

ii. Lyantonde holding grounds: For Animals destined for the domestic market in Kampala and for export to the United Republic of Tanzania

- The project will rehabilitate the Semen Laboratory at NAGRC & DB, rehabilitate and equip 2 milk collection centers fitted with coolers and generators in Nakasongola and Kamwenge districts.
- The project will construct the National Meteorology Laboratory at Uganda National Bureau of Standards which will enable Uganda to realize International Accreditation. The laboratory will be used to ensure that the equipment in the National Food Safety Laboratory and other agro-food processing laboratories in the country are calibrated for accurate measurement and reliable test results. This will also ensure consumer safety & also enhance our capacity to export.

Component 4: Project Coordination and Management

The component focuses on the overall Implementation and Coordination arrangements of the AVCP Project 1. The Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries recruited a National Project Coordination Unit which oversees the coordination and supervision of all project activities and oversees the capacity building initiatives across the sector Departments and Agencies that are participating in project implementation.

IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

Lead Implementer: Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry And Fisheries (MAAIF)

Coordination and Management: National Project Coordination Unit (NPCU)

Implementation over-sight: A Project Technical Committee headed by the National Project Coordinator and comprised of assigned technical staff who lead the implementation of the project activities in the partner Departments and Agencies.

Project over-sight: A Project Steering Committee, chaired by the Permanent Secretary and comprised of technical heads of agencies responsible for implementation of the project activities.

Other Stakeholders: Ministry Departments; National Agricultural Research Organization; Dairy Development Authority; National Animal Genetics Resources centre and Data Bank; Local Governments; Private Sector value chain actors; farming households in the project area; and Uganda National Bureau of Standards.



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**THE AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
(AVCP)PROJECT 1**

WHO WE ARE

The Agricultural Value Chain Development Programme (AVCP)-project 1 is a public sector investment project of Government of Uganda implemented through the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries with support from the African Development Bank.

It is a five-year project implemented along a commodity value chain framework, with focus on three commodity value chains, namely; Rice, Maize and Dairy/Beef value chains.

COSTS AND FINANCING

1. Total Project Cost: USD 86.95 million
2. African Development Fund Loan: USD 76.95 MILLION
3. Government of Uganda Contribution: USD 10 MILLION

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

Development Objective: To contribute to poverty reduction and economic growth in Uganda through enhanced productivity and commercialization of agriculture.

Specific Project Objective: To improve household incomes, food security, and climate resilience through commercial agricultural practices, sustainable natural resources management and agricultural enterprise development.

PROJECT AREAS

The project is implementing maize value chain development activities in Amolatar, Buhweju, Buikwe, Bukedea, Bulambuli, Buvuma, Buyende, Gulu, Iganga, Jinja, Kamuli, Kamwenge, Kasese, Kiboga, Kiryandongo, Kyegegwa, Luwero, Masindi, Mayuge, Mbale, Mitooma, Mityana, Mukono, Nakaseke, Oyam, Pader, Soroti and Wakiso

The project is implementing rice value chain development activities in Amolatar, Amuria, Bukedea, Bulambuli, Butaleja, Buvuma, Gulu, Kamuli, Kitgum, Kween, Namutumba, Nebbi, Oyam, Pader and Sironko.

The project is implementing dairy and beef development activities in Buhweju, Gomba, Ibanda, Isingiro, Kabale, Kiruhura, Luwero, Lyantonde, Mbarara, Mpigi, Nakaseke, Nakasongola, Ntungamo, Sembabule and Sheema.

TARGETED BENEFICIARIES

The project targets to reach 1,816,756 beneficiaries of which 52% are women and comprising 386,544 households.

PROJECT COMPONENTS

Component 1: Production and Productivity Enhancement

This component will focus on increasing productivity and expanding production of maize, rice and dairy/beef farmers in the country. Under this component, project activities will target the following:

- Facilitating 450,000 maize farmers,
- Supporting 205,000 rice farmers
- Supporting 500,000 dairy and beef farmers.
- The project will annually generate an additional production of 450,000 MT of maize, and 328,000 MT of rice.
- Contribute to achieving the increase in milk production from the current 2.2 billion litres by project design to the targeted 4.0 billion litres
- Contribute to achieving the increase in beef production from the current then 211,358 MT to the targeted 360,000 MT each year by 2023.
- Currently, the Grain Council of Uganda has a total storage capacity of about 750,000 MT and a total processing capacity of 9,000 MT/ day. The project interventions will increase the utilization of the installed storage and processing capacity from the current 30% to at least 60% by June of 2023.

Component 2: Agricultural Infrastructure Development

The infrastructure development component will focus on construction of facilities that promote bulk water usage, post-harvest handling, standardization of quality of commodities along the value chain, and implementation of watershed management. Under this component, project activities will support;

- The construction of 2253 hectare Acomai irrigation scheme in Bukedea and Bulambuli districts and other associated facilities.
- Construction of a bridge on R. Sironko to easy trade and transportation.
- Construction of access roads
- Implementation of watershed management activities
- Construction of 25 small scale irrigation demonstration centers for rice and maize in different districts.
- Construction of the National Metrology Laboratory at the UNBS headquarters
- Construction of 2 zonal animal disease control centers in Amuru and Lyantonde.
- Rehabilitation of National Semen Laboratory at NAGRC & DB in Entebbe.
- Rehabilitation of Phytosanitary Laboratory in Namalere.
- Rehabilitation of 2 milk collection centers in Nakasongola and Kamwenge.

Component 3: Market Development and Trade Facilitation

This component of the project focuses on increasing returns on investment and incomes for all actors in the maize, rice and dairy value chains and provides an enabling environment for commercialization and trade.

This component will require three broad services namely;

1. Developing an information, communication and technology platform to ensure efficient delivery of certified seed and inputs, information on markets, production, input demand, and weather across the different value chain actors.
 2. Providing production and post-harvest services and building capacity;
 3. Training of all actors in the value chain.
- The project will work with two Business Development Service Providers, one covering Eastern and Northern Regions and the other covering Central and Western regions; to provide extension and marketing services to the farming households to increase efficiency along the maize and rice value chains. The project will develop and operationalize an Information, Communication and Technology Platform to ensure efficient delivery of certified seeds and inputs, information on markets, production, input demand and weather across the different value chain actors.
 - The project will rehabilitate Post Entry Quarantine Station (PEQS) in Namalere which will enable the Ministry to carry out the much-needed disease diagnostics for seed and regulation of other critical agro-inputs. The structures that are being rehabilitated include:
 - i. The plant health and diagnostics laboratory and associated facilities
 - ii. The pesticides formulation and residue analytical laboratory
 - iii. The fertilizer analytical laboratory
 - iv. The soil analysis laboratory and associated facilities
 - The project will construct and equip two animal disease control centres which will specifically contribute to animal movement control and ultimately to animal disease control. The animal disease control centres will be constructed in Nwoya and Lyantonde districts.
 - i. Nwoya holding grounds: Animals destined for Arua (with final destinations in Democratic Republic of Congo, North and South Sudan)