

THE AGRICULTURE CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

This project involves the integration of government and donor agencies interventions—such as provision of microfinance loans, farm mechanization, free seeds and fertilizers, and market support—to groups of organized farmers who have pulled their small holder farms together.

Agriculture Cluster Development



MAIN OBJECTIVE

The main objective of the project is to enhance value addition and market access, by supporting farmer organisations to improve post-harvest handling and processing, and enhance rural farms access e.g. roads critical for the movement of farm produce to markets.

It aims to empower stakeholders to reduce production costs, gain more benefits from the agriculture value chain, and direct interventions to achieve economies of scale.

Project Development Objective

To raise on-farm productivity, production, and marketable volumes of selected agricultural commodities.

The project is hinged on the following components:

Support for Intensification of On-Farm Production

- Capacity Building for Target Beneficiaries
- Support development of Agricultural Input markets

AGRICULTURE CLUSTERS

Cluster Means:

- Concentration of units producing similar products and facing similar threats and opportunities in a particular Location & sharing Common Infrastructure



Value Addition and Market Access

- Capacity Building for Producer Organizations and microfinance skims
- Warehousing,
- Value addition and Marketing
- Farm Accessibility (Roads networks)

Policy, Regulatory and Institutional Support

- Policy and Regulatory Functions
- Agricultural irrigation Management Investments
- Agricultural Statistics
- Crop dieses Management

Coordination and Management, and ICT Platform

- National, Cluster and District Coordination
- Monitoring and Evaluation

- Impact Evaluation
- Web-based, Geo-tagged ICT Platforms.

Eligibility:

To benefit from this project farmers should be:

1. Members of the Farmers Pride International in their country
2. A registered farmer association/cooperative.
3. Willing to contribute land for the project
4. Be a member of a microfinance credit scheme to support and co-fund purchase of inputs.