



## INVESTMENT CASE STUDY

# FROM UNUSED LAND TO NATION'S LARGEST FOOD HUB

With no large-scale farming operations in the northern region of Ghana and a lack of local management skills, AgDevCo's vision for a 5,740-hectare irrigated farming and processing hub meant starting from scratch. After four years of groundwork, including community consultations and environmental studies, the Babator Farming Company (BFC) was launched as the first in a series of irrigated commercial farming units.

The 354-hectare farm, which has attracted private capital and management expertise, is now up and running and is in its third season of harvesting maize, sorghums and onions. A number of other companies are already speaking to AgDevCo about further commercial farming operations, including fruit production.

Community interests remain at the heart of this flagship project, with local people benefitting from profit sharing and priority employment opportunities. Over two thirds of positions are filled by local people, and smallholder farmers in the area also gain access to irrigated plots to grow food crops.

**AGDEVCO'S INITIAL \$6.3 MILLION INVESTMENT IN THIS FLAGSHIP PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO CATALYSE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF PRIVATE INVESTMENT TO HELP MAKE THE BABATOR IRRIGATION SCHEME GHANA'S LARGEST FOOD HUB.**