



PACKHOUSE MANAGEMENT SERVICES AT VAKPO



Packhouse management service is strategic in the horticultural value chain and it stimulates private sector investment from production through packing to markets. It also generates employment especially for youth and women. The Ministry of Agriculture with support from the African Development Bank constructed a multipurpose packhouse at Vakpo in the Volta region of Ghana for packing mangoes, pineapples and vegetables



Matching Skills & Opportunities

Packhouse Skills Requirements	Current Available Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sorting, grading and packing • Adherence to Food safety requirements • Detection of fruit diseases especially anthracnose • Quality assurance • Intensive vegetable production technologies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No skills for quality assurance • Never heard of food safety issues • Never entered nor experienced packhouse operations • Never sorted, graded nor packed fruits and vegetables



Agri-Impact provided packhouse services and trained more than 30 youth and women in the Vakpo community in packhouse activities.



Packhouse Management Services

Packhouse Services Provided by Agri-Impact

- Quality Assurance & Understand Market requirements
- Development of efficient management system
- Commercial packing of fruits and vegetables
- Packhouse management Training
- Packhouse processing activities

Output for 12 weeks management services

- 15 forty-footer container of mangoes packed for Kingdom Fruits and exported to Europe
- 30 youth employed
- Employees earn \$1/ day for reporting to work & \$80 at month ending
- Smallholder well integrated into export value chain



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