

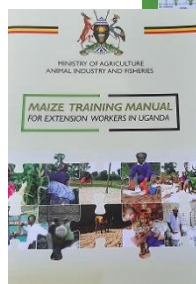
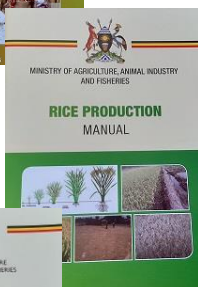
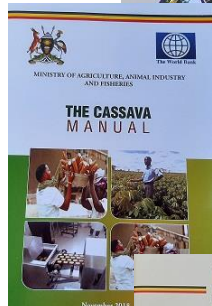
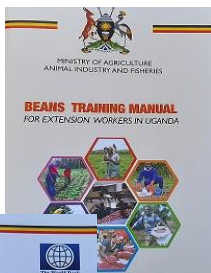


THE AGRICULTURE CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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NEW PUBLICATIONS



Farmer Enrolment Status under e-Subsidy

The Agriculture Cluster Development Project is implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries with support from the World Bank, financed by the International Development Assistance to a tune of US\$ 150 million.

The Project Development Objective is to raise on-farm productivity, production, and marketable volumes of selected agricultural commodities of maize, beans, rice, cassava and coffee, in twelve geographic clusters in 42 districts (now 57 districts as a result of creation of new districts, as of 2019). The Project is in its 34th Month of implementation since it was declared effective on January, 2017. The subsidy programme was launched in November, 2018 and piloted in 5 clusters (1, 2, 6, 11 & 12; one district each (Kalungu, Iganga, Amuru, Ntungamo and Nebbi).

The implementation was rolled out to the pilot rollout districts in January 2019. From September, the project was rollout out to all the remaining seven



A comparison of Mr Bubwone John, an ACDP farmer's maize garden(left) with an adjacent non-ACDP Maize garden(right)- Iganga district.

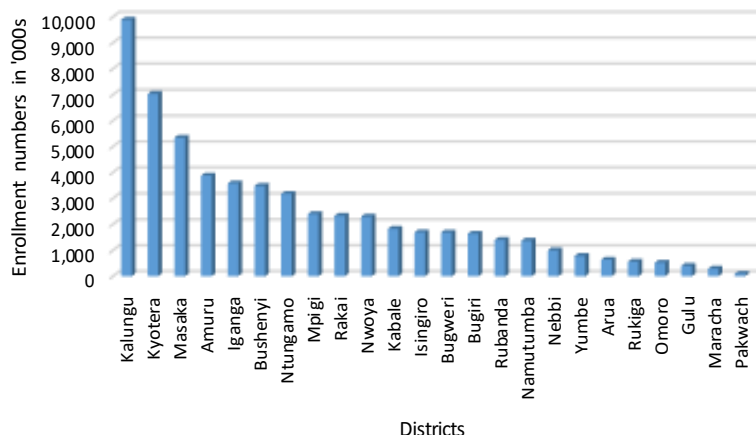
clusters. Since the project inception, a number of achievements have been registered. Some of the indicators for performance are the number of registered and enrolled farmers in the e-Subsidy program, number of farmers who have received subsidized inputs, applied/are using them and moved from one cropping cycle to the next. Under this system, districts register and enroll farmers, while the private sector provides subsidized inputs to beneficiary farmers. By December 2019, the total number of farmers enrolled into the e-voucher system had increased from 13,859 farmers (May 2019) to 57,215 farmers (33,719 males and 23,496 females). Cluster One, Kalungu had the highest number of enrolled farmers, while Nebbi Cluster 12, had the lowest enrollment.



Sensitization session by ACDP/MAAIF Team together with district officials in one of the roll out districts

The high number of enrolment in Kalungu Cluster, is attributed to the fact that farmer organizations in this cluster are highly organized with a developed value chain therefore the farmers are in a better position to contribute to

Graph showing farmer enrollment status to date



In December 2019, the project rolled out to the last seven clusters covering 34 more districts that included, Tororo, Pallisa, Butebo, Butaleja, Kapchorwa, Bukwo, Mbale, Soroti, Serere, Kumi, Kabarole, Bunyangabu, Lira Kamwenge, Kitagwenda, Kasese, Kyenjojo, Kyegegwa, Mubende, Kasanda, Kibaale, Kagadi, Apac, Kwanja, Kole, Oyam, Dokolo, Hoima, Kikuube, Masindi and Kiryandongo.

The number of registered and enrolled farmers is expected to shoot up with the additional roll out districts.

Beneficiary stories

The core beneficiaries of ACDP are small holder farmers and other value chain actors at the local, district and national levels. The project is expected to benefit 450,000 farm households, translating to over 2.2 million Ugandans. To benefit, a farmer should be a member of a registered association or cooperative, be a Ugandan in possession of a valid National Identify card, be willing to commit at least one acre of land for a project commodity and must be willing to co-fund purchase of inputs.

In the first season, a farmer contributes 33% towards the cost of inputs while government contributes 67%; second season the contribution is 50:50 and in third season, the farmer contributes 67% and the project 33%. It is expected that by the fourth season, the farmer will have matured to take up the full cost of inputs.

Speaking to Mugume Joram a bean farmer from Kisenyi Village, Rutembe Sub County, Ntungamo, he narrated that, *"I expect to harvest 60 tons of beans, from one acre this season, but I still face challenges of market, middle men buy on the farm at very low prices yet I put in a lot of time and money"*.



A bean farmer Ntungamo district after application of fertilizers to his crop. Photo credits: Abenaitwe Nicholas- Ntungamo Cluster

As farmers begin to realize higher yields, markets are still a challenge. However, the Chief Administrative Officer, Ntungamo, Ms Nyakito Joanita said, *"there is a ready market for beans from Rwanda, in addition with the good road network buyers came from all over the country to buy our beans because of the good quality"*.

This indicates that, there is need to capitalize on the existing market and create linkages between the farmers and buyers.

Beneficiary stories continued.....

Under the e-Subsidy program, the majority of farmers now harvest over 600kgs of beans per acre compared to when they used to harvest 400kgs per acre before joining the program. For coffee 10kgs per tree is now harvested.

Ssentongo, a coffee farmer from Kigasa village, Kyamulibwa Sub-County in Kalungu District, revealed that he received fertilizers which he applied in his coffee garden and expects to get approximately 12kgs per tree

for this season. He however, noted that the e-Voucher system sometimes has network challenges. Farmers can pay in time and but there are delays in receiving the inputs. One of the reasons he suggested was due to the monopoly by some suppliers which in turn causes delays in delivery of inputs. Ssentongo says that in his village, farmers no longer dry coffee on the ground, but use tarpaulins. This has enabled them to produce clean coffee free of Aflatoxins.



Mr Ssentongo displaying his sorted coffee during the Kalungu NRM achievements day, 24th October, 2019

“With support from the ACDP Match making grant, we expect to receive over three billion shilling Uganda shillings that will be used to construct a coffee processing store.”

Ssentongo, Kyamulibwa Sub-County in Kalungu District

NEWS IN BRIEF

New State Ministers appointed to the Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries

January 6th, 2020: The Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries officially welcomed newly appointed Ministers, Hon. Aggrey Bagire the State Minister for Agriculture, Hon. Adoa Hellen the State Minister for Fisheries and Hon. Bright Rwamirama the state Minister for Animal Industry. [Read More](#)

ACDP rolls out to 34 districts



Hon. Minister of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries Mr. Vincent Ssempiija during sensitization at Open Gate FM, Mbale district. Photo credits: Rachael Ayebare

In 2017, ACDP initial roll out was to five pilot districts of Amuru, Ntungamo, Nebbi, Iganga and Kalungu. The first roll out to 18 districts took place in the mid-2019, This was followed closely by the second roll out to 34 districts at the end of 2019.

[Read more](#)

ACDP holds a Stakeholders' Geographical Information Systems workshop



ACDP GIS Specialist speaking at the Workshop. Photo Credits: Solomon Kalema

ACDP held a stakeholder's consultative workshop to; assess the availability of GIS data; assess the data needs if the different MAAIF sub-sectors; create a common understanding of GIS principles and assess capacity to use GIS techniques.

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Mrs Mwanje expecting a bumper coffee harvest. Photo Credits: Ntungamo Cluster

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Career news: MAAIF/ACDP at the 70th Makerere University graduation ceremony

The Ministry was well represented at the 70th Makerere University graduation ceremony with two Doctorates from the College of Agricultural and Environmental sciences; three Masters of Statistics from the college of Business and Management Sciences and One Master's of Science in Environment and Natural Resources. Congratulations to all the Graduands!! ☀



Dr Henry Nakelet Opolot, ACDP Project Coordinator graduated with a Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Agricultural and Rural Innovations. His study was on Unravelling critical factors for a responsive university- farming community engagement in Uganda: insights from two outreach projects at the school of Agricultural Sciences.



Dr Janet Cox Achora ACDP Communication and Knowledge Management Specialist, graduated with a Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Agricultural and Rural Innovations. Her study was on the Use of Information and Communication Technologies in Conservation Agriculture knowledge pathways among small holder farmers in Machakos and Laikipia counties, Kenya.



Mr Sunday Godfrey, Mr Mpungu Amos and Mr Kayongo Steven (Senior Statisticians), graduated with Masters of Statistics.



Mr Opio Joseph, a Senior Entomologist graduated with a Masters of Science in Environment and Natural Resources.

Upcoming Events

February 2020

Proof of Concept for Winning
Solutions for DATs Challenge
3-5 February, Munyonyo.

Training of field workers from the
Coffee clusters on ISFM and
Sustainable Land Management
Technologies.

- ☛ Kampala, 10th -14th February
- ☛ Soroti 16th -21st February
- ☛ Fort-Portal 23rd -28th February

Launch of the Cluster Multi-stakeholder
platforms in the roll out districts

Farmer registration and enrolment ongoing in
all ACDP districts

March 2020

Regional Cluster Review meetings

Project Steering Committee meetings

Project Technical Committee meetings

Sustainable Land Management write-shop