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A-GRIP THE AGRICULTURAL GOVERNANCE RESULTS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN UGANDA

PROJECT BACKGROUND

In May 2023, Cordaid conducted a comprehensive research study across four regions - Rwenzori, Kigezi, Busoga, and Elgon - to understand the complex Agri-food and Land tenure challenges faced by smallholder farmers, which hinder the extension of essential services. The research engaged representatives from key stakeholders, including District Production & Marketing (DPM) departments, Environment and Natural Resources (ENR), and Governance services.

The findings of this research informed the design of the Agricultural Governance Results Improvement Project (A-GRIP), a five-year initiative, funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Uganda. A-GRIP aims to improve the production and income of smallholder farmers by enhancing public service delivery (access and quality) in agricultural services.

A-GRIP utilises the results-based financing (RBF) principle- a system approach aimed at strengthening the existing government systems and structures through payment of financial rewards based on performance of contracted parties against agreed indicators with clear pre-defined results/outputs.

OVERARCHING OBJECTIVE

“Strengthened, food secure and resilient farming systems through increased accessibility, availability and quality of land tenure security, agriculture and food security services in 16 selected districts of the Busoga, Elgon, Kigezi, Lango, and Rwenzori regions in Uganda.”

OUTCOME AREAS

- Increased formal and equitable land ownership under customary law (Certificate of Customary Ownership – CCOs) especially for the most vulnerable populations.
- Increased sustainable agricultural smallholder farmers production by enhanced take-up of effective, quality and equitable agricultural food production and natural resources management services.
- Strengthened regulation and enabling policies for better agricultural and food security sector performance to match SHFs' and communities' needs.
- General good governance and management at district level in support of improved performance by the DPM, ENR.

A-GRIP AT A GLANCE



Funded and supported by:

Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands

Implementation:

Cordaid in collaboration with ZOA

Duration:

November, 2023 - October 2028

Budget:

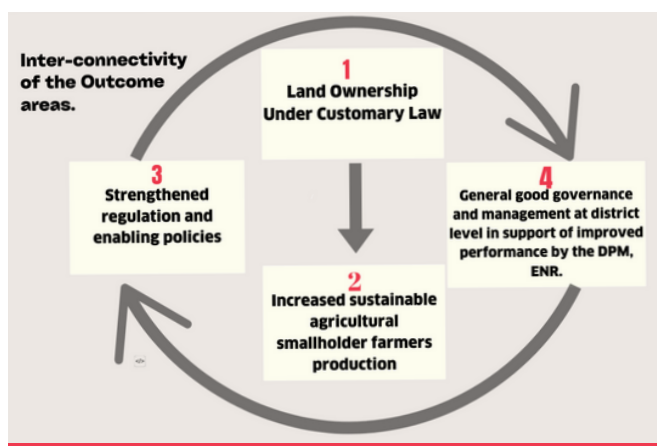
Euro 27,839,341

Location:

16 Districts, 196 Sub Counties

RELEVANT SDGs





The project will use the RBF approach to address the identified root causes and ultimately achieve strengthened and resilient farming systems through:

- 400,000 CCOs issued in 5 years;
- Increased sustainable agricultural production by SHF by realising a minimum 40% increase in delivery of extension services, aiming at 70% execution of annual plans versus an assumed baseline of 50%.
- Improvement in the inclusivity, quality, implementation, facilitation and enforcement of regulatory frameworks;
- 40% increase in budget availability for DPM, ENR and CAO across project period.

PROJECT SCOPE AND TARGET

A-GRIP is implemented in 16 districts across 5 regions: Busoga, Elgon, Kigezi, Lango and Rwenzori.

- 400,000 Certificates of Customary Ownership (CCO's) issued
- 48 contracts signed with district departments; District Production and Marketing (DPM), Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).
- 16 community-based organisations (CBOs) to support the project in conducting the clients' satisfaction surveys designed to complement the RBF verifications and ultimately increase accountability of local government (LG) to the public.
- Physical Planning Committees, check the work of the Area Land Committees, especially the maps and parcels of land demarcated.
- 500,000 directly reached (246,000 through EKN funded projects and 254,000 in out-scaling);
- 196 sub counties from the five regions.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS

- Cordaid leads the A-GRIP Consortium
- ZOA and Global Land Tool Network (GLTN), lead capacity building component
- GIZ, facilitate creation of master trainers & training toolbox
- Ministry of Land, Housing and Urban Development (MLHUD), oversees policy framework, quality assurance, & printing of certificates of customary ownership
- District Local Governments, provide technical support and directly implement project activities through provision of extension services for SHF and certificates of customary ownership from application to issuance
- Ministry of Agriculture, Animal, Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF)
- Ministry of Local Government (MoLG)
- EKN Funded Projects: BRIGHT, CommonGround, HortiMap, Include

ABOUT CORDAID

Cordaid works to end poverty and exclusion. We do this in fragile and conflict-affected areas in the world as well as in the Netherlands. We engage communities to rebuild trust and resilience and increase people's self-reliance.

Our professionals create opportunities to improve security, health care, food, and education. We also stimulate inclusive economic growth and offer humanitarian assistance when a disaster strikes.

We are supported by over 250,000 private donors in the Netherlands and a worldwide partner and funding network. Cordaid is a member of Caritas Internationalis, and founding member of CIDSE and ACT Alliance. As of 1 January 2021, Cordaid and ICCO joined forces.

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