

PROJECT PROFILE

<u>Sector</u>	Agriculture
<u>Sub-sector</u>	CROPS/ LIVESTOCK
<u>Code</u>	AG 77 (A)& AG 80 (A-F)
<u>Title</u>	Support to National Agricultural Advisory Services (NAADS) Secretariat.
<u>Implementing Agency</u>	Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry & Fisheries
<u>Location</u>	Countrywide
<u>Total Plan Exp.</u>	US\$ 3.32mm
<u>Funds Secured</u>	US\$ 2.67m
<u>Funding Gap</u>	US 0.65m
<u>Start Date</u>	2001
<u>Completion Date</u>	2008

Background.

The National Agricultural Advisory Services (NAADS) is a corporate body formed under the NAADS Act of June 2001. The main aim of NAADS is to develop a demand driven, client oriented and farmer-led agricultural service delivery system, in particular targeting the poor and women.

The analysis underlying the Plan for Modernisation of Agriculture (PMA) suggests that the low productivity observed in Ugandan agriculture today is not a consequence of lack of research or extension activity. The low productivity of the Ugandan farmers is attributed to poorly functioning farmer-extension-research linkages and the consequent failure of the research and extension systems to respond to the real needs of the farmers.

Therefore the PMA assigns the first priority on achieving greater relevance in both the research and extension programmes. The PMA envisions NAADS to be a decentralised, farmer owned and private sector serviced extension system contributing to the realisation of the agricultural sector objectives.

Objectives.

- ◆ To create options for financing and the delivery of appropriate advisory and technical services for different types of farmers.
- ◆ To gradually reduce the share of public financing of farm advisory costs such that by the end of the 25 years of NAADS, public finance will account for not more than 50 % of the farm advisory costs.
- ◆ To shift from public to private delivery of advisory services in the first five year phase.
- ◆ To empower subsistence farmers to access private extension services and market information.
- ◆ To develop private sector capacity and professional capability to supply agricultural advisory services.

Expected Outputs.

- ◆ Pooling of Government and Donor funds in a common basket.
- ◆ Direct funding through conditional grants to local Governments to implement farmers' plans and programmes.
- ◆ Sub-county centre programme implementation.
- ◆ Farmer participation in contracting of services.
- ◆ Increasing the availability at the sub-county level for foundation technologies based on farmers' demands.
- ◆ Private sector provision of publicly funded services.
- ◆ Guided farmer driven planning, monitoring and evaluation.
- ◆ Planning and provision of advice with market orientation governing the services.

Technical Description.

The NAADS activities will include:

- ◆ Providing advisory and information services to farmers.
- ◆ Promoting technology development and linkages with markets.
- ◆ Ensuring quality of services - regulation and technical auditing of service providers.
- ◆ Promoting private sector institutional development.
- ◆ Programme management, monitoring and evaluation.

Financing.

NAADS is financed by both the GoU and the Development Partners. The total programme budget over the initial seven year period is US \$ 108 million. Of this amount IDA will contribute US \$ 45 million while IFAD will contribute US \$ 17.5 million. Other donors namely DFID, EU and the Netherlands Gov't will contribute grants to the basket funding for the programme over the seven year period; thereby reducing the funding gap indicated above. For the FY 2001/02, basket funding/GoU contribution will be US \$ 2.646 million; both for activities of the NAADS Secretariat and the Six core districts - Mukono, Tororo, Soroti, Arua, Kibaale and Kabale.