

Enhancing inclusive market access for African Indigenous Vegetables and value-added products in Uganda

PROJECT COORDINATOR

Uganda Christian University

PARTNERS

Uganda National Farmers Federation

Farmgain Africa Ltd

SYOVA Seeds (U) Ltd

LOCATION

Central and Eastern Uganda

PERIOD

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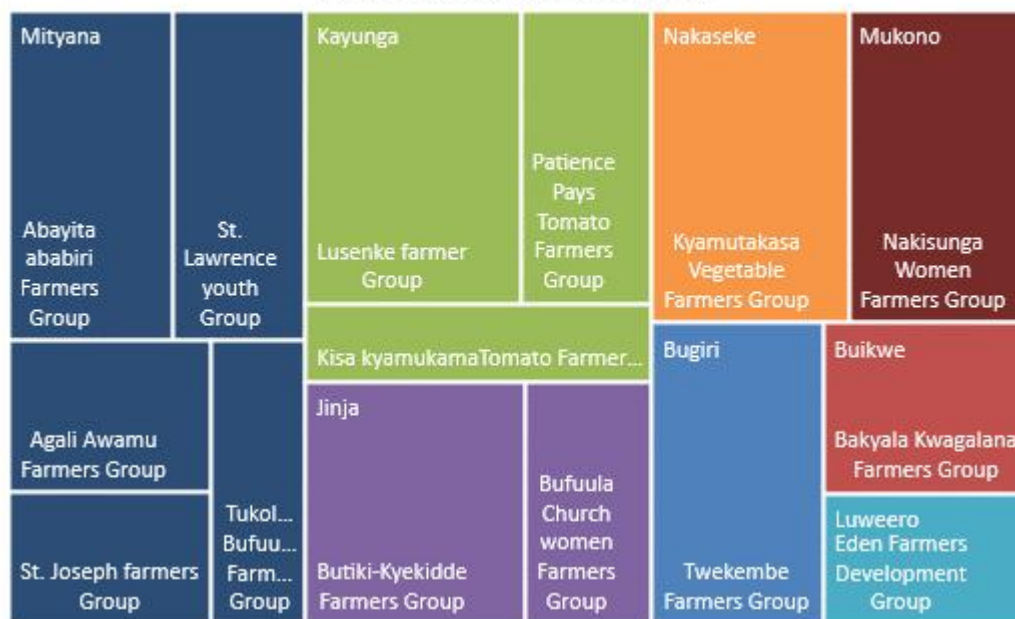
Result overview of the year 2024

Uganda Christian University (UCU) in partnership with Uganda National Farmers Federation (UNFFE), SYOVA Seeds (U) Ltd and Farmgain Africa Ltd (FGA) was awarded a grant to implement a project titled, “Enhancing inclusive market access for African Indigenous Vegetables (AIV), seed and value-added products by Smallholder farmers in Uganda”.

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The intervention focused on Central and Eastern Uganda, specifically in the districts in the graph below. The project thrust was on enhancing the capacity and competitiveness of Youth/ Women small scale farmers to access sizable and reliable markets. A digital platform was developed to streamline UNFFE operations in mobilizing and linking small scale farmers with key stakeholders and market in the vegetable value chain.

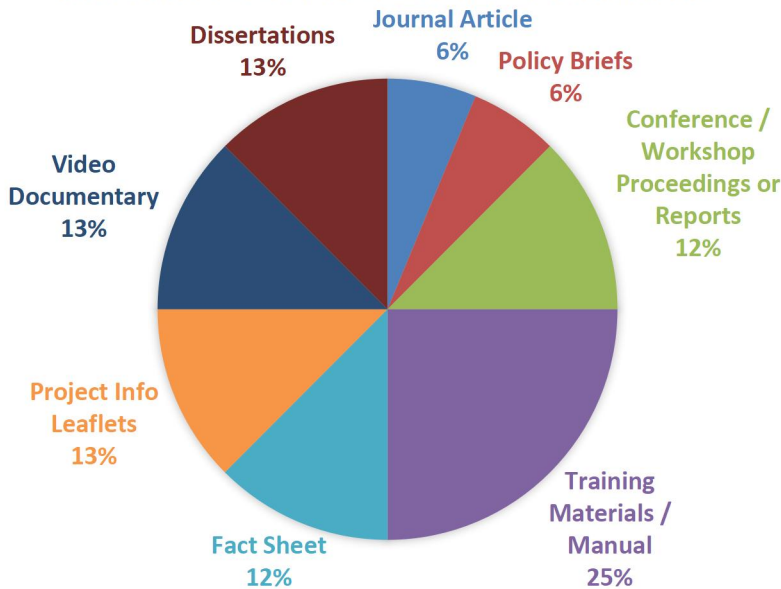
Active group membership



By the end of the second year of implementation over 4000 farmers, with 326 farmers actively participated in project activities. Of the 326 farmers, 104 were male, 138 were women, and 84 were youth. All farmers remain engaged in the project intervention activities.

The project activities completed include holding stakeholder meetings, Development of vegetable production plans for the production units, Establishment of linkages with buyers/markets, Developed & validated a Management Information System for UNFFE Trained of Vegetable production Unit, Optimization of value-added products

KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS GENERATED



Key Facts

Optimisation of value-added products using pumpkin was done.

17 contracts between Vegetable Production Units and seed companies, traders and food processors signed

5 field days conducted

11 training workshops in agribusiness planning, quality assurance, and good agronomic practices conducted

One Management Information System established at UNFFE

Farmers voices:

“AIRTEA in the short period of time has benefited our farmers by giving Knowledge, linking us with reliable market from which we have earned well. We have also practically participated in contract farming.” Mr Magezi Joseph, St Joseph Agricultural Development farmers



Other key Facts
5 groups in Mityana district sold pumpkin seed for snacks to Psalms food Ltd.



Luwero farmers also sold Pumpkin seeds for snack to Psalms food Ltd,

Kayunga farmer groups sold tomatoes to DaniAgro Co.Ltd

Jinja farmers have sold tomatoes to Amber court market.

Kyamutakasa vegetable farmers group sold nakati seed to SYOVA seeds

