"Building sustainable partnerships". The experience of working with CABI on Plantwise

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ACHIEVEMENTS

- The community approach of the plant clinics helped improved farmers access to plant health extension delivery
- Improved technical capacity of extension officers in pest diagnosis and management
- Improved linkages between actors in the plant health system
- National pest records used for surveillance (Data is stored in the Knowledge bank but can be assesed by all the actors in the plant health system who are granted access)

SUSTAINABILITY

- Districts (KEEA and Gomoa West) that are not direct beneficiary of the plant clinic programme now fund plant clinics operations after participating in the training modules
- Other development partners such as GIZ are now supporting plant clinics in the northern zone (Upper West and North East Regions)

- High staff attrition rate (retirement, resignation and transfer) resulting in loss of trained plant doctors. —Additional support
- Complex institutional arrangements hindering smooth integration of the program at local government level – Additional support