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Project Summary:

Geographic:

Monsterrado, Grand Bassa, Maryland, Grand Kru, and River Gee,

Beneficiaries:

Schools: 100

Children: 30,000
(Grade 1 to 9)

Teachers: 500/600





Project Overall Goal

To create a sustainable business model for school feeding that engages the primary stakeholders:

- Local food processing industry
- Small holder farmers and producers
- Local governments
- Parent Teacher Associations
- Ministry of Education
- Local NGOs



Specific Objectives

- Improve the nutrition and health status of school children especially young girls
- Increase the local capacity for sustainable school management
- Enhance the educational environment at the local level



Objective 1:

Improve the nutrition and health status of school children

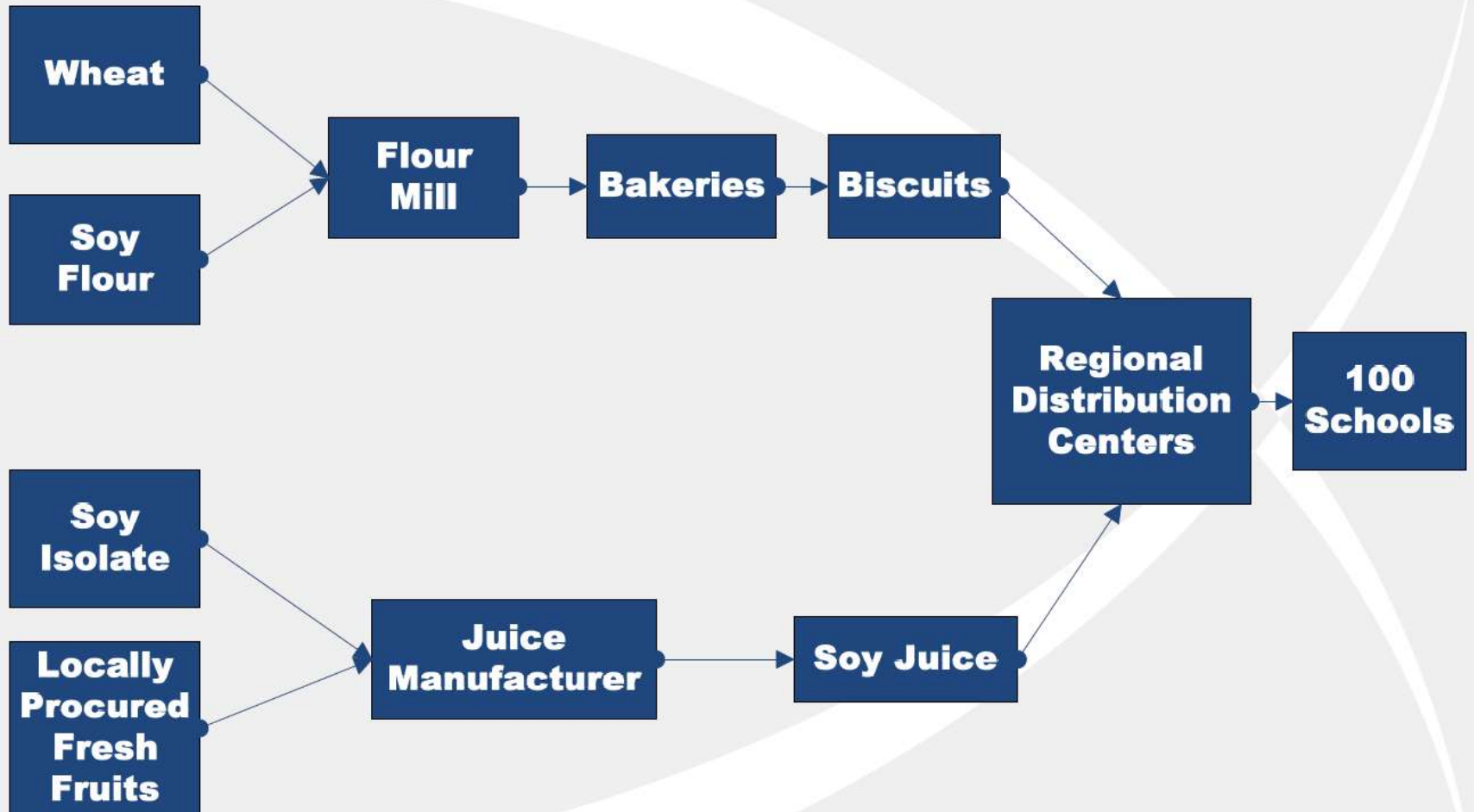
- Develop two **locally produced food products**; 250 ml **soy based fruit juice** and 75 gram **soy fortified cookie**.
- Both are highly nutritious, **satisfying approximately 50%** of the daily recommended allowances **for protein and energy** and **80% of** the daily recommended **micronutrients** for children age 5-18 years.

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- **IRD and WISHH** will be working with the local juice manufacturer, flour mills and bakeries to **develop the juice and the cookies** according to international standards using **USDA donated commodities** (wheat, defatted soy flour and soy isolate)
- Both products will then be **packaged and distributed** to the participating schools.
- IRD will ensure that schools have **proper on site storage facilities.**

LIBERIA SCHOOL FEEDING CYCLE






Objective 1:


Improve the nutrition and health status of school children

- **Other supplementary activities will include**
 - School gardens to provide additional fruits and vegetables for the children.
 - Periodic de-worming activities
 - Weekly lessons in nutrition, health and hygiene




Objective 2: Increase the local capacity for sustainable school management

- Establish ten school farms and agricultural youth clubs (Future Farmers of Liberia).
- The farms will serve as training venue to promote sustainable agriculture and emphasize it as a business
- Participating youth will be actively encouraged to pursue agriculture or agribusiness as their main career option.



Objective 2: Increase the local capacity for sustainable school management

- Form and train PTAs to manage and operate community schools.
- PTAs will be responsible for managing the snacks (storage, accounting and distribution), oversee the school gardens (production, distribution and financing) and managing donated school supplies.
- Other donated goods will be sold at a minimum price in small kiosks. Revenue generated will support the local school feeding program



Objective 3: Enhance the educational environment at the local level

- Rehabilitate schools damaged from war and upgrade existing rustic schools
- Install safe water systems
- Build gender segregated latrines

What makes this project different?

- **Strengthen the local economy** through
 - procuring local products such as fruits and other products' ingredients (salt, sugar, butter...etc).
 - creating jobs in the factory, mill, bakeries by increasing the number of days they operate
- **Create a market for school feeding** (supply and demand side) through the production of a commercially viable product that can be later procured by Ministry of Education or the WFP.
- **Built-in sustainability** through generating revenue from a number of initiatives:
 - Farms schools
 - Commercial marketing of the juice and cookie
 - School kiosks
 - School gardens



Thank you

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