

# GEM parboiling system

## Parboiling and flour production equipment for rice

Reduce milling losses, enhance nutritional and organoleptic quality

The technology improves rice parboiling with a new design, replacing traditional methods prone to emissions. Tailored for small to medium-scale processors, it enhances efficiency and product quality, reducing steaming time and improving grain quality significantly.



This technology is **TAAT1 validated**.



Scaling readiness: idea maturity

7/9; level of use 7/9

Gender assessment



Climate impact



### Problem

- High milling losses.
- Decreased nutritional quality of the rice.
- Undesirable texture, aroma, and appearance of the rice.
- Significant time and effort required for the process.

### Solution

- Reduces steaming time to 20-25 minutes, minimizing emissions exposure.
- Improves grain translucency, reduces chalkiness, and boosts nutritional value.
- Provides low glycemic index, increased fiber, and higher vitamin B availability.
- Allows longer storage as rice flour, aiding food security.
- Made from simple, locally available materials, easily scalable in remote areas.

Cost: **\$\$\$ 400 USD**

equipment

**0.64 USD**

firewood per 100kg of rice

ROI: **\$\$\$ 70 %**

Internal rate of return for a GEM parboiling system



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Commodities

Rice

Sustainable Development Goals



Categories

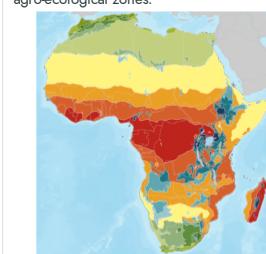
Transformation, Equipment,  
Agrifood processing

Tested/adopted in



Where it can be used

This technology can be used in the colored agro-ecological zones.



Target groups

Farmers, Processors



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