



**A MANUAL OF  
CHILDREN-IN-AGRICULTURE  
PROGRAMME (CIAP)  
IN NIGERIA**

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## **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

The Rural Farm Family Resources Research and Development efforts of Dr. S. Fola Adedoyin (Associate Professor) and Dr. Dixon Olu Torimiro (Lecturer) in the Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Sociology, Ogun State University, Ago-Iwoye, Nigeria identified a missing link in the process of ensuring continuity and sustenance of farming as a worthy profession. The missing link was conceptualized and initiated as the Children-In-Agriculture Programme (CIAP) on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 1995.

After a series of research and development activities on CIAP within the Ago-Iwoye enclave, the idea was shared with other researchers and development personnel nation-wide. The reactions obtained were encouraging and, as a follow-up, the First National Research Network Conference and meeting on Children – In – Agriculture Programme was held at Ago-Iwoye from 23-26 March, 1998. The National Headquarters of the Network is located at Ago-Iwoye with Dr. S. Fola Adedoyin as the National Coordinator/President and Dr. Dixon Olu Torimiro as the Programme Officer/National Secretary.

## **CAIP PHILOSOPHY AND CONCEPT**

The Children-In-Agriculture Programme (CIAP) in Nigeria is a holistic human development initiative specifically focused at building

capacity in farm-children/youths for favourable disposition and future profitable investment in agricultural occupations thereby ensuring continuity and sustainability of farming as a reputable profession. In this way, agriculture will become strong enough to serve as the real structure upon which the country's economic development could be built.

CIAP, therefore is to create an atmosphere that will facilitate the deepening, nurturing and sustaining the interest of farm-children/youths in farming activities.

### CIAP AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The programme aims at enhancing a sustainable agricultural development in Nigeria, since it will constitute part of the strategies for replacing the retiring aged farmers on the farms. It will also serve as a forum for up-dating and linking indigenous knowledge with newly proved farm practices. The specific objectives are outlined for the programme:

To sensitise and organise farm-children/youths into out-of-school or in-school groups that are based in the communities and schools respectively.

To develop and promote ideas and/or organise programmes and/or engage in activities that will enhance adequate development of the farm-children/youths either solely or in collaboration with

government agency, non-governmental organisations, community-based organisations or international and foreign agencies.

- (iii) To develop and promote talents among the farm-children/youths.
- (iv) To organise local, National and International learned conferences, seminars and workshops focusing on the farm-children/youths participation in farming and home food security activities; and capacity building and empowerment initiatives for full integration of farm-children/youths into the mainstream of agricultural, rural and national economic development in Nigeria.
- (v) To organise and sponsor Local, National and International competitions, agricultural shows, exhibitions and exchange programmes for farm-children/youths.
- (vi) To identify research areas/problems, conduct and promote researches focusing on farm-children/youths, farm-families, farm-communities and environment etc. through its National Research Network in Nigeria.
- (vii) To organise training for farm-children/youth (in-school and out-of-school), farm-families, and farm-communities on improved farm practices, poverty alleviation techniques, farm-family enhancement education, home food security strategies, income generating activities in rural environment, etc.

i) To participate in and contribute to farm-children/youths and farm-families advancement activities at the Local, National and International levels.

To produce, source and circulate printed and non-printed materials related to farm-children, farm-families and farm-communities for the purpose of education and training of the farm-children/youths and the farm-families.

#### **CIAP INSTITUTIONALISATION AND OPERATIONAL STRATEGIES:**

The CIAP operates in Nigeria for the purpose of sustaining the farm-children on farms to adulthood through socialization process. The following strategies are therefore employed:

- Institutionalisation of National Research and Training Network.
- Institutionalization and organisation of annual National Research Network meeting and conference.
- Induction of registered participants into membership of CIAP.
- Constitution of National Board of Coordinators.
- Inauguration of States' Chapters.
- Constitution of States' executive committees.
- Organisation of farm-children/youth into CIAP clubs.

The CIAP trains the school and out-of-school clubs members (i.e. farm-children/youths) periodically on farming and allied activities predominant in their areas. Such activities include: production, processing, marketing and management of vegetable, fruit, arable tree and horticultural crops; forest resources management, fishery, rabbitary, poultry, piggery, cattle, sheep and goat, snailery, handicrafts, bee-keeping, rural industries, etc.

Play back of recorded videos, lectures, field demonstrations, workshops, seminars, excursions, success stories, farm visits, field trips, etc. are usually explored during the weekly club meetings and periodic activities.

#### **CIAP FUNDING IN NIGERIA**

The CIAP activities are funded by the money generated through membership fees, annual dues, conferences participation fees and donations from corporate organisations, individuals, foreign organisations, etc. Although more funds are being sourced from the various donors and agencies for specific activities of the CIAP in Nigeria.

Some of the funding institutions include: the Ogun State University, Ago-Iwoye; N.N.P.C./Chevron Joint Venture; United Bank for Africa; MURPHY Shipping and Commercial Services Ltd. Lagos; University of Agriculture's AMREC, Abeokuta; UNDP, Lagos; World

ak; ACP – EU Technical Centres for Agricultural and Rural  
operation – Netherlands, Centre for African and African – American  
and Culture, etc.

Interested individuals and organisation within and outside Nigeria  
requested to come to the aid of CIAP to enable it accomplish the  
ormous task ahead of it.

#### **CIAP NATIONAL BOARD OF COORDINATOR'S/STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES' CONSTITUTIONS AND FUNCTIONS:**

**National Board of Coordinators:** The board consists of the  
National Coordinator/President as Chairman, Programme Officer  
as National Secretary and the appointed States' Coordinators as  
members. The board is the highest policy and decision-making  
body of CIAP in Nigeria. The board members meet on quarterly  
basis or as may be necessary at the National headquarters or any  
chosen venue as may be conveyed in the notice of meeting signed  
by the National Secretary or any delegated person.

**State Executive Committee:** This consists of the State  
Coordinator as chairman, the State Secretary, appointed facilitators  
and zonal officers as members. The State Executive committee  
implements the policy decision made by the National Board of

Coordinators and also deliberates on the affairs of CIAP at the  
state level. The committee members meet on quarterly basis or as  
may be necessary at the state headquarters or any chosen venue as  
may be conveyed in the notice of meeting signed by the State  
Secretary or any delegated person.

#### **CIAP MEMBERSHIP FELLOWSHIP AND FEES/DUES**

There are four categories of CIAP membership, viz:

- (i) Life membership – N5,000.00 (excused from payment of annual due).
- (ii) Honorary membership – No membership fee and excused from payment of annual due.
- (iii) Corporate membership - N2,000.00 (Annual due of N500.00).
- (iv) Ordinary membership – N1,000.00 (Annual due of N500.00).
- (v) Conference registration and proceeding fees will be decided at the Joint National Board of Coordinators and Local Organising Committee meetings.
- (vi) CIAP Research fellowship: Distinguished researchers in CIAP's areas of interest but who must have maintained unbroken financial membership for not less than five years and must not be less than the rank of a University Senior Lecturer or equivalent are

## CIAP ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE IN NIGERIA

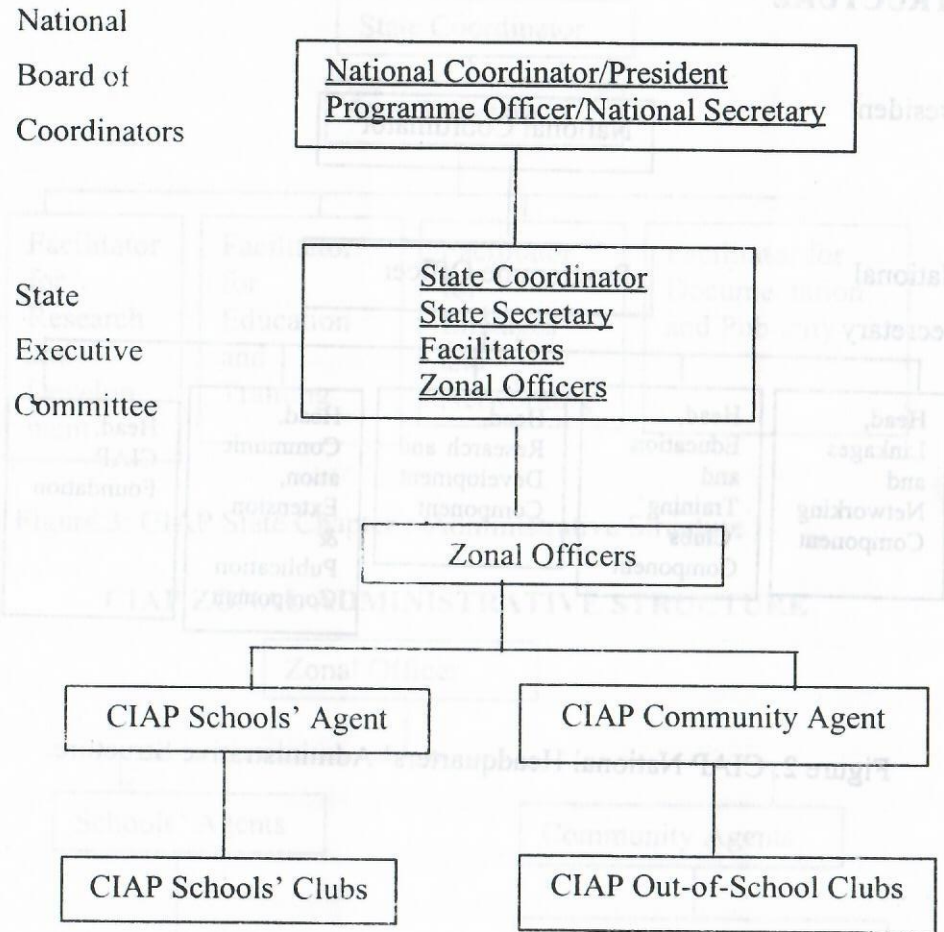


Figure 1: CIAP Organisational Structure

## CIAP NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS' ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

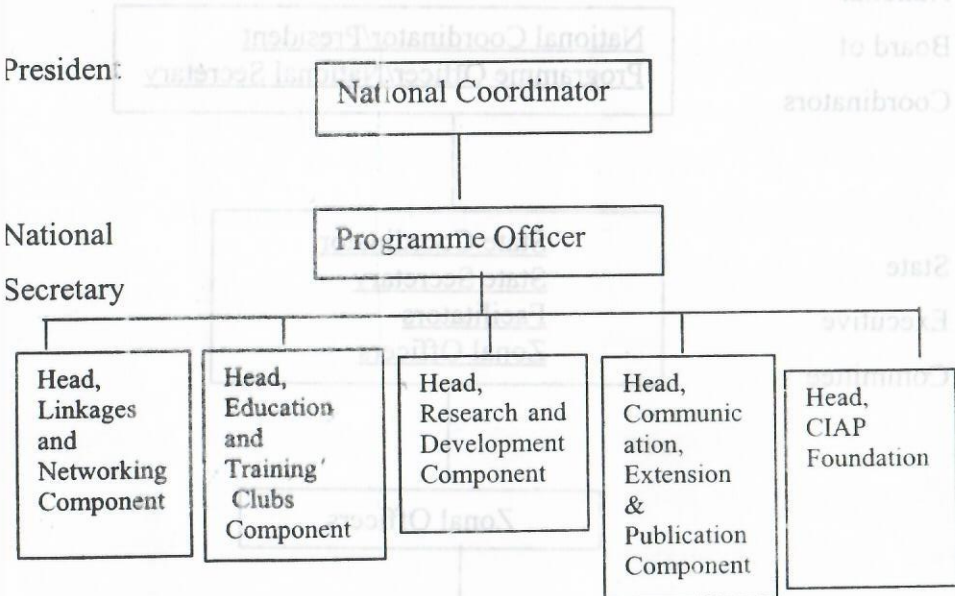


Figure 2: CIAP National Headquarters' Administrative Structure.

## CIAP STATE CHAPTER'S ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

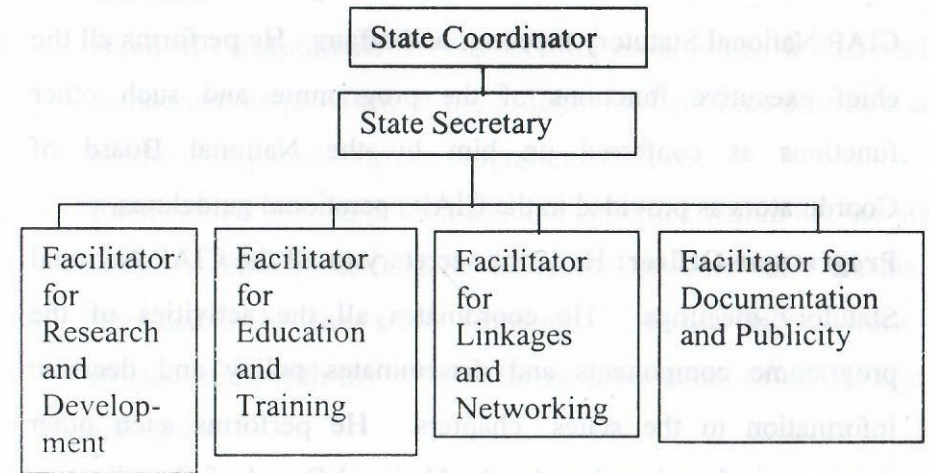


Figure 3: CIAP State Chapter's Administrative Structure

## CIAP ZONAL ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

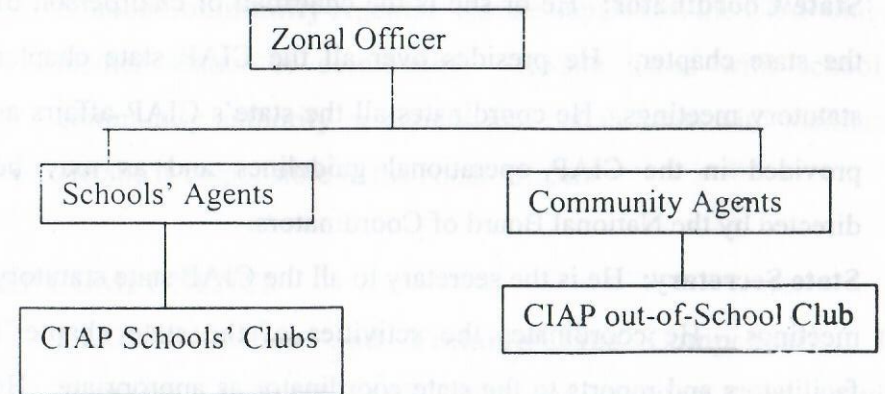


Figure 4: CIAP Zonal Administrative Structure

## CIAP ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AND FUNCTIONS

**National Coordinator:** He is the presiding officer over all the CIAP National Statutory meetings and affairs. He performs all the chief executive functions of the programme and such other functions as conferred on him by the National Board of Coordinators as provided in the CIAP operational guidelines.

**Programme Officer:** He is the secretary to all the CIAP National Statutory meetings. He coordinates all the activities of the programme components and disseminates policy and decision information to the states' chapters. He performs such other function conferred on him by the National Board of Coordinators and the National Coordinator as provided in the CIAP operational guidelines.

**State Coordinator:** He or she is the chairman or chairperson of the state chapter. He presides over all the CIAP state chapter statutory meetings. He coordinates all the state's CIAP affairs as provided in the CIAP operational guidelines and as may be directed by the National Board of Coordinators.

**State Secretary:** He is the secretary to all the CIAP state statutory meetings. He coordinates the activities of the state chapter's facilitators and reports to the state coordinator as appropriate. He performs such other functions as provided in the CIAP operational

guidelines and as may be directed by the state executive committee.

5. **Head of Component:** He/she coordinates activities within his/her component as provided in the programme activities schedule and, he/she is responsible to the programme officer.
6. **Facilitator:** He/she coordinates the activities within his/her areas as provided in the state's activities schedule and, he/she is responsible to the state secretary. He/she is to work in collaboration with the zonal officers, schools/out-of school agents and clubs.
7. **Zonal Officer:** He/she coordinates the activities of the Agents within his/her zone. He/she works hand in hand with the facilitators and he/she is responsible to the State Coordinator.
8. **School/Community Agents:** He/she supervises the CIAP clubs in his/her school or community. He/she liases with school or community authority or parents and collaborates with facilitators. He/she is responsible to the zonal officer.

## CIAP COMPONENTS

1. **CIAP Education and Training/Clubs Component:** This component registers CIAP clubs and monitors their activities nation-wide through the states' chapters. The component also

coordinates the CIAP training programmes and modules nationwide.

**CIAP Foundation:** This component sources for funds for the purpose of implementing CIAP activities.

**Research and Development Component:** This component designs research proposals, conduct research as identified at the National Research Network meetings for the purpose of strengthening the programme and developing more activities that will enhance the interest of farm-children/youths in farming profession.

**Communication, Extension and Publication Component:** This component is established for the purpose of sourcing, publishing, circulating and documenting printed and non-printed documentations of CIAP. Such include: Books, proceedings, newsletters, bulletins, journals, etc. for the purpose of disseminating ideas emanating from CIAP.

**Linkages and Networking Component:** To explore and institute collaborative efforts and/or assistance programmes with relevant national and international agencies.

## CIAP PUBLICATIONS/FILM DOCUMENTARY

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