

THE ONE STOP CENTER ASSOCIATION (OSCA) CONCEPT

In its endeavor to empower farmers and establish sustainable value chains for the selected enterprises within rural communities, SG2000 initiated the One Stop Centre Association (OSCA) concept.

An OSCA is a community based Farmers' Organization that links farmers to services through a multipurpose infrastructure that:

- (i) Aggregates demands for agricultural services to reduce transaction costs
- (ii) Builds entrepreneurial capacity to run services on a commercially viable and sustainable basis. Additional services may include (where required and affordable) rural finance, Adult literacy training, health care and other social services.
- (iii) Integrates and strengthens institutional arrangements for key services.

KEY RESULTS

- Introduced quality protein maize (QPM) and NERICA rice series in partnership with WARDA, CIMMYT, JICA, and National Agricultural Research Organisation (NARO) and Nalweyo Seed Company (NASECO).
- Promoted NERICA Rice in partnership with Office of the Vice President in Uganda.
- Contributed to evolution of the Plan for Modernization of Agriculture (PMA) and subsequent formation of the National Agricultural Advisory Services (NAADS).
- Under Sasakawa Africa Fund for Extension Education (SAFE), 176 mid-career extension agents have graduated from Makerere University.
- Spear headed formation of Africa Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS) and the Uganda chapter Uganda Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (UFAAS).
- Established and operationalized 13 One Stop Centres (over 10,000 members- 57% women) as access points to multiple services leading to markets.
- Over 50,000 farmers engaged in various commercial enterprises.

- Initiated Development of rural agricultural inputs stockists networks which gave birth to Uganda National Agro-Dealers Association (UNADA) in partnership with USAID-IDEA project and Appropriate Technology (AT)-Uganda.
- Took lead in establishment of community seed multiplication systems on a cost recovery basis.
- Over 441 savings and credit organisations established with farmer groups
- Initiated Farmer-Village Agent / Trader model collaboration with aBi Trust that has increased farmers' access to agriculture inputs and remunerative markets
- Initiated Japanese Oversees Volunteers (JOCVs) scheme and internship program for local and international students.
- Initiated the mobile farmer training / learning & soil testing laboratory to improve on quality and quantity of produce in partnership with K+S GmbH-Germany.



PARTNERS

* MAAIF: Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries
 * JICA: Japan International Cooperation Agency
 * NARO: National Agricultural Research Organization
 * NAADS: National Agricultural Advisory Services
 * Makerere University School of Agriculture and Environment
 * UNFFE: Uganda National Farmers Federation
 * aBi Trust: Agribusiness Initiative Trust
 * IDEA: Investment in Developing Export Agriculture
 * APEP: Agricultural Productivity Enhancement Program
 * Balton Uganda
 * Twiga Chemicals
 * Sunrise Commodities
 * Advent Commodities
 * East African Breweries Ltd

* CIMMYT
 * ICRISAT
 * UNDP
 * USAID
 * WFP
 * Upland Rice Millers
 * NASECO Seeds
 * Victoria Seeds
 * Pearl Seeds
 * Twiga Chemicals
 * Feed the Future



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Sasakawa Africa Association (SAA) is an NGO founded by Mr. Ryoichi Sasakawa, H.E. Jimmy Carter and Dr. Norman Borlaug. In 1996, an MOU was signed between SAA and the Government of Uganda, represented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) with the aim of transferring improved agricultural technologies to improve food security and household incomes. With funding from Nippon Foundation since 1997, SG 2000 has operated in 43 districts, 383 sub counties, mobilized over 300 extension staff, CBFs, reached over 100,000 smallholder households (60% women).

"Take it to the Farmer"

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Vision

A more food-secure Uganda with increasing number of prospering smallholder commercial farmers.

Mission

To transform Uganda's agricultural extension advisory services to ensure greater family food security and more profitable participation in commercial activities along the value chain while respecting natural resources.

SG 2000 – Uganda Program Phases

1997 - 2001:

Focused on crop demonstrations, on-farm research, seed multiplication, Post-harvest handling, animal traction, input delivery, savings and credit.

2001 - 2008:

Focused on Farmer Institution Capacity Building that led to the establishment of One Stop Center Associations (OSCAs), and Enterprise Development on Quality Protein Maize (QPM), New Rice for Africa (NERICA), Legume-pigeon peas, cowpeas, groundnuts and beans, simsim, cassava, sweet potatoes; Postharvest and Agro-processing

2009 - to Date:

The five-year expanded program with a focus on crop productivity enhancement; postharvest handling and Agro-processing; public-private partnerships and market access, extension education; monitoring, evaluation, learning and sharing

PROGRAM THEMES

Theme 1: Crop Productivity Enhancement

Involves setting up of Farmer Learning Platforms (FLPs) which include; Technology Option Plots (TOPs) & Women Assisted Demonstrations (WADs) where recommended agronomic practices, appropriate technologies including fertilizer applications are compared against farmers' practices; Production Test Plots (PTPs)/adopters Seed priming as a strategy to mitigate climate change effects and Community Variety Plots (CVPs) where different varieties are compared under recommended practices to create awareness about new varieties and their performance.

These enable farmers to test, discuss, evaluate and validate the advantages and disadvantages of new technologies under local farming conditions and learning by doing. Community based facilitators (CBFs) complement mainstream government extension services for smallholder farmers' advisory service delivery.

Establishing Farmer Learning Platforms

- * Farmer ownership
- * Farmers participation
- * Women involvement
- * Grass root extension agents
- * Improved income and food security



Theme 2: Postharvest and Agro-processing (PHAP)

Promotes economically viable value-adding postharvest and agro-processing technologies in clearly defined crop value chains with the aim of improving food security, nutrition and incomes of smallholder farmers. The theme focuses on promoting technologies that improve quality and quantity of produce to the required market standards at the same time reduce postharvest losses.

Promoting Value-addition Activities for:

- * Improved product quality
- * Reduced postharvest losses
- * Improved food security and nutrition
- * Improved farmers' incomes
- * Development of PHAP enterprises



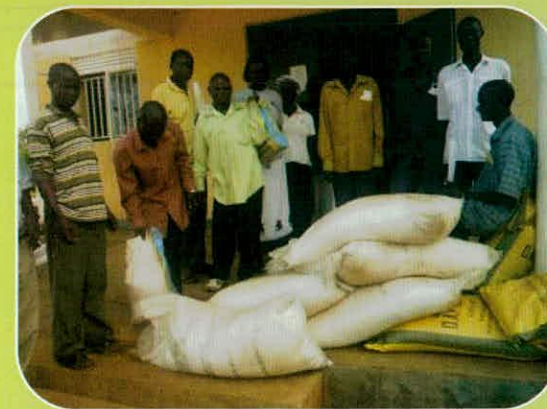
Theme 3: Public-Private Partnerships for extension delivery & Improved Market Access (PPP&MA).

SG2000 Uganda works with various partners and stakeholders that support agriculture at various levels of the value chain. Partnerships harness both human and financial resources for sustainable agricultural development.

The partnerships' aim is to establish viable market linkages for the smallholder farmers and a network of private input dealers, and develop workable business models that allow sustainable agricultural enterprises

Developing Partnerships & Linkages for:

- * Improved farmers' access to agricultural inputs
- * Strengthening of farmer-based organizations for economic empowerment & sustainability.
- * Supporting public and private sector to provide extension services
- * Brokering producers market alliance
- * Promoting financial linkages to key stakeholders



Theme 4: Human Resource Development

Human resource dev't aims to upgrade academic and skills of collaborating extension workers. Sasakawa Africa Fund for Extension Education (SAFE) & SG2000-Uganda through Makerere University, School of Agriculture and Environment has facilitated the early and mid-career extension workers to improve their skills through refresher courses in agriculture extension as well as upgrading to degree levels.

Theme 5 Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning and Sharing

To ensure that SAA is an evidence based organization, MELS is mandated to periodically undertake and also evaluate SG2000-Uganda activities on the ground; assess, document, share lessons learnt and report impacts on smallholder farmers and partners, carry out needs assessments, and baseline surveys in new intervention areas.

A functional MELS system is for

- * Documenting evidence
- * Information exchange with stakeholders
- * Evidence-based decisions for Impact