



World Food
Programme

Supporting the rice value chain to increase resilience in Côte d'Ivoire

How the China-Africa rice value chain initiative supports local communities in overcoming challenges and contributes to resilient food systems.

WFP Côte d'Ivoire

Context

- 80% of agriculture is composed by small holder farmers
- Weak structuring – informal sector
- Women represent 90% of agricultural labor forces
- 155th on the Gender Inequality Index



Snapshot of Côte d'Ivoire rice value chain

Year	Domestic production of milled rice	Imports	Consumptions	Deficits
2017	854 330	1 663 537	2 382 788	-1 528 458
2018	879 458	1 746 254	2 475 624	-1 596 166
2019	904 585	1 828 971	2 568 460	-1 663 875
2020	929 712	1 911 688	2 661 296	-1 731 583

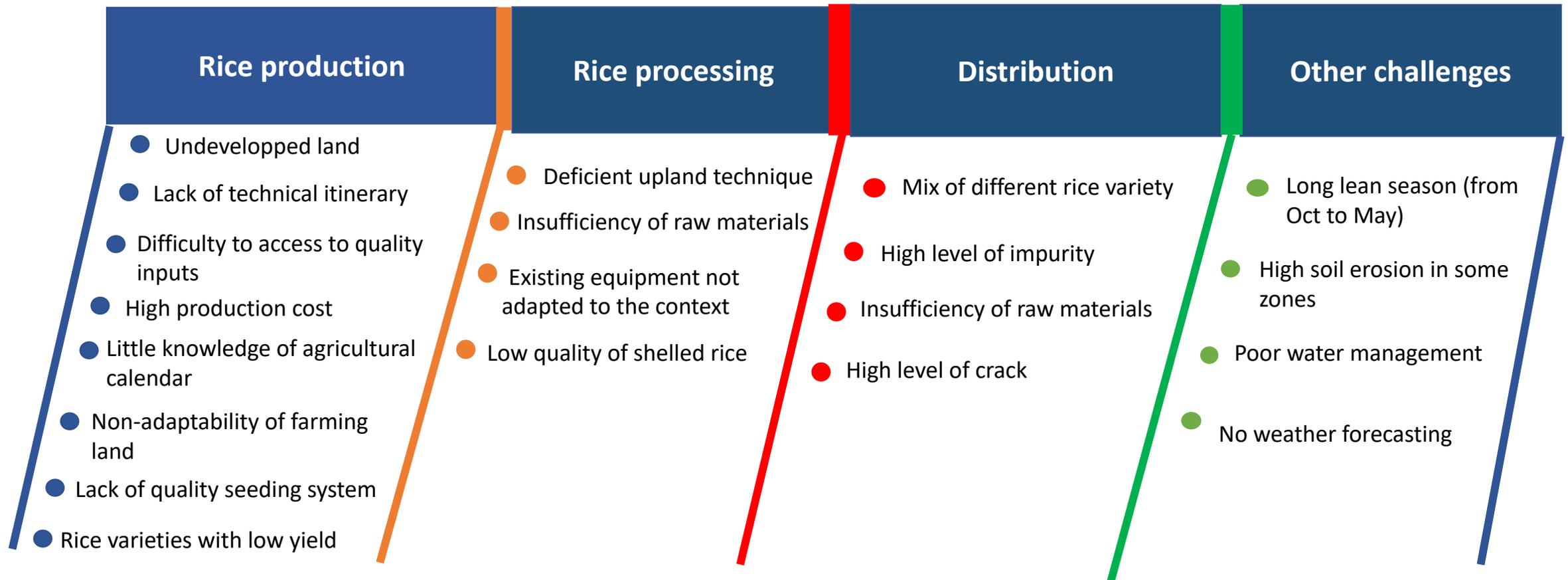
- Rice is the main cereal consumed by almost everyone in Côte d'Ivoire
- National rice production meets less than half of the domestic demand
- Country relies on massive imports

China-Africa Rice Value Chain Initiative

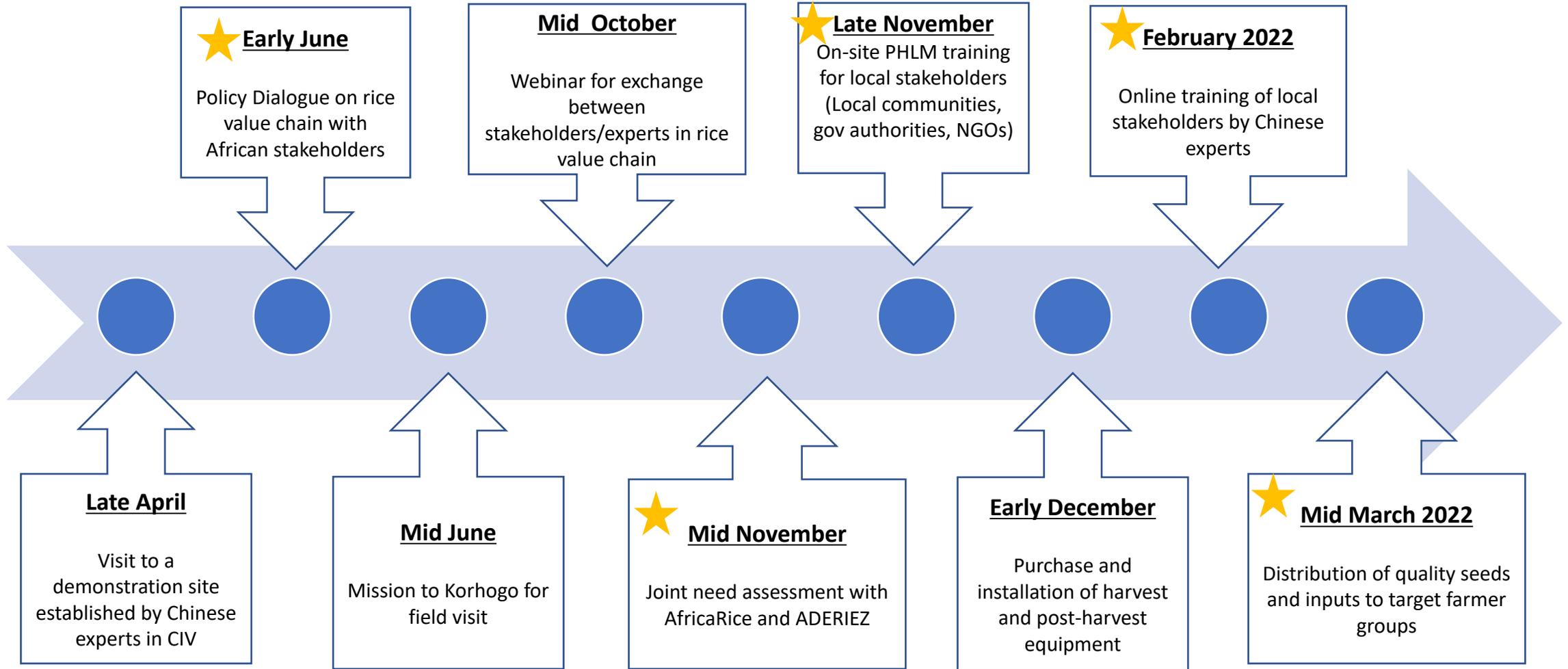
- Launched in 2021 and funded by UNOSSC
- Partners: ADERIZ, AfricaRice, China CoE, CERFAM, CICETTE, WFP Côte d'Ivoire
- Project objectives:
 - 1) Capacity strengthening for rice local producers,
 - 2) Knowledge and technology exchange between Chinese experts and Ivorian stakeholders,
 - 3) Mechanization of rice production and post-harvest management with machines adapted to local context,
 - 4) Setting up a demonstration sites for other producers in the region



Challenges in rice value chain in the North of Côte d'Ivoire



Project Timeline



Opportunities

- Continue similar initiatives aimed at increasing production and modernizing the rice value chain
- Create demonstration site to transfer good practices and showcase advanced equipment for rice production, processing and post-harvest management
- Improve the employability of young people by providing better employment opportunities
- Advanced irrigation system enabling production during lean season
- The development of inclusive value chains





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