

## **ABSTRACT**

### **BAUCHI-LAGOS BEEF COLD CHAIN STUDY REPORT**

The following cold chain report addresses major issues within the Lagos - Bauchi cold chain trade in imported frozen fish, which was jointly initiated by the Citizens International of United States (CI) and New Nigeria Foundation (NNF) but funded by the Bauchi State Government and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The study was facilitated by RBS Consulting Limited which worked closely with key staff of NNF who carried out most of the field work under the leadership of Remi Osijo of RBS Consulting Limited. We would at this point, like to take this opportunity to thank the following resource persons; Cyril Ugwu (Principal Associate), Wilfred Ayisire (Senior Research Executive) and Bola Itsuokor (Senior Research Executive) for their contributions in conducting this study as well as in the development of this report. We also particularly thank all NNF staff for their contribution at the fieldwork stage.

Under a contract with USAID and Bauchi State Government, CI along with its local partner NNF, is working with the Bauchi State Government to stimulate rural economic growth and development through the Bauchi Crop Livestock Competitiveness Program (BCLCP) to demonstrate the effectiveness and efficiency of enhancing farm operations productivity in promoting pro-poor outcomes. Some level of positive outcomes have already been recorded by the program but the need for streamlining the marketing of farm products (Cattle) with the hope of optimizing the social and economic benefits of the BCLCP particularly among the rural farmers, led to the thinking of reactivating cold chain trade in beef between the states of interest, thus this report.

The study deliverables include a value chain analysis, feasibility of reactivating cold chain trade in beef products, suggestions and risk analysis of the best options to consider as well as suggestions on how to proceed. We are convinced that through a diligent and articulate execution of the suggested ways forward, the BCLCP farming system concept would be demonstrated and ultimately become the acceptable state-wide and replicated nationwide.