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# Success Story

## Togbe Sodjedo, Togolese Rice Farmer—Profile of a Transformed Life

Togbe Sodjedo, a Togolese rice farmer, has seen a marked improvement in the quality of his life since he began participating in a project, being conducted by the Africa Division of IFDC, which promotes the strategies of Integrated Soil Fertility Management (ISFM). Rice growing is the primary activity of farmer Sodjedo, and it appears to be a very profitable one. Because of this activity, he was able to construct a nice house on his compound, to buy additional land (2.5 ha of land, outside the irrigated area), to buy potential sites for housing, to buy a motorized cultivator, and to support his family. Besides rice, he also cultivates 1 ha of maize for home consumption. Growing two crops per year on his 3-ha farm to which he applies 1,150 kg of fertilizer for each crop cycle, Sodjedo receives a yield of 2,500 kg of shelled rice per hectare. For one plot of 500 m<sup>2</sup>, he applies about 10 kg of fertilizer twice. The Togolese farmer has also used indigenous natural rock phosphate and was pleased with the positive results. Of particular benefit to the farmer was the access to credit, provided by the ISFM project, through which he became a member of a self-managed savings and credit system at the village level.

