

ECO-AGRICULTURE-SESAME LIVELIHOODS AND ORGANIC-GREEN BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG RURAL PEOPLE

BACKGROUND

In Uganda's northern region about 80% of the population is unemployed or under-employed in the informal economy, and mostly absorbed by subsistence agriculture. Agriculture remains one of the few growth economic drivers due to the availability of relatively fertile soils, two rainy seasons and high demand for food and other agricultural products in the East African region as well as the growing demand for organic agricultural products. Internationally, sesame seeds demand is growing fast in recent years, sowing sesame as a major potential agricultural market. Sesame seeds production in Uganda grew by 78% between 2002 and 2012. However the productivity of sesame remains low due to the lack of information on improved production practices, market intelligence, value addition, bad post-harvest handling and demands on quality and standards in different markets among other reasons.

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PARTNER:
PLAN INTERNATIONAL-
SPAIN WITH FILIAL OFFICE
IN UGANDA

LOCATION:
Uganda

 **Budget**
\$194,411.20

 **Timeline**
36 Months

OBJECTIVES

The project aims to contribute to change consumption management to reduce the negative environmental impact in the north area of Uganda. It will contribute to increase Livelihoods opportunities for sesame-farmers mainly women and youth through to access to eco-agriculture production and green economy inclusion. The project will also contribute to strengthening of cross-border collaboration and regional integration in a market perspective.

ACTIONS

- » Conduct training needs assessment and multistakeholders workshops at national level
- » Conduct training workshops to equip leaders and members of youth-based farmer organisations with the necessary insights into multi-sector policy issues and processes.
- » Technical assistance to develop better policies and plans.
- » Develop platform for the various networks and build tools resources and database on vital information in agri-business.
- » Conduct studies to identify local resources and promote renewable energy technologies suitable for various eco-farming activities.
- » Mobilize communities and Conduct dissemination activities.