

THEME 1: WATER AVAILABILITY AND ACCESS

FOCUSING ON THE UNDERSERVED?'

REGION SOUTH, SURINAME

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Introduction:

Maroons & indigenous people

- 20%/100.000 of population
- Live in tribal communities
- 60% women
- Mostly illiterate
- Still depend on own grown

Suriname

- Caribbean; 16,5 mln ha.
- Agr. Production; **43,000** ha.
- Appr. **40,653** in coastal area and **2,460** in interior

Constrains:

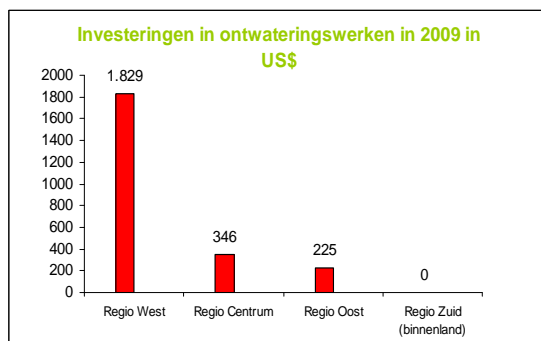
- **No** investment in irrigation/drainage canals
- **No** legal title on the land
- **Ad hoc** government initiatives
- **Outdated** farming techniques
- Shifting cultivation
- **Scare** water is far from plots
- **Competition** with high water consuming gold sector
- **Traditional** barriers
- **No** access to credit funds
- High under -investment of uneven spread funds

Conclusions:

- ✓ **Strengthening government spending capacity in agriculture**
- ✓ **Involve more experts descendants from villages in the modernization of production methods in the territory to overcome social/traditional barriers**

Results:

Investments in drainage works and other irrigation projects for improved agricultural production



Available funds 2009 in US\$:

- ❖ Donor funds; 7 mln or **22% realization**
- ❖ National budget: 1,5 mln or **38% realization**
- ❖ Sector fund for interior; **262.000** or **28% realization**

