



CHINA-IFAD SOUTH-SOUTH AND TRIANGULAR COOPERATION FACILITY



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Focus country

Tanzania

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Implementation partner

International Institute of Tropical Agriculture

Cooperation partners

Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute

International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT)

Beneficiaries

Smallholder farmers (50 per cent women and 30 per cent youth) in five regions (Dodoma, Geita, Manyara, Morogoro and Mwanza) of Tanzania

Small and medium-sized enterprises in trading and agroprocessing

Supporting and Strengthening Community Resilience in Tanzania (SSUCORETA)

BACKGROUND

The COVID-19 pandemic and conflicts have adversely affected Tanzania's agricultural sector, disrupting global supply chains and international commodity trade. To address these challenges, the SSUCORETA project aims to restore and increase the productivity, profitability and market access of three high-demand crops (beans, cassava and sunflower) for rural women and young farmers in Tanzania, mitigating the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and enhancing resilience.

To achieve its objectives, SSUCORETA consists of three components:

- Boosting resilience of smallholder farmers by improving the productivity of cassava, sunflower and beans.
- Improving private sector development, market access, and the value chains of cassava, beans and sunflower.
- Facilitating South-South partnerships and trade with China and countries in East and Southern Africa.



Building resilience through improved productivity and value chains for beans, cassava and sunflower in Tanzania

12,000 smallholder farmers trained in good agronomic practices

3,741 farmers trained based on a market characterization study

1,200 smallholder farmers benefited from a B2B network

21 young people involved in the sunflower business ecosystem

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ACHIEVEMENTS

While the SUCCORETA project is still ongoing, the following results have already been achieved:

Trained over 12,000 smallholder farmers in good agronomic practices to address climate change challenges. ICT tools such as Kobo Toolbox, Seed Tracker, Plant Village Nuru and A KILIMO were utilized to track and document project activities and results.

Completed a market characterization study on beans and sunflowers to identify key value chain actors, assess demand and supply, understand gender involvement, and identify constraints and opportunities. This led to the training of 3,741 farmers to capitalize on market preferences for specific bean varieties.

Provided Chinese processing equipment to farmers for demonstration, playing a significant role in training farmers and lower-level aggregators in post-harvest management and fostering local connections between aggregators and youth entrepreneurs. Business-to-business (B2B) facilitation resulted in the development of innovative platforms such as the functional business ecosystem in the sunflower value chain, benefiting over 1,200 smallholder farmers and 21 youth.



Project beneficiary working with a sunflower oil press and filtering machine. The new equipment allows for quick processing of small quantities of oil for local farmers.



Field facilitators from Dumila Village using Plant Village Nuru, an ICT tool to detect pests and diseases in cassava fields.