

***Title:*** Reviving and revamping the agricoots by creating a strong relationship between primary societies, district unions, regional unions and the national association(Agricoots Ghana)

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### ► Outline of Action Plan

*The action plan is expected to achieve the following results as scheduled during the training program*

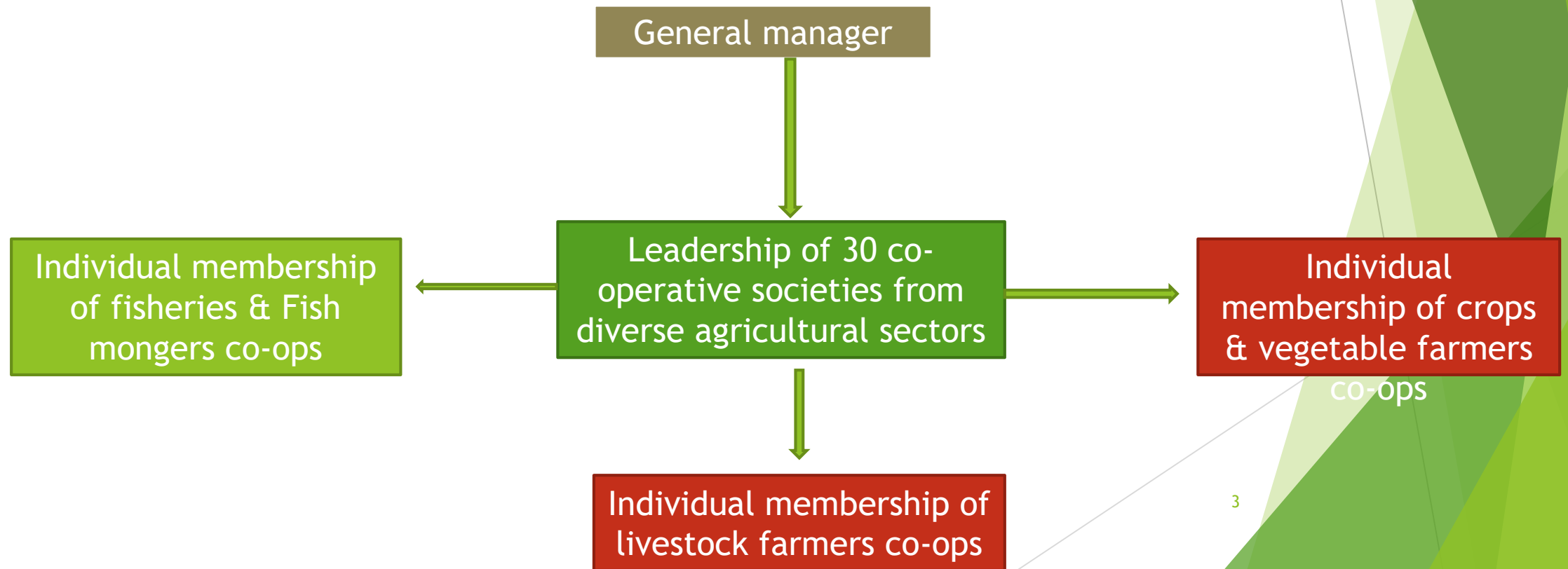
- Strengthen the weak organizational structure of agricultural co-operatives in Ghana
- Developing strong and lasting relation between primary societies, district unions, regional unions and the national association (Agricoops)
- Influence government policies and legislation to create the enabling environment for the development of agricultural co-operative
- Modification of primary activities of the agricultural co-operatives by introduction of credit / financial services, collective marketing and extension services

## Situation of Action Plan (please refer to Question 8 in questionnaire)

- ▶ Mobilization of primary agricultural co-operative societies are on-going through sensitization, data collection and advocacy at the national level
- ▶ There is a steady progress of the action as planned as we have completed the advocacy for the review and promulgation of a new co-operative law to create a conducive environment for the operation of our members
- ▶ Funding was procured internally from member societies and externally by donors.
- ▶ The advocacy action was partially supported by BUSAC FUND and the remaining was contributed by member societies.
- ▶ My role was the leader and coordinator of the implementation team

# Transfer of Knowledge

Knowledge and experiences acquired during my training was shared with the leadership of 30 primary co-operative societies with a membership of over 3000 indirect beneficiaries in diverse sectors of the agricultural co-operative through town hall meetings



# How has the experience and knowledge gained from training course helped?

- ▶ The main and direct beneficiaries of the knowledge gained from the training course are the leadership of agricultural co-operative and their downlines or grass-root members
- ▶ The idea was derived from the subject on the history of the Japanese Agriculture co-operative development
- ▶ The idea gained from the training was leverage upon in our research activity on co-operative development in Ghana to conduct an advocacy for the review of the co-operative legislation governing co-operative societies in Ghana
- ▶ The training course was very informative and provide new strategies and methodologies to address pressing challenges facing the development of agricultural co-operatives in Ghana

# Impact of your action plan

- ▶ Identification of the fundamental issues facing the co-operative development in Ghana and engaging government through advocacy to get the challenges addressed
- ▶ Members understanding the importance of co-operation and its rich benefit and impact on national development
- ▶ Dormant/ inactive registered societies are re-organizing to form a strong and viable district co-operative unions
- ▶ Non Co-operative societies and other farmer based organizations are eager to convert into co-operative societies



