

USAID ADVANCE PROJECT



**PROJECT INTERVENTIONS TO
GET WOMEN INCOME SECURED**



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Outline

Women Beneficiaries

Women's Market Inclusion

Women in Village Savings and
Loans Associations (VSLAs)

Women's Land Rights

SUMMARY OF INTERVENTIONS FOR WOMEN

USAID ADVANCE reached 60,455 women (47%) out of a total of 127,050 beneficiaries as of December 2017



33,097 trained on good agronomic practices



19,512 trained on post harvest handling



41,879 trained on quality standards



10,533 trained on soybean utilization



20,613 received numeracy training



40,493 women farmers sold maize, rice and soybeans for \$31,357,683



17,315 women active in VSLAs



23,610 received training on Farming as a Business

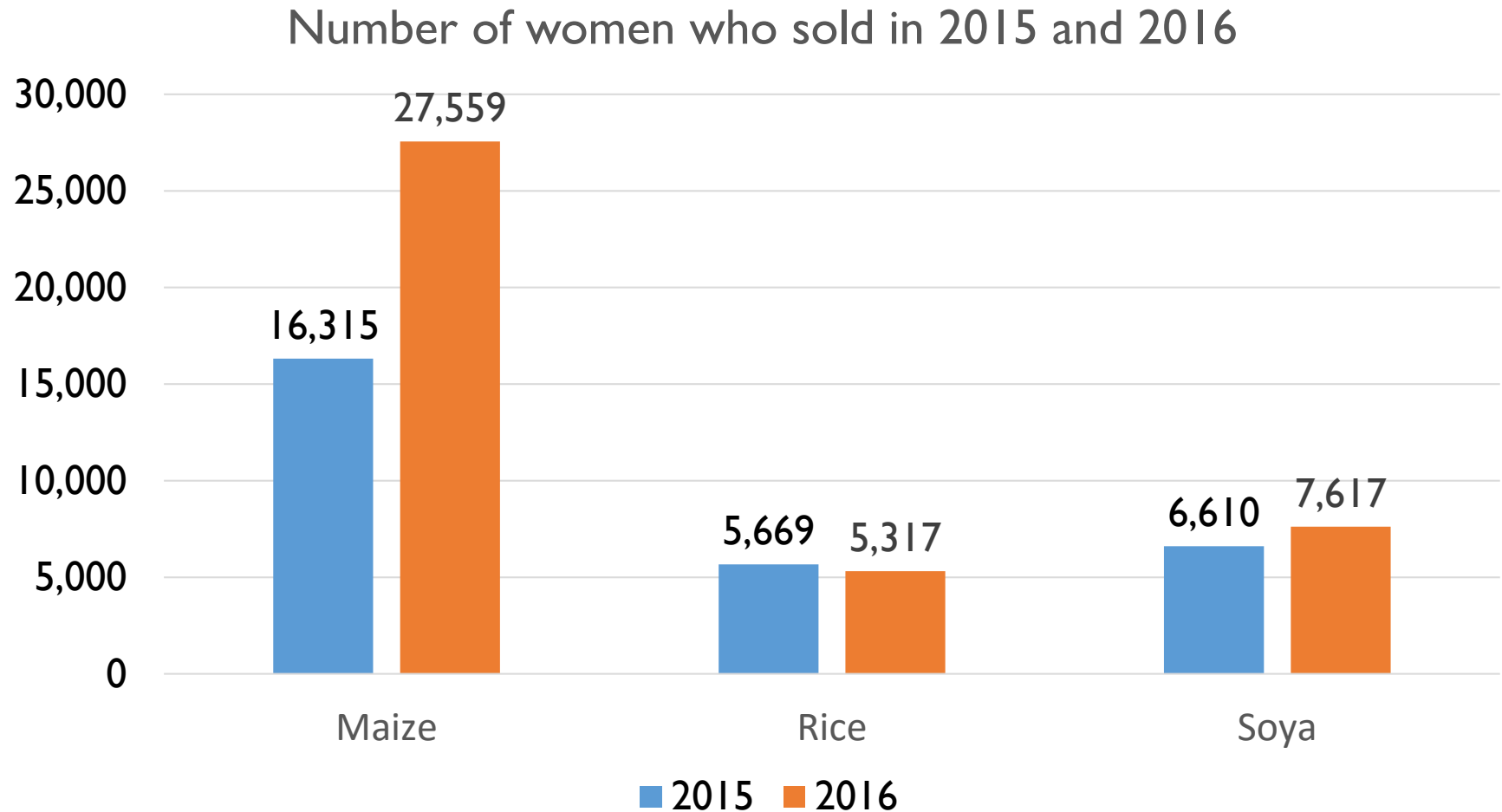


Over 5,000 acres of lands to **over 3,000** women for farming

MARKET INCLUSION

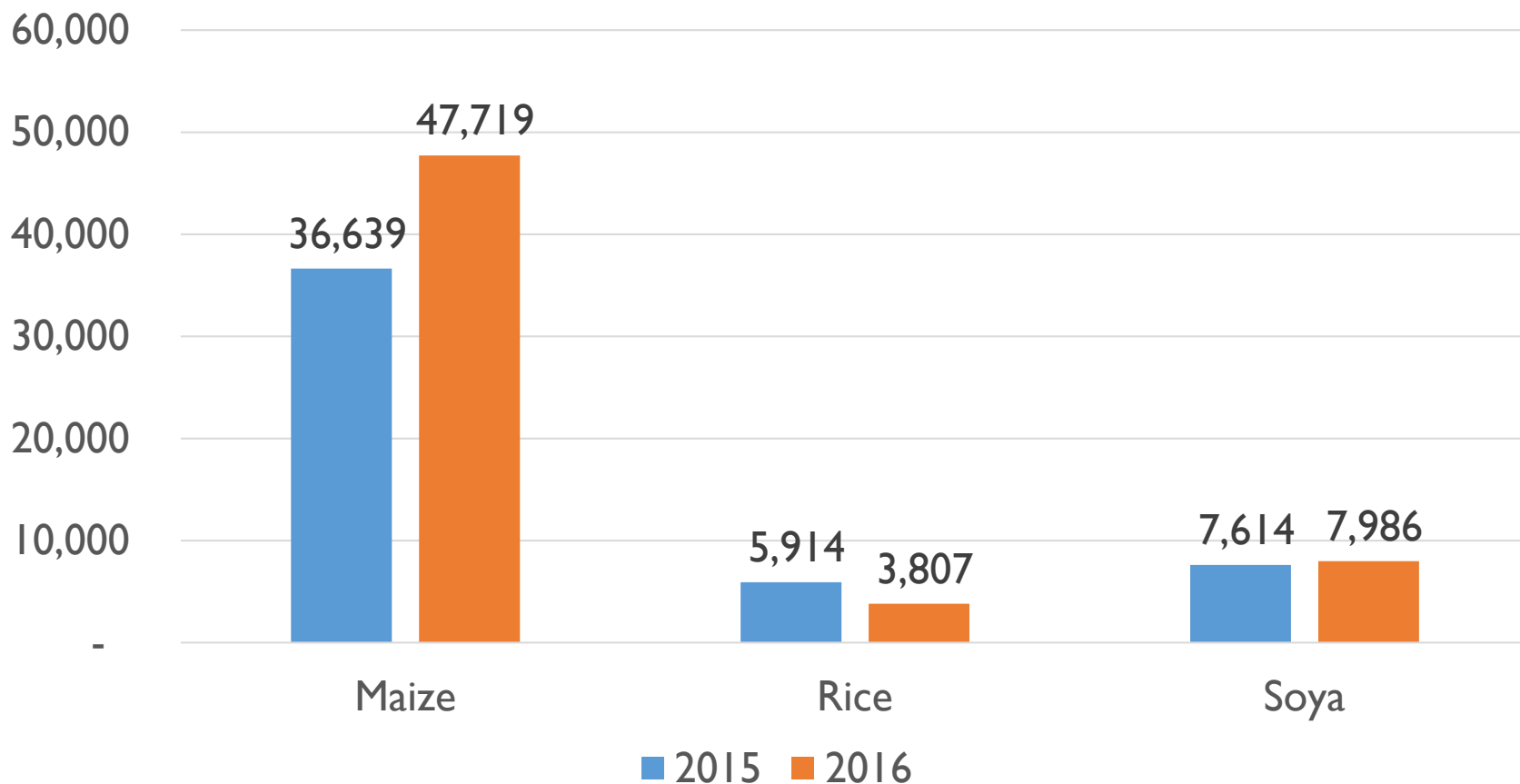
- USAID ADVANCE's outgrower scheme has enabled women smallholder farmers to increase not only their access to improved seeds and fertilizer but also increase their crop yields, going from an average production of 1.2 MT to 3.14 MT maize per hectare (162%) from 2014 to 2016 respectively.
- USAID ADVANCE facilitated sale contracts between women OBs and FBOs and end buyers for 50,167 MT of maize, paddy rice and soybean valued at \$14,762,102 in 2015 and increased to 59,512 MT valued at \$16,595,581 in 2016.
- In total, our initiatives have enabled 40,493 women beneficiaries to sell 109,679 MT of maize, paddy rice and soybean valued at \$31,357,683 between 2015 and 2016.

Number of Women Smallholder Farmers (SHF) who sold produce through new market opportunities in 2015 and 2016



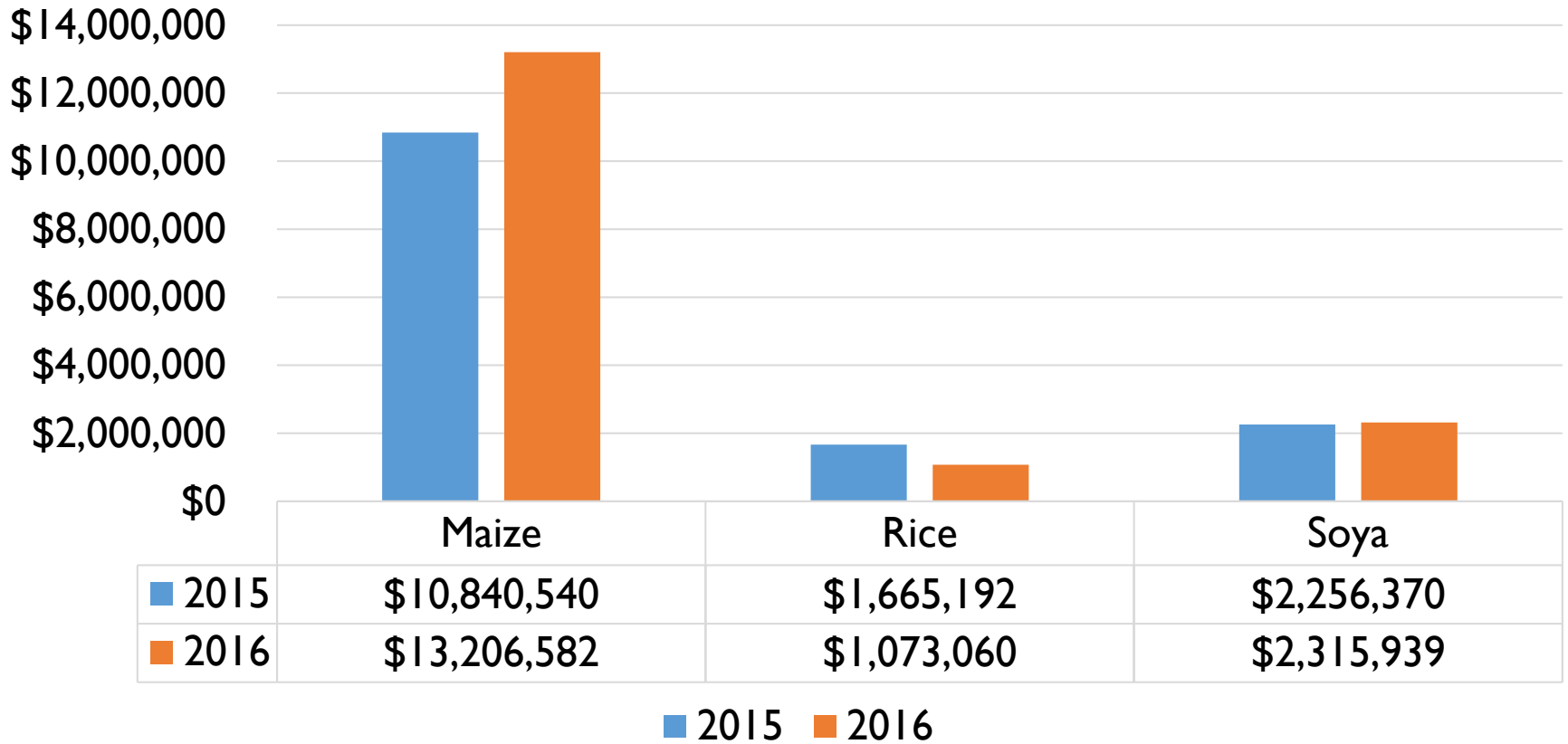
Quantity of Maize, Rice, and Soybean Sold by Women Farmers

Quantity of produce sold by women in 2015 and 2016
(MT)



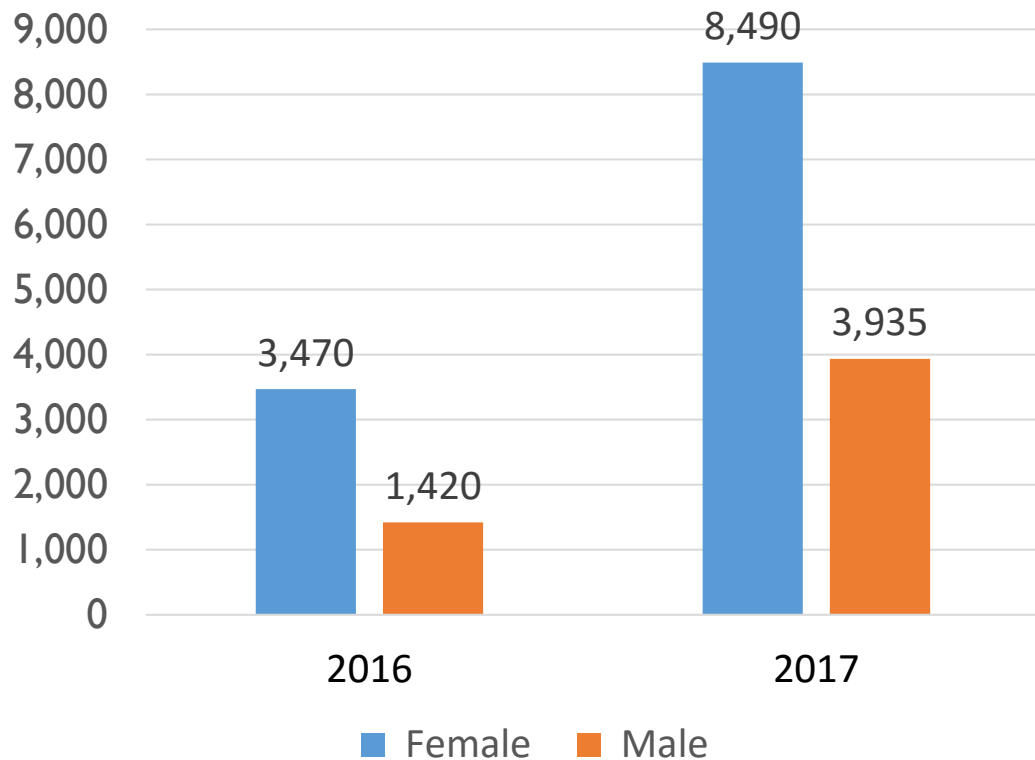
Value (\$) of maize, rice and soybean sold by women farmers to their OBs

Value(\$) of maize, rice and soya sold by women farmers in 2015 and 2016

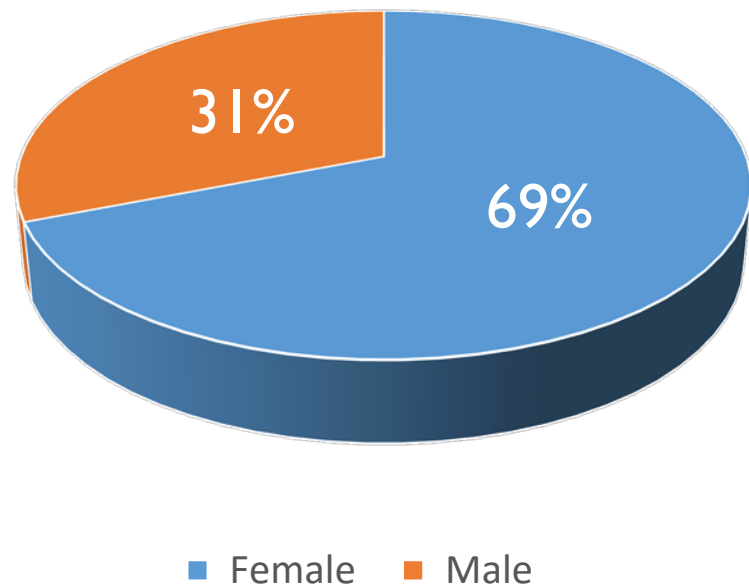


WOMEN'S FINANCIAL INCLUSION THROUGH VSLAS

Number of VSLA beneficiaries in 2016 and 2017 by gender

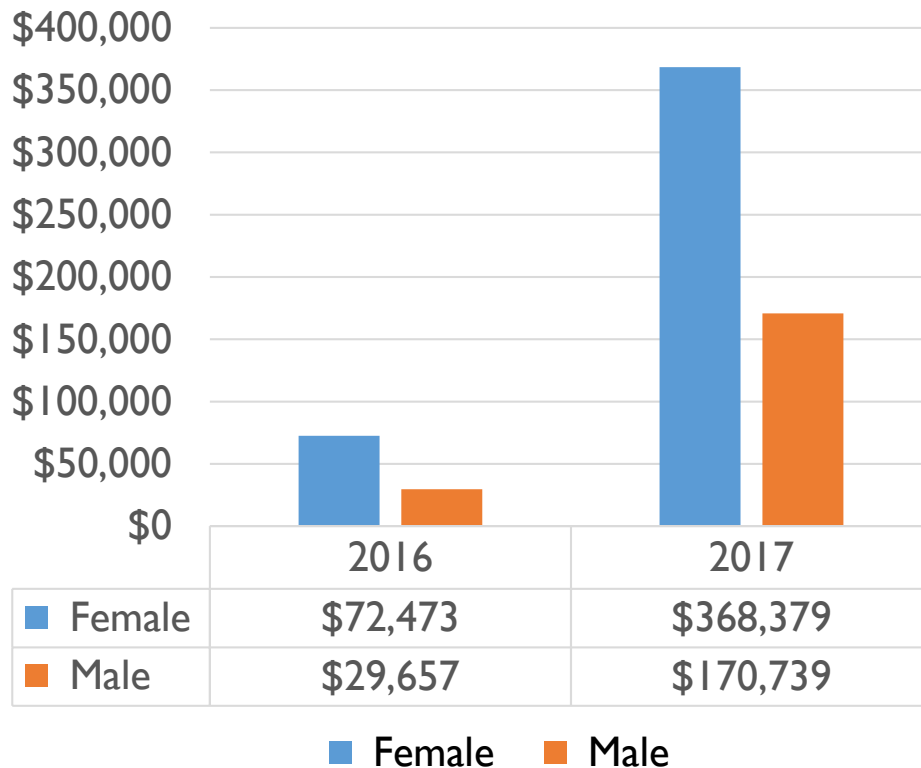


Proportion of women and men farmers among 823 VSLA groups at the end of 2017

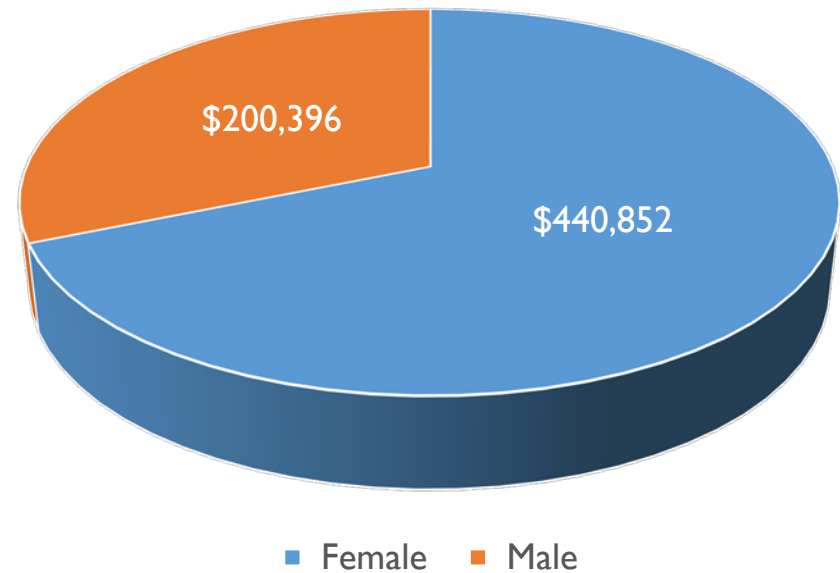


Amount Saved (\$) by VSLA Members

Amount saved (\$) by female and male farmers in 2016 and 2017

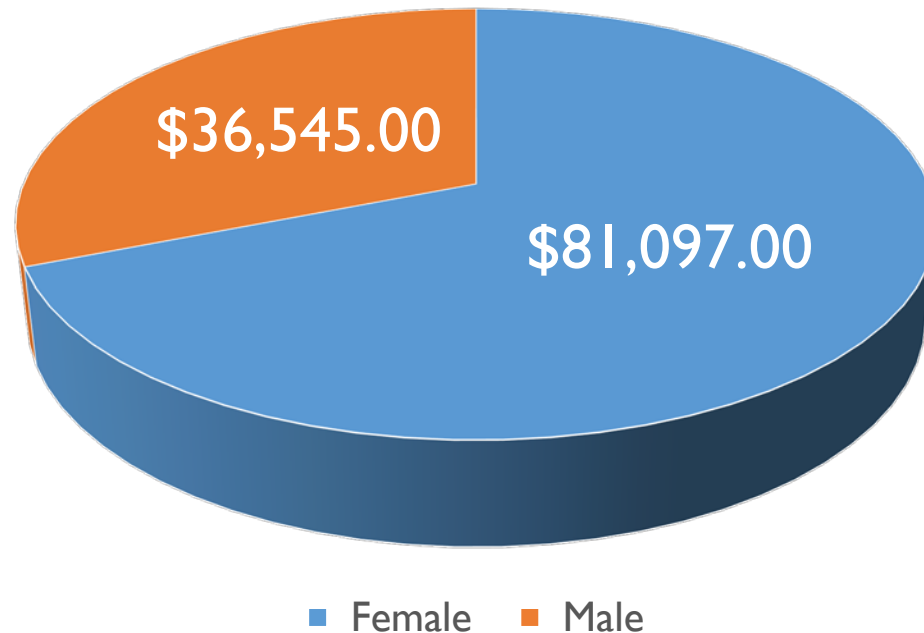


Amount saved (\$) by VSLA members at the end of 2017



Total Loans (\$) Disbursed through VSLAs

Total loans (\$) to VSLA members at the end of 2017



A total of \$117,642 was given out as loans at the end of 2017. Over 69% (\$81,000) was given to women farmers.

WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS

Strategies to increase women's access to land

Use of existing outgrower business (OB) network in communities to help influence traditional custodians to avail land to female farmers.

Collaboration with other Feed the Future projects such as Ghana Commercial Agricultural Project (GCAP) that award grants to OBs for land development.

Work with advocacy groups such as the Coalition for the Development of Western Corridor of Northern Region (NORTHCODE) to convince traditional leaders and land owners to allocate land to women.

Interventions for Women to Access Land

- USAID ADVANCE awarded a grant of GH¢126,800 (US\$28,304) and technical support to NORTHCODE to influence traditional leaders and land owners in 16 communities in the Mion, West Gonja, West Mamprusi and Sawla/Tuna/Kalba Districts to allocate land to women farmers.
- Through project's advocacy, 16 communities' traditional leaders signed MOUs with women beneficiaries to set aside parcels of land banks for farming in the upcoming farming season.
- MOUs will give tenure rights of 1,600 acres of farm lands to 1,000 women over a 10-year freehold lease period starting from 2018-2028.
- Project strategies have led to over 3,000 women accessing about 5,000 additional acres of land in the three northern regions of Ghana.



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