

## **GOAL 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture**

**THE FACT:**Climate change is putting even more pressure on the resources we depend on, increasing risks associated with disasters such as droughts and floods. Many rural women and men can no longer make ends meet on their land, forcing them to migrate to cities in search of opportunities. The food and agriculture sector offers key solutions for development, and is central for hunger and poverty eradication.

### **THE FIGURES:**

- Since the 1900s, some 75 per cent of crop diversity has been lost from farmers' fields.
- If women farmers had the same access to resources as men, the number of hungry in the world could be reduced by up to 150 million.
- Agriculture is the single largest employer in the world, providing livelihoods for 40 per cent of today's global population. It is the largest source of income and jobs for poor rural households.

WANEP notes that although Africa has been adjudged as a continent that is rich yet the paradox is that over 70% of our countries are on the bottom level of world's poorest countries – Paradox of poverty in the Midst of plenty.” Part of WANEP's community driven initiatives is geared towards facilitating dialogue between communities and agricultural officials in Cote d'Ivoire and Liberia in order to increase awareness among communities on Rural Land Act. It also focuses on advocacy and conflict management between communities.