

Sector **Agriculture**
Sub Sector **Crops**
Code: 0080
Title: Cotton Sub Sector-CDO
Implementing agency: MAAIF
Location: Cotton growing districts

Total Plan Exp US \$ 7.702 million
Funds Secured US \$ 7.702 million
Funding gap Nil
Start Date: 2001
Completion Date: 2006

Back ground:

In September, 2001 under the initiative of His Excellency the President of Uganda the Strategic Government Intervention for Promoting Production, Processing and Marketing of selected Export Commodities was approved by Cabinet. Cotton is one of these export commodities.

Objective:

The main objective of the Intervention was to increase cotton production from 100,000 bales to one million bales annually through the transformation of the current small scale system of production to medium and large scale systems of production.

Under this Strategic Intervention, the Cotton Sub-sector, under the lead role of Cotton Development Organization (CDO), is implementing six components namely:

- Procurement of seed for planting,
- Procurement of three seed delinting and grading machines,
- Research and seed breeding
- Facilitation of Field Extension Workers
- Mobilization and sensitization of farmers and other stakeholders
- Research study on relevant irrigation systems for cotton production.

Expected outputs

Cotton seeds procured, treated, packed and distributed to cotton farmers
 Established cotton acreage planted
 Increased processing capacity
 Establishment of 4 pilot irrigation schemes.
 Improved extension service delivery
 Ginners Production Promotion activities monitored and audited

Performance Indicators

- No. of seeds procured, treated, packed and distributed to farmers
- No. of seed delinting and grading machines procured and installed
- No. of research and seed breeding undertaken
- No. of Field Extension Workers
- No. of farmers mobilized and sensitized
- Research study on relevant irrigation systems for cotton production.

Achievements

10,800 MT of seed were procured, treated, and distributed to cotton farmers.

An estimated 400,000 acres were planted with cotton.

Cotton farmers earned U.Shs 45 billion during the 2004/05 financial year
 The country earned US \$ 34 million from lint export

Cotton production estimates for the 2004/05 was 240,000 bales representing a 52% increase compared to 158, 000 bales in the previous season.

A total of 4,060 MT of seed was de-linted.

Financing

The project is financed by GOU. The GOU funding amounts to US \$ 5.205 million (including arrears) for FY 2005/06.

Plan of Operation

Establishment of acreage planted and estimation of production. Production projection for 2005/06 is 450,000 bales.

In collaboration with the Ginners' extension network, register all cotton farmers in all cotton districts and thus verify acreage and authenticity of existing data.

Procurement, treatment & distribution of 8,500 metric tonnes of cotton seed for planting in the 2005/06 season

Provision of price subsidy

Payments of domestic arrears of U.Shs 4.5 billions to the credit suppliers

Monitor & supervise extension service delivery to cotton farmers

Conduct sensitization workshops for stakeholders.

In collaboration with Agriculture Productivity Enhancement Program (APEP), establish demonstration plot for farmer training.