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Smallholder Sustainability
Upscaling Programme

ACCELERATING MODERN DAIRY AND BANANA FARMING PRACTICES AMONG FARMERS IN UGANDA



Africa



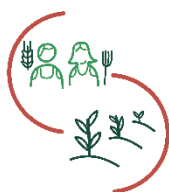
Latin America



Asia



Financial services delivery



Capacity building for end
beneficiaries



Market access and
product development



Management systems
improvement

CONTEXT

Uganda can be described as a rural economy since agricultural activities dominate local livelihoods and involve over 70% of the total labour force of the country. Smallholder farmers, primarily in central and western Uganda, are the backbone of milk production, contributing to over 2.8 billion litres annually. Despite significant progress, the dairy sector faces challenges like milk spoilage, poor road infrastructure, and limited access to finance. Banana is a major food crop for half of the Ugandan population, and approximately 75% of the Ugandan farmers cultivate them. The country records the highest per capita consumption of bananas in the world, and the crop is estimated to provide Ugandans with up to 30% of their daily caloric intake. Banana plants deliver a continuous supply of food and income through the asynchronous fruiting habit, and the crop's contribution to household food and income security is acknowledged by the Ugandan government as a prioritised crop.

CURRENT STATUS OF THE BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION

EBO SACCO is a co-operative society registered since 2002. Its mission is to provide sustainable financial services that promote improved livelihoods in rural areas while preserving the environment. It currently counts over 250 permanent employees working in 19 branches across Western Uganda and serving over 120,000 clients. EBO SACCO offers a wide range of products. The loan products include agriculture, dairy, banana plantation, boda boda, water & sanitation, asset finance, solar, biogas and irrigation. The savings products are accessible to both individuals and groups.

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

The objective of the project is to accelerate the adoption of modern farming practices within the dairy and banana value chains in collaboration with cooperatives of producers to ultimately improve the living standard of smallholder households.

The expected results of the project are:

- Train 1,250 dairy farmers in silage and hay production, as well as post-harvest handling.
- Train 500 banana farmers in climate-smart agricultural practices.
- Establish 10 demonstration sites for dairy farmers and 10 demonstration sites for banana farmers.

PRIORITY TOPICS

- Environment and climate change
- Food security and improved nutrition
- Gender equality
- Fair agrifood systems

IMPACT INVESTOR

Sidi Solidarité Internationale
pour le Développement
et l'Investissement

BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION

EBO SACCO (MFI) - Uganda

TARGET

1,750 smallholder farmers

AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN

Dairy, banana

STARTING DATE

January 2026

DURATION

12 months

TOTAL TA BUDGET

€61,000
Including €52,125 (85%)
contribution from SSNUP



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