

PROJECT PROFILE

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| <u>Sector</u>              | Agriculture                        |
| <u>Sub-sector</u>          | Crops                              |
| <u>Code</u>                | AG 01(D&E)                         |
| <u>Title</u>               | Support to UCDA, Coffee Seedlings. |
| <u>Implementing Agency</u> | NARO, UCDA                         |
| <u>Location</u>            | Various                            |
| <u>Total Plan Exp.</u>     | US\$3.52m                          |
| <u>Funds Secured</u>       | US\$3.52m                          |
| <u>Funding Gap</u>         | Nil                                |
| <u>Start Date</u>          | 2000                               |
| <u>Completion Date</u>     | Unknown                            |

Background

Following the coffee sub-sector liberalisation in 1991, a number of reviews/studies were conducted with the aim of assessing progress of reforms and identifying constraints in the sub-sector. One such review focused on coffee research extension activities and coffee nurseries. A major recommendation of these studies/reviews was that the Coffee Research Programme under NARO be upgraded to a Coffee Research Centre (COREC) and that funding for coffee research be gradually met by the private sector.

Objectives:

- (i) To improve the effectiveness of coffee research in contributing to increased productivity and quality of coffee.
- (ii) To increase household incomes.
- (iii) To increase national foreign exchange earnings.

Expected Output(s)

- Develop a highly production and quality coffee sub-sector
- increased yield/Ha

Performance Indicator[s]

- Number of improved/clean coffee plant seedlings passed over to farmers annually
- Number of experimental coffee plots rehabilitated annually
- Number of training programmes conducted for both the staff and farmers

Technical Description

AG 01 (D) UCDA: Support to Uganda Coffee Development Authority (UCDA) for purchase of coffee seedlings resistant to the coffee wilt disease: for the replanting programme in light of the problems the industry has faced. In addition, expansion and introduction of Arabica Coffee will be done in new highland areas of Kapchorwa, Kabale and Kisoro Districts: as well as extending coffee production to Northern Uganda.

AG 01 (E) Management of Coffee Wilt Disease: Research will be conducted in Agronomy, breeding, pathology, entomology, soils and social-economics on the coffee farming systems. A small research programme will be conducted on selected tree crops: namely: cocoa, oil palm and tea.

Progress Report

Provision of elite coffee planting materials to farmers both as clones and seed for robusta and arabica types of coffee was intensified by setting up private nurseries.

Feasibility Study

Several reviews/studies were conducted by GoU and donors, after the 1991 liberalisation of the coffee sub-sector, from which valuable information/data was obtained.

Financing

The project is financed by EU and GoU. Part of the coffee cess collected through UCDA will also be used to finance coffee research. GoU included US \$2.800 m for FY 2002/03 for coffee seedlings, coffee research, procurement of 16 wet processing machines and market promotion. The Donor (European Union) will provide US \$ 0.6705m for the Management of Coffee Wilt Disease for the FY 2002/03 under NARO.

Plan of Operation

The project will:

- plant new coffee experimental plots.
- carry out detailed research on coffee wilt disease (tracheomyces).
- intensify efforts to produce clean planting materials.
- collaborate with MAAIF in developing research on cocoa and oil palm.
- Train staff both locally and abroad.
- Rehabilitate residential houses and the utilities system.
- rehabilitate the mechanical workshop and construct a greenhouse/screen house.
- Finance a replanting programme for clonal coffee as well new plantings for Arabica Coffee; and in Northern Uganda.