

PROJECT PROFILE

<u>Sector</u>	Agriculture
<u>Sub-sector</u>	Crops
<u>Code</u>	AG 25(A&B)
<u>Title</u>	Cocoa Development Project
<u>Implementing Agency</u>	Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry & Fisheries
<u>Location</u>	Nationwide
<u>Total Plan Exp.</u>	US\$ 0.81m
<u>Funds Secured</u>	US\$ 0.55m
<u>Funding Gap</u>	US\$ 0.26m
<u>Start Date</u>	1997
<u>Completion date</u>	2005

Background

Uganda's exports have for many years largely depended on coffee for her foreign exchange earnings. This however, is gradually being revised and Government is therefore determined to diversify the export mix. Cocoa has been identified as one of the crops with high potential for successful penetration in the World Market. Cocoa has had a long history of over 80 years in Uganda although for all the years the cocoa industry experienced various bottlenecks ranging from production, processing, marketing and quality control.

Objectives

- (i) To revive and promote cocoa production.
- (ii) Increase peoples' incomes
- (iii) Contribute to the diversification of exports.

Expected Outputs

- Damage inflicted on the crops by Pests diseases and vermin checked and subsequent losses to the farmers reduced.
- Cocoa nursery operators trained and equipped with skills in Cocoa nursery establishment and management.
- Cocoa exporters, local dealers, ware house managers and attendants trained in quality handling, grading, sorting and storage.
- Cocoa exporters and agents trained in cocoa export procedures.

Performance Indicator(s)

- Number of extension workers trained
- No of demonstration nurseries raised
- No of cocoa seedlings purchased and distributed.

Technical Description

Key project components include the following:

- i) In field training of cocoa development project staff in all aspects of cocoa production and the upgrading of their extension abilities to transmit their technical knowledge effectively to cocoa producers
- ii) Demonstrations of on-farm processing of cocoa and identification of insect pests and their control.
- iii) Establishment of cocoa nurseries for cocoa expansion
- iv) Training of farmers, cocoa exporters and agents.

Financing

The project is financed by USAID through ADC/IDEA project to the tune of US\$1.594m and GoU is to fund local costs determined annually based on annual work plans. For the FY 2001/02 GoU is to provide US\$ 0.209m, while USAID will provide US\$ 0.050m.

Plan of Operation

The project is implemented by Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries. A Co-ordination Unit is responsible for the day to day running of the project. The activities of the project will be carried out in the following sequence:

- Training of trainers in all aspects of cocoa production.
- Introduction of improved cocoa planting materials.
- Opening of more cocoa nurseries.
- Training of farmers, cocoa exporters and their agents.