

CHINA-IFAD SOUTH-SOUTH AND TRIANGULAR COOPERATION FACILITY



SSTC GRANT

Grant value

US\$319,450

Focus country

Eritrea

Duration

2024–2026

Implementation partner

Ministry of Agriculture, Eritrea
National Agricultural Research
Institute, Eritrea

Beneficiaries

5,000 rural people
125 national experts
25,000 indirect beneficiaries

Support the Adoption and Promotion of Cassava Crop in Eritrea

The development of the agricultural sector is urgently needed to address challenges like high rates of child malnutrition and the lack of nutritional diversity. The Eritrea government is using SSTC as an instrument to promote the adoption of high-yielding, disease-resistant cassava varieties adapted to local conditions, as well as processing techniques within the cassava value chain.

To fulfill this objective, this project focuses on two priorities:

- 1) strengthening the institutional capacity of the Eritrean government to introduce cassava varieties, and provide farming equipment and training on planting and processing technologies around the new cassava varieties to demonstration farmers;
- 2) enhancing cassava value chain through introducing, multiplying and disseminating selected cassava varieties to farmers, and then promoting cassava-based food products and recipes to improve dietary diversification.

Experts from Chinese institutions and the private sector will provide technical assistance and capacity development to government officials in Eritrea's Ministry of Agriculture, as well as to farmers, on proven, affordable, and effective cassava cultivation and processing techniques. Food diversification and processing opportunities proposed under this project will then contribute to the nutrition-sensitive and sustainable development objectives of the Eritrean government.

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