

PROJECT PROFILE:

Sector Local Government Sector  
 Sub-sector District Development  
 Code 0107  
 Title Household Agricultural Support Programme (HASP)  
 Executing Agency Ministry of Local Government  
 Implementing Agency Districts.  
 Location Masaka, Rakai, Kabarole, Kyenjojo, Pallisa & Tororo.  
 Donor: Danida  
 Total Plan Exp. US\$ 6.60m  
 Funds Secured US\$ 1.8740m  
 Start Date 1998  
 Completion Date 2008

Introduction:

The Agricultural Sector Programme Support (ASPS) is a long term (15-20years) agreed upon by the GOU and the Kingdom of Denmark which through Danida, has availed US \$ 50m to support this sector. The main aim of the programme is to increase income from farming, with special focus on poverty reduction and improved food security especially at household level. The components include:

1. Agricultural Education Component (AEC) implemented through MOE&S
2. District Agricultural Training and Information Centres (DATICs) through DFIs
3. Livestock Systems Research Programme (LSRP) implemented through NARO.
4. Household Agricultural Support Programme (HASP) implemented in LGs
5. Support to Farmers Organisations (UNFA).
6. Support to MAAIF.
7. Rural Financial Services Component implemented through BOU.

Background:

Household Agricultural Support Programme is one of the 7 components of the Agricultural Sector Programme Support. and is implemented in the Districts with co-ordination by Ministry of Local Government. The target groups are the households engaged mainly in subsistence farming. These are the poor but economically active small farmers with special attention to female-headed households.

Objectives:

1. The Overall objective is to improve food security and household incomes of the poor farmers through primary production.
2. The immediate objective are to contribute to increased incomes among groups and individual households from primary production, storage, processing and marketing.

Expected Outputs:

- i. Service delivery and sustainability of improved services.
- ii. Improved knowledge and skills among Agricultural support organizations.
- iii. Diversified primary production
- iv. Improved farm productivity and production capacity
- v. Credit for production purposes accessed by rural primary producers/processors.
- vi. Credit accessed by secondary actors from selected financial institutions and banks to support HASP related activities.
- vii. Farm level seed and stock multiplication expanded.
- viii. Capacity of produce primary processing and marketing increased.
- ix. Co-ordination implementation established at the centre and in the districts within the decentralised framework.

Financing:

GOU has made a budget provision of Sh.25.00m for the FY 2004/2005 and a non-VAT tax provision of Shs. 50.00m. The donor component is US \$ 1.8740m.

Plan of operation:

The activities are to be implemented by the Districts and sub counties. The National Co-ordination Unit based in the Ministry of Local Government will disburse the funds, co-ordinate and provide technical support to the implementers at the Districts.

- Holding Stakeholders workshops.
- General mobilisation and implementation.
- Holding Steering Committee meetings.

Financing:

IFAD and ADB will provide 90% of the agreed eligible costs and GOU and the beneficiary Local Governments will provide the balance. GOU met its obligation of US \$ 23,000 up front on the project account in the first year of the programme (2002/03) as a condition for effectiveness of the loan agreement. The GOU budget provision for the FY 2005/2006 is Shs. 50m

Plan of operation:

The programme is being implemented by Local Governments and co-ordinated by MOLG.