

Partnerships:



Partnership with NAADS

The National Agricultural Advisory Services (NAADS) is a new program of the government of Uganda put in place to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of agricultural extension service. It is a semi-autonomous body formed under NAADS Act of June 2001 with a mandate to develop a demand driven, farmer-led agricultural service delivery system targeting the poor subsistence farmers, with emphasis to women, youth and people with disabilities. Its development goal is to enhance rural livelihoods by increasing agricultural productivity and profitability in a sustainable manner.

NAADS is working in pursuit of the national development framework of Poverty Eradication Agenda, which is guided by the Poverty Eradication Action Plan (PEAP). NAADS overall supervision is vested in the Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF). The programme was officially launched in March 2002.

NAADS is one of the seven components under the Plan for Modernization of Agriculture (PMA), the planning framework of the government for the transformation of subsistence agriculture to market oriented for commercial production. NAADS programme aims to redress past shortcomings in the provision of the agricultural extension services through far reaching reforms and innovative approaches in service delivery. It is through this partnership NAADS has contacted NUCAFE to carry out the following activities on its behalf in the districts of Kanungu and Bundibugyo for both Coffee and Cocoa production. In this partnership NUCAFE is to provide the following services to both the coffee and cocoa farmers.

- Sensitise the sub-county farmers' fora and leadership on the proposed technologies and obtain farmers full participation in the demonstrations;
- In consultation with the district and sub-county NAADS Coordinators and farmers' fora provide advisory services to Service Providers (TOTs) and Farmers;
- Using technology inputs procured by the Kanungu district, establish support farmers development of nurseries;
- Together with the farmers and the District Technical team identify lead (Contact) farmers from the farmer groups;
- Develop appropriate farmer training strategies, undertake farmer training to impart skills in best production and post-harvest management practices for increased productivity of the coffee and cocoa enterprises;
- Support capacity development of specific identified farmers (Nursery Operators) in production of clean planting materials;

- Collect all the relevant production data for Gross Margins and Cost Benefit Analysis to demonstrate profitability of the technologies introduced;
- Disseminate relevant market information to farmers, including quantities and quality requirements as well as prices offered in the market;
- Creation of subcounty based associations to enhance linkage of farmers to markets;
- Develop a strategy to link farmers to both technology inputs and product markets, and support farmer organisation and capacity development to link to these markets.

The NAADS Mission

NAADS is envisioned to become a decentralized, farmer owned and private sector serviced extension system contributing to the realization of the agricultural sector development objectives

The NAADS Vision

To increase farmers' access to information, knowledge and technology for profitable agricultural development.

The Strategic Objectives through which NAADS expects to achieve its main mission.

- To promote market oriented/commercial farming (farming as a business)
- To empower subsistence farmers to access private extension services, technologies and market information
- To create options for financing and the delivery of appropriate advisory and technical services for different types of farmers
- To shift from public to private delivery of advisory services in the first five years of implementation
- To develop private sector capacity and professional capability to supply agricultural advisory services
- To stimulate private sector funding for agricultural advisory services



Partnership with Café Africa

The Association has been set up to reduce poverty in Africa by restoring coffee production by 2015, the date set by the Millennium Development Goals for poverty reduction.

Café Africa aims:

- To act as a catalyst to **focus the vision** of the industry in each country, and to bring the stakeholders to work together achieving that vision.

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- To help organisations and companies to **identify and agree** the key points of intervention, and working to achieve the agreed objectives.
- to assist Africa, through the coffee industry work towards the Millennium Development Goal number 1 – **eradicate extreme poverty** and hunger by 2015.
- To find **creative ideas** and methods for rekindling interest in coffee production in Africa, especially among young people.

In this partnership with Café Africa contacted NUCAFE to carry out the following activities;

- Developing and production of training materials
- Training of at least 10 Coffee Business Managers (CBMs)
- Carry out holistic training of farmer leaders
- Strengthen existing farmer organizations
- Sensitization for formation of new farmer organizations
- Supervision of Business Managers and farmer leaders
- Training of farmers in coffee production enhancement
- Coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation

These activities have milestones that have to be met in specified period of time which include but not limited to;

- NUCAFE Facilitators' team in place
- 2 sets of training materials available
- 10 Business Managers trained to work with farmer organizations leaders to train farmers
- 200 farmer leaders trained to continuously mobilize, disseminate information, exercise better governance and business practices, facilitate replanting, inputs access, bulking, marketing and quality sustenance with liaison with NUCAFE secretariat and other stakeholders
- 50 farmer organizations
- 200 farmer groups with vision based business plans
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- 2000 farmer leaders trained
- 200 farmer groups with 200 nurseries
- 75% quality improvement by at least 60% farmer organizations
- A total of 6000 farmers trained

- At least 60% farmers' gardens pruned
- At least 70 farmer organizations – sales
- 10% price increase per kg
- 70 farmer organizations with records & reports
- Data base for each farmer organization built



Partnership with National Agricultural Research Institute (NARO) especially with the Coffee Research Institute (CORI)

The National Agricultural Research Organisation (NARO) is the apex body for guidance and coordination of all agricultural research activities in the national agricultural research system in Uganda. NARO is a Public Institution established by an act of Parliament, which was enacted on 21st November 2005.

NARO is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal.

NARO comprises of the council as its governing body, committees of the council as its specialised organs, a secretariat for its day-to-day operations with the semi autonomous public agricultural research institutes under its policy guidance..

The **Vision, the Mission and the Goal** that guide the National Agricultural Research Organisation are derived from the Plan for Modernisation of Agriculture (PMA),

The functions of the National Agricultural Research Organisation are to:

- Provide strategic direction for publicly funded agricultural research in Uganda and act as a forum for agricultural researchers in Uganda;
- Coordinate and oversee, in collaboration with the Uganda National Council for Science and Technology and other lead agencies, the development, consolidation and implementation of agricultural research policy and national research strategies, plans and budgets relating to publicly funded agricultural research;
- Set national priorities and harmonize agricultural research activities of the national agricultural research system, constituent institutions and public agricultural research institutes, civil society organisation, private sectors and farmer organizations and promote delivery of quality and efficient agricultural research services;
- Advise and coordinate formulation of policy and legislative proposals, research standards, codes of ethics, conduct and practice; and guidelines for delivery of agricultural research services;
- Provide guidelines, guidance and ensure delivery of quality agricultural research by agricultural research service providers;
- In collaboration with other relevant agencies, provide policy guidance to local governments on matters relating to agricultural research;
- Carry out monitoring and evaluation of national agricultural research programmes, projects and activities to ensure adherence to the set work plans, standards and regulations;
- Mobilize funds for agricultural research and manage the agricultural research trust fund including raising funds for research of national strategic interest;
- Coordinate and promote cooperation and collaboration between Uganda and other countries, institutions, scientific or professional societies and other agricultural

- research service providers, with regard to agricultural research, development and technology transfer in the agricultural sector so as to optimally utilise agricultural resources and improve production capacity of such resources;
- Provide leadership and advocacy for the promotion, protection and development of agricultural research in Uganda;
 - Make grants or provide funds to any institution or person for the advancement of agricultural research and development on both competitive and non-competitive basis; and
 - Perform such other functions as are conferred on the organisation by this Act or any other law for the purpose of promoting agricultural research and development.

NUCAFE is working closely with the Coffee Research Institute a branch of NARO based in Kituuza-Mukono on a number of fronts especially in terms of providing research information and technologies especially using Indigenous Knowledge to farmers and farmer organisations to combat several farmer grievances like arresting the current crippling Coffee Wilt Disease and in return taking feed back got from farmers to the research organisation.

In the NUCAFE – CORI partnership some of the deliverables in this included;

Obligations of NUCAFE under this partnership include.

- The NUCAFE shall receive Robusta coffee wilt resistant plantlets to be planted in a mother garden at their farm situated at kanyamatambala village, kyangyenyi Sub County, Bushenyi district. The site of the mother garden shall be agreed upon by both parties.
- The NUCAFE shall provide all the labour to prepare the potholes and other works ready for planting of the mother garden under the supervision of the suppliers' technical staff.
- The area of the mother garden containing the newly planted Robusta coffee shall be fenced off by the NUCAFE at their own expense to ensure exclusive safety of the planting materials. The NUCAFE shall undertake to provide maximum security for the planted materials to avoid technology theft.
- The NUCAFE shall ensure high level maintenance of the mother garden and shall at all times comply with the guidelines and advice given by the supplier in this regard.
- The NUCAFE shall grant exclusive rights to the suppliers' staff to access the mother garden at anytime they wish for the purposes of this memorandum of understanding.
- The NUCAFE shall provide provisional shelter and working space for the suppliers' technical staff during their visits to the farm as well as when it may be necessary for the purposes of this partnership
- Upon maturity of the mother garden the NUCAFE shall undertake to provide and appropriate area for construction of the nursery shed for propagation and multiplication of the coffee planting material. The nursery shed shall be at the cost of the NUCAFE and constructed under the supervision of the supplier.

- The NUCAFE shall have the exclusive right to propagate multiply and distribute the developed planting material to all farmers or end users throughout Uganda in collaboration with other stake holders.
- The NUCAFE shall provide an enabling environment for the supplier to carry out training programs using The NUCAFE as a nucleus farm for this purpose
- The NUCAFE undertakes to provide where possible the necessary publicity campaigns on radio, television and other public media for purposes of registering and making known the achievements of the supplier in the fight to control the coffee wilt disease in Uganda contained in this memorandum of understanding.



Partnership with EAFCA

The Eastern African Fine Coffees Association (EAFCA) is a regional non-profit, non-political, member-driven association representing coffee sectors in ten member countries namely: Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

VISION: To improve the quality of lives through the quality of coffee.

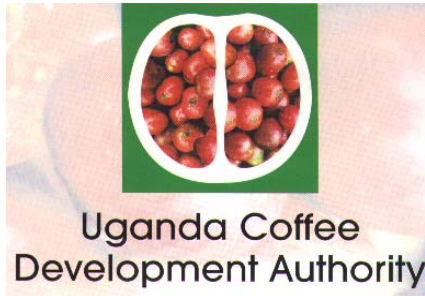
MISSION: To establish and promote partnerships and networks amongst those participating and having an interest in production, processing, trading and consumption of quality coffees from

The goal of establishing EAFCA was to increase both the volume and value of fine coffees traded both regionally and internationally, as well as increase domestic consumption. EAFCA has ensured that the stakeholders involved in the coffee value chain, including production, marketing, trading and consumption of coffees from Eastern and Southern Africa, do benefit from becoming its members.

In its core activities, EAFCA looks at Product and Quality Enhancement which include;

- *National Cupping Competitions*
EAFCA organizes and conducts yearly national cupping competitions and regional “*Taste of Harvest*” events to promote awareness of fine coffee within member countries and enhance coffee quality.
- *African Taste of Harvest Competition*
EAFCA organizes national cupping competitions in each member country, which culminate in the *African Taste of Harvest* competition held at the annual African Fine Coffee Conference and Exhibition where the winning coffees from each country are submitted for judging.
- *Training*
In marketing, quality enhancement, grading and cupping.
- *Barista Championships*
Working through its chapters and members, EAFCA acts to disseminate positive information about coffee within Africa, and sponsors Barista Competitions to promote proper brewing and and fine coffee appreciation.

NUCAFE has worked closely with EAFCA to archive most of its core activities. Farmer groups have been trained on several occasions in the Districts of Mbale, Sironko, Mukono, Masaka, and Bushenyi under “Know Your Cup” training programme.



Partnership with UCDA

The Uganda Coffee Development Authority (UCDA) was established by statutory mandate in 1991 following the liberalization of the coffee industry.

Through UCDA's mission statement, which states that, The Uganda Coffee Development Authority has a statutory mandate to promote and oversee the development of the entire coffee industry through research, quality assurance, improved marketing, and providing for other matters connected therewith, it has pinpointed partners like NUCAFE to enable it attain part of its mission.

Goals

- Promote, improve, and monitor marketing of coffee to optimize foreign exchange earning and payment to farmers.
- Ensure that the quality of coffee exports meets international standards.
- Promote coffee as a value added product and other related industries;
- Promote domestic coffee consumption;
- Harmonize activities of the coffee sub sector associations in line with industry strategic objectives;
- Policy analysis and development

NUCAFE has worked closely with UCDA to provide quality and quantity improvement information to organised groups of farmers.

- With the Production department, NUCAFE has worked and is still working with the District Coffee Coordinators to organise, sensitise and train coffee farmers in all aspects related to coffee.
- With the quality department, NUCAFE has unlimited access to access information, new developments and regulations especially those related to the control of Ochratoxin A (OTA) and analytical data generated from coffee farmers' samples.