique)

- Survey, no soybean kit
- Survey, yes soybean kit
- Survey, yes soybean kit

• Threshers (Ghana)- with ATT, RING. Provide design, training for village blacksmiths

- No survey, yes kits
- No survey, yes kits

• In which villages?
Does having access to harvest technology increase uptake rate of soybean acceptance/production
Collaborators

- IFDC-ATT. Have funds to support a thresher production program based on retention of organic matter

- Seeking support from an engineering entity for blueprint (Almaco, Compatible Technology International)

- RING-Global Communities- choose second round of villages in Ghana- support extension and thresher program
MRA 2 Extension and Education

• Provide extension information to kit recipients

• Develop Extension information for distribution to ag professionals
• Provided Agronomic Expertise for MEDA in Upper West

• Trying to organize train-the-trainer sessions for soybean BMPs with ATT (Dr. Tara Wood) and CRS
MRA 2- Collaboration with MRA 5- Utilization for Human Nutrition

- Adapted MRA5 slideshow on nutrition and utilization for smallholder education in Ghana and Mozambique
- Will work with Marilyn to conduct nutrition/utilization workshops in research villages in Mozambique
Future Directions

• Creation of additional extension presentation i.e. becoming a “quality seed” producer

• Additional train-the-trainers in other countries

• Develop a research/breeding consortium between SIL, IIAM and IITA in Mozambique-regional breeding/variety project

• Tropical Breeder Education Center??