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WHO WE ARE

AAWDI – Family Farmers for Food Sufficiency Initiative is a nationally driven, development-focused non-governmental organization committed to transforming Nigeria’s agricultural sector through inclusive farmer empowerment, technology adoption, mechanization advocacy, market access, capacity development, and strategic partnerships.

We operate as a bridge between grassroots farmers, government institutions, private sector investors, development partners, and international collaborators, working to unlock sustainable agricultural productivity, rural and urban livelihoods, food security, and agribusiness growth.

AAWDI has built extensive grassroots networks across Nigeria and strong international linkages, enabling us to mobilize farmers, youth, women groups, cooperatives, agribusinesses, and investors into coordinated platforms that deliver measurable impact.

Our work integrates policy engagement, farmer mobilization, technology deployment, capacity building, financing facilitation, mechanization advocacy, and value-chain development to create scalable and sustainable agricultural transformation.

WHAT PROBLEM WE SOLVE

Nigeria’s agricultural sector faces persistent challenges that limit productivity, income, and food sufficiency, including:

- Low access to modern agricultural equipment and mechanization
- Limited access to affordable financing and investment
- Weak farmer organization and market linkages
- Poor adoption of modern technologies and climate-smart practices
- Fragmented value chains and low value addition
- High post-harvest losses and inefficiencies
- Youth disengagement and rural unemployment

AAWDI addresses these systemic challenges by building structured platforms that connect farmers with technology, finance, markets, policy, and knowledge, thereby removing barriers that keep millions of smallholder farmers trapped in subsistence production.

Our solutions focus on scale, coordination, sustainability, and inclusion, ensuring that agricultural growth translates into real income, jobs, and national food security.

WHO WE SERVE

AAWDI serves a broad and inclusive ecosystem of stakeholders across Nigeria and beyond:

- **Smallholder and family farmers** across crop, livestock, fisheries, and agro-processing value chains
- **Farmer cooperatives and producer organization**
- **Women and youth agripreneurs**
- **Rural communities and emerging agribusinesses**
- **Input suppliers, equipment manufacturers, and technology providers**
- **Government institutions and development agencies**
- **Private sector investors and impact financiers**

Our primary beneficiaries are **grassroots farmers, women, and youth**, while our partnership platforms engage government, development partners, financial institutions, and the private sector.

HOW WE CREATE IMPACT

AAWDI delivers impact through an integrated and scalable model built on five strategic pillars:

1. Farmer Mobilization & Organization

- Mobilizing tens of thousands of farmers across Nigeria
- Building cooperative systems and farmer networks
- Strengthening collective bargaining, access to inputs, equipment, and markets

2. Mechanization & Technology Access

- Advocacy and facilitation of agricultural mechanization
- Linking farmers to modern equipment, leasing models, and service providers
- Promoting local manufacturing, adaptation, and maintenance of farm machinery

3. Capacity Building & Knowledge Transfer

- Training farmers, youth, and women on modern agricultural practices
- Digital and physical extension services
- Skills development in production, processing, agribusiness, and enterprise management

4. Market Access & Value Chain Development

- Connecting farmers to structured markets, processors, and aggregators
- Supporting value addition, processing, and packaging
- Reducing post-harvest losses and improving product quality

5. Strategic Partnerships & Investment Facilitation

- Collaboration with MDAs, embassies, international agencies, and private sector partners
- Mobilising local and foreign investors into agribusiness value chains
- Driving policy dialogue, pilot projects, and scalable investment models

Through these pillars, AAWDI creates measurable improvements in productivity, income, employment, food availability, and rural development.

WHY PARTNERS & DONORS SHOULD TRUST US

1. Strong Grassroots Reach

AAWDI possesses one of the most extensive grassroots farmer mobilisation capacities in Nigeria, enabling us to reach tens of thousands of farmers across all geopolitical zones.

2. Proven Institutional Collaboration

We actively collaborate with:

- Federal Ministries and MDAs
- State Governments (including strategic partnerships with Niger State)
- International embassies and diplomatic missions (including Belarus and Vietnam)
- National institutions such as NYSC
- Research and development agencies
- Private sector manufacturers, financiers, and investors

This multi-level engagement ensures credibility, policy alignment, and operational effectiveness.

3. Strong International & Diaspora Networks

Our global diaspora engagement platform enables us to attract foreign exhibitors, equipment manufacturers, investors, and technology partners, expanding development financing and technology transfer opportunities.

4. Strong Governance & Accountability Framework

AAWDI is committed to:

- Transparent governance
- Financial accountability
- Results-based implementation
- Robust monitoring, evaluation, and reporting systems

This ensures donor confidence, impact tracking, and responsible fund utilization.

5. Execution-Focused Model

Beyond advocacy, AAWDI is deeply implementation-driven — translating dialogue into MOUs, pilot projects, mechanization hubs, training programmes, financing linkages, and community-level transformation.

6. Clear Development Impact Orientation

Our work directly supports:

- National food security
- Poverty reduction
- Youth employment
- Rural development
- Industrialisation
- Economic diversification

This strong alignment with national and global development priorities makes AAWDI a reliable and high-impact development partner.

AAWDI is building a future where Nigerian farmers are empowered, productive, profitable, and globally competitive.