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PRODUCTION OF PAPER FROM **BAMBOO CULMS AND LEAVES**



PROBLEM

- The problem this research seeks to address is the overdependence on wood for paper production which leads to deforestation.
- This research is aimed to curb deforestation which resulted to climate and global warming, loss of biodiversity, soil erosion, natural disasters e.t.c.
- These problems mentioned above affect human beings and wild animals.

SOLUTION

Production of paper from non-wood fibers can reduce deforestation and environmental problems associated to it.

The benefits of the project are:

- ✓ Environmental Sustainability
- ✓ Waste Utilization
- ✓ Economic Benefits
- ✓ Good Fiber Characteristics
- ✓ Reduction of Environmental Impact of Paper Industry
- ✓ Research and Innovation

MARKET OPPORTUNITY

Market size in:

- TAM (Total Addressable Market) =All tissue & hygiene paper demand \approx US\$8.96 bn (2025) .That is the broader market size which bamboo paper could possibly replace
- SAM (Serviceable Available Market) =~US\$45–90 million

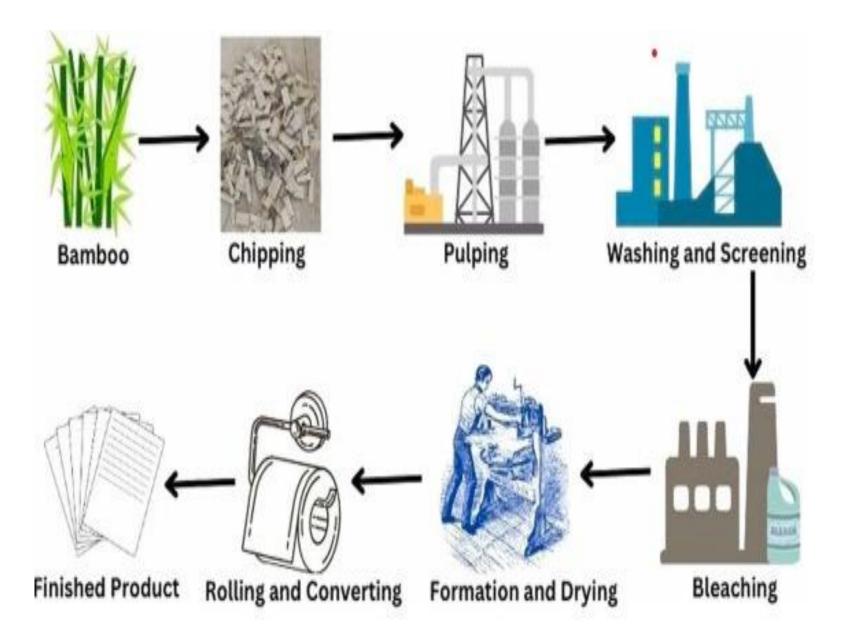
These are local revenue potential estimates in Nigeria for bamboo paper products in near to medium term (1-3 years) if executing well.

Market Opportunity Continues

Growth threads;

- Bamboo paper appeals as it's biodegradable, renewable, and seen as more eco-friendly than some wood-based options
- Bamboo grows much faster than trees which used for conventional pulp, which means quicker replant cycles, faster yields
- Advances in pulping / bleaching / processing techniques that improve quality (brightness, strength, texture) of bamboo paper, making it more competitive with wood pulp paper.
- Subsidies, incentives, or regulations pushing for non-wood fiber use; bans or limitations on plastic packaging / single-use plastics. These give bamboo paper an edge.
- Bamboo paper is attractive because it's sustainable, scalable, fast-growing, policy-supported, and consumer-preferred with high growth and large substitution potential.

PRODUCT/TECHNOLOGY



BUSINESS MODEL

How money can be made;

✓ You make money on bamboo paper by selling premium, sustainable products at higher margins, expanding into packaging, licensing, and carbon credits as the business matures.

Pricing strategy

✓ Price 10–20% higher than regular exercise books. Highlight value: "eco-friendly", "forest-saving", "chemical-free", "hypoallergenic". The best pricing strategy for bamboo paper is a tiered model: Massmarket line with small premium (~5–10%) to build scale. Premium line (20–30% premium) for eco-conscious buyers. Bulk contracts for institutions. Subscriptions to lock in urban customers.

BUSINESS MODEL CONTINUES

Customer Acquisition Approach

- *Awareness and Education (Top of Funnel)Ecostorytelling: Highlighting the benefits of bamboo, such as its fast growth, sustainability, and ecofriendly nature without contributing to deforestation.
- **❖Government tenders**: Position as eco-friendly option in public procurement.

Competition Continues

- The competitive advantage is converting bamboo papers to exercise books which is very important in education sector.
- Simple competitive matrix

GO-TO-MARKET STRATEGY

- Direct to schools: supply private and then perhaps public schools. Possibly using sales representatives
- Retail stores / stationery shops: get listed in local stationery shops, supermarkets, bookstores
- Online sales: via your PEDI website; marketplaces (Jumia, Konga, etc.) if in Nigeria
- Pop-ups / markets: stalls in busy local markets.

FINANCIALS AND PROJECTIONS

Year	Units sold	Revenue (₦)	Selling Price/un it (₦)	Cost Price/Uni t (₹)	Cost of goods (₹)	Gross profit (Rev – COG) (₹)
1	5,000	1,850,000	370	270	1,350,000	500,000
2	10,000	3,700,000	370	270	2,700,000	1,000,000
3	20,000	7,400,000	370	270	5,400,000	2,000,000

Financials and Projections Continues

Key Assumptions Product

Standard 60-leaf bamboo exercise book.

Production Capacity: 5,000 books/year.

Selling Price: №370per book

Cost of Production per Book: №270

Marketing & Overhead Costs: ₹700,000 yearly

• Break-Even Analysis

Selling Price: ₹370 per book

Cost of Production per Book: №270

Contribution margin per book= $\aleph 370 - \aleph 270 = \aleph 100$

Fixed cost per year= $\mathbb{N}1,850,000$

Break-even units=1,850,000/100=18,500 books

TEAM AND ASK

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A total sum of thirty-nine million, six hundred and five thousand, five hundred Naira (N39,605,500) only is required to execute the project(production of paper from bamboo culms and leaves). The quoted sum covers materials, material tests, transportation and patenting.