

### Project Profile

Sector	Agriculture
Sub Sector	Crops
Code:	0104
Title:	Support for Tea/ Cocoa Seedlings
Implementing agency:	MAAIF
Location:	Kabarole, Kyenjojo, Hoima, Kibaale, Mubende, Masaka, Mukono Bushenyi, Kanungu
Total Plan Exp	US \$ 2.014 million
Funds Secured	US \$ 2.014 million
Funding gap	Nil
Start Date:	2001
Completion Date:	2006

#### Tea Component

##### Background:

Tea is one of the most important traditional cash crops in the country whose unexploited potential is still high. During the 1970s and early 1980s like any sector of the economy tea suffered abandonment and therefore a decline. However during the 1990s the declining trend was reversed as owners repossessed their estates and started rehabilitation in addition to assistance from EU to the small holder sub-sector that helped tremendously the rehabilitation of the small holder tea gardens. The exports as a result have increased to 34,068 M. tons during 2003 compared to 1,254 M. tons during 1985. Export earnings from tea have also increased to over US\$ 42 million during 2003 and the sub-sector has created substantial employment in the tea producing districts as well as to the blenders and packers. The growth of the sub-sector is expected to continue with the increasing investments being experienced. Moreover, the participation of the private sector in tea production has taken an intensive trend in investment. At the moment the major players in the sub-sector are the small holder tea growers who own 52% of the national acreage. However, the small holders are faced with many problems such as low yields and weak management of the factories. Although faced with such constraints the small holder sub-sector has a high potential for expansion due to the fact that they own much of the unexploited potential land.

The problem of low yields and quality was tackled in the Strategic Intervention program through importation of high yielding clonal tea varieties to establish tea mother gardens in various tea producing districts. Through the same Strategic Intervention program, tea nursery operators were assisted to raise proven and high yielding clonal tea plantlets which were in turn bought and distributed free of charge to the small holders.

##### Objectives:

- The objectives of the Project are to: -
- Ensure that the remaining abandoned tea gardens are all rehabilitated;
- Ensure availability of high yielding tea planting materials;
- Monitoring and evaluation activities in the tea sub-sector;
- Preparing work plans and budget; and
- Designing a Tea Development Policy.

##### Expected output

- Procurement of the elite tea planting materials
- Establishment of mother gardens and private nurseries in the tea growing districts
- Sensitized and skilled farmers in tea growing districts
- Procurement of elite seedlings for distribution to farmers
- Monitoring seed distribution and new plantings

#### Performance Indicators:

- No. of high yielding tea planting materials procured and distributed to farmers;
- No. of small holder tea farmers and staff trained;
- Quarterly Monitoring Reports on the performance of the smallholder tea sub-sector in respect of made tea and green leaf production by the tea factories and smallholder farmers;
- Issues Report regarding completion of tea factories at Mityana, Kyenjojo and Buhweju;
- No. of study tours undertaken;

#### Achievements

Farmers continued to maintain the tea gardens rehabilitated since 2002/03 and green leaf production has increased.

A total of 2.9 million tea plantlets distributed

4 smallholder factories are already expanding the processing facilities to cater for the increasing green leaf volumes

2 training workshops conducted

Increased production of green leaf. Highest recorded was 9.453.175kgs in the Kayonza Tea Factory.

Final draft of a Tea Development Policy and Cabinet Memo on the Tea Policy produced

#### Plan of Operation

- Rehabilitation of 50ha of abandoned tea gardens
  - Reduce the stock of arrears on tea seedlings
  - Continue Monitoring tea development activities, inspection and certification of nurseries etc
  - Carry out staff and farmer training, 4 training courses planned.
- Continue interaction with other tea stakeholders especially the private sector
- Finalize and operationalize the Tea Development policy.

#### Cocoa Component

##### Background.

Cocoa is regarded as a high profile, environmentally friendly crop that does well in Robusta coffee growing areas. There are studies that have ranked cocoa high in profitability to the farmer in line with the traditional export crops. It is upon this background that MAAIF is promoting cocoa production for poverty eradication, diversification in areas where coffee is affected by the coffee wilt disease, and foreign export earnings for the country.

##### Objectives

- To increase cocoa production in the traditional cocoa growing districts.
- To increase incomes for the farmer thus eradicating poverty.
- To contribute to the diversification of the export bases and hence increase foreign exchange earnings of Uganda.

##### Expected Outputs

Cocoa inspection and quality assurance

Mobilization and sensitization of farmers

Training of farmers, private nursery operators and staff

Establishment of demonstration sites and nurseries

To issue out elite cocoa seed to all private and demonstration cocoa nurseries

Cocoa seedlings to be distributed to farmers, from the contracted private cocoa nurseries

##### Performance Indicators

- Quantities of cocoa beans inspected
- No. of farmers trained
- No. of farmers mobilized
- No. of demonstration nurseries and sites
- No. of seedlings procured and distributed

**Achievements**

3,595 metric tons of cocoa were inspected for quality and graded  
 A total of 1300 farmers mobilised and sensitized on cocoa growing  
 25 trainers and 30 private nursery operators were trained.  
 20 demo nurseries and 6 demo sites established  
 A total of 1.000.000 million cocoa seedlings were procured and distributed to farmers.

**Plan of Operation**

To inspect 4700 m/tons for quality assurance  
 To mobilise and sensitise 1500 farmers  
 To train 25 trainers and 30 private nursery operators  
 Establish 20 demo nurseries and 6 demo sites  
 Seed will be issued out to 32 private cocoa nurseries and 20 demo nurseries  
 To procure and distribute 1.000.000 cocoa seedlings free to farmers for planting

**Financing**

The project is financed by GOU. The GOU funding amounts to US \$ 0.844 million for the FY 2005/06 for both tea and cocoa activities.

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Agriculture</b>
<b>Sub Sector</b>	Crops
<b>Code:</b>	0080
<b>Title:</b>	Cotton Sub Sector-CDO
<b>Implementing agency:</b>	MAAIF
<b>Location:</b>	Cotton growing districts

<b>Total Plan Exp</b>	US \$ 7.702 million
<b>Funds Secured</b>	US \$ 7.702 million
<b>Funding gap</b>	Nil
<b>Start Date:</b>	2001
<b>Completion Date:</b>	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**