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TANZANIA

CAPACITY BUILDING IN AGRICULTURE

The Tanzanian government has developed ambitious policy priorities to achieve economic growth and implement climate-smart approaches in the agriculture sector. However, the government and producers need technical assistance to achieve these goals and improve links between science, policy, and implementation.

Implemented in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Capacity Building in Agriculture activity supports the government of Tanzania to improve data collection and information dissemination, and connect key actors in the agricultural sector to develop income-generating activities for smallholder farmers.

The activity provides a range of technical assistance programs in Tanzania, collaborating with national and local governments to address the most pressing challenges for the growing agriculture sector.

- USDA provides training and mentorship to the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA), the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries (MLF), the Zanzibar Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources, Livestock and Fisheries, and the National Bureau of Statistics to collect and analyze data, formulate policy, and implement programs to improve food security.
- USDA's National Agriculture Statistics Service supports the National Bureau of Statistics to improve market intelligence. NASS supported the publication of the Census of Agriculture and three Annual Agricultural Sample Surveys, which provides relevant and accurate data to the MOA and MLF to develop policy and for informed market decisions.
- USDA partner PELUM supports the National Land Use Planning Commission's goal to increase land tenure security and inclusive economic growth across Tanzania by enhancing village land tenure security in 10 pilot villages in the Iringa Region.

Private Sector Growth: Private sector engagement is an essential component to the success of this activity. Capacity Building in Agriculture supports the Tanzania Horticulture Association (TAHA), a private sector member-based organization advocating for the growth and competitiveness of the horticulture industry. The activity also supports the Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT Centre Ltd.)) to mobilize investments and lead policy advocacy efforts to benefit the agricultural sector and climate-smart initiatives. SAGCOT also fosters partnership among agro-industries across nine value chains in the Southern Highlands.

Resilient Agriculture: The Government of Tanzania has ambitious policies to improve the resilience of the agricultural sector to climate change and other development challenges. USDA and the Ministries of Agriculture in mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar, in partnership with IITA, the World Agroforestry Center, and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, have identified several key capacity building areas:

- Collecting data on the climate-smartness of various agriculture practices
- Prioritizing resilient agricultural practices for specific regions
- Demonstrating and disseminating information on best practices
- Improving the forecasting and collection of agrometeorological information (weather and climate data) for use by local farmers to improve production

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DURATION

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ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

National

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RESULTS

U.S. Government assistance has helped achieve the following results:

- USDA and IITA lead the effort to create, register, license and commercialize Aflasafe TZ, the first biological control product registered by the Government of Tanzania and the only product proven to effectively combat aflatoxin contamination in key staple crops. A private sector company has now invested in the commercialization, production, and distribution of Aflasafe.
- Over 30,000 individuals in the agriculture sector have received short-term productivity or food security training.
- Over 12,000 farmers have applied improved agriculture technologies or management practices such as improved seeds, planting techniques, and pest management.
- Approximately 7,000 hectares of land are under improved technologies or management practices.
- Over 2,500 people are using climate information or implementing risk reducing actions to improve resilient agriculture.