

PROJECT PROFILE

<u>Sector</u>	Agriculture
<u>Subsector</u>	Crops
<u>Code</u>	AG 57(A)
<u>Title</u>	Agricultural Extension & Training Institutes project
<u>Implementing Agency</u>	Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry & Fisheries
<u>Location</u>	Masaka, Mpigi, Mukono and Luwero
<u>Total Plan Exp.</u>	US\$ 7.70m
<u>Funds Secured</u>	US\$ 7.39m
<u>Funding Gap</u>	US\$ 0.31m
<u>Start Date</u>	1998/99
<u>Completion Date</u>	Unknown

Background

The current economic programme of the Government stresses diversification of export crops. To achieve this policy, it is essential to provide an effective extension and training service. This is especially important/relevant because the majority of Ugandan farmers are smallholders employing traditional farming practices and are reluctant to introduce new crops and techniques. The deterioration of agricultural infrastructure/facilities in the 1970s and early 1980s led to the stagnation of the entire agricultural extension system thus calling for the repair and upgrading of the existing facilities.

Objectives

- i. To increase agricultural production and diversify the export base
- ii. To improve living standards of farmers
- iii. To increase the supply of trained agricultural extension workers and farmers.

Expected Output[s]

- An effective extension and training service developed and trickling down to the farmers

Performance Indicator[s]:

- One DFI rehabilitated/constructed in each district. Demonstration plots established at each DFI. Regular training courses conducted at each DFI per year. Number of smallholder farmers attending training programmes at each DFI annually.

Technical Description

The project involves principally the rehabilitation of two district farm institutes in Central Uganda and construction of two new district farm institutes one each in Mpigi and Luwero districts; and supply of necessary equipment and vehicles.

Feasibility Studies

The Japanese Government financed a study titled "The Master Plan Study on the Integrated Agricultural and Rural Development Project in Central Uganda" whose final report came out in September 1994. The study identified this among other projects.

Financing

Japan will provide US\$ 7.5m from its grant aid programme. GoU will provide the initial seed money for high value crop and livestock production the proceeds of which will be injected in a revolving fund.

Plan of Operation

This is yet to be determined however initial activities will start at Mukono DFI on a pilot basis.