

PROJECT PROFILE

<u>Sector</u>	Agriculture
<u>Sub-sector</u>	Fisheries
<u>Code</u>	AG 66 (A&B)
<u>Title</u>	Rehabilitation of Aquaculture in Uganda.
<u>Implementing Agency</u>	Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry & Fisheries
<u>Location</u>	Countrywide.
<u>Total Plan Exp.</u>	US\$ 1.55m
<u>Funds Secured</u>	US\$ 1.46m
<u>Funding Gap</u>	US\$ 0.09m
<u>Start Date</u>	1998
<u>Completion Date</u>	2003

Background.

A number of smallholder farmers have already tried or are attempting fish farming, usually with a mix of the local tilapia species, together with common carp and the indigenous catfish. A number of fish ponds were established in the 1950's and 1960's but others are more recent. The increasing desire to develop fish farming results from the increasing demand for fish in the urban areas and for export.

Many smallholders have turned to fish farming to supply their own household or for sale. A number of resource-poor farmers have undertaken pond construction, investing considerable effort. Despite these efforts, contributions from fish ponds to the fish supply is still minimal (50 tonnes/year), insignificant compared to fish catches from lakes and rivers. Few farmers are able to produce enough fish for home consumption.

Objective.

Increase the contribution of aquaculture to smallholder farmer livelihoods, income generation and food security on a sustainable basis.

Expected outputs.

The following outputs will be expected as a result of this project:

- Improved institutional capacity and linkages for poverty focused Aquaculture development established at the district and national levels, involving the public and private sectors as well as the NGOs.
- Identification of improved Aquaculture technologies and indigenous species of fish for the rural poor within the existing farming system.
- Improved delivery of poverty focused extension services addressing the needs of farmers with ponds at the district and sub-county levels.
- Improved information base on small-scale Aquaculture for planning and monitoring.

Financing.

The total project cost of US \$ 3.602 million will be provided by grants from the UK - Department for International Development (DFID), while the GoU will provide extension staff in the districts and at sub-county level.