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# PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE IN KAKIRI, MENDE, AND MASULITA SUB COUNTIES

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## Sustainable Agriculture Programmes

### Duration

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## Back ground

Since 1999 to date, Agency for integrated rural development (AFIRD) has been implementing Sustainable agriculture projects. The aim has been, building farmers' capacity in the sustainable management of natural resources for food security, income and environmental conservation. The project benefits small holder farmers organised in groups of 25 members per group. A number of projects benefiting small holder farmers have been implemented in different sub counties in Wakiso district. This is described below;

The work started with a participatory rural appraisal in 1999 in two villages of Namayumba sub-county in greater Mpigi District, where farmers identified the root cause of their problems and drew action plans to improve agriculture in order to overcome poverty. This programme received its initial funding from SNV-Netherlands development organization in the year 2000. This was the genesis of our agriculture programme which promotes sustainable agriculture.

Since then a number of the same programme have been implemented each for three years, with support from MISEREOR of Germany.

- i. 2008-2011 the agriculture programme expanded from the two villages in one parish in Namayumba Sub County to a programme which benefited 813 farmers organized in 38 farmer groups distributes in three sub counties of Wakiso District including Namayumba, Kakiri and Masulita.
- ii. 2012-2014; another agriculture programme was implemented benefiting again 913 farmers organised in 38 farmer groups. Mende sub county was included in addition to other sub counties of Masulita, Kakiri in wakiso district
- iii. 2014- 2016; the agriculture programme was extended to benefit farmers in Gombe Sub County. This benefited 715 farmers organised in 34 groups from three sub counties of Kakiri, Mende and Gombe sub counties.

- iv. 2017-2019; this was implemented in Masulita, Mende and Gombe sub counties. The project was benefiting 516 farmers organised in 26 farmer groups.
- v. 2020-2022- this is the current project being implemented in four sub counties of wakiso District; these include; Gombe division, Kakiri town council, Masulita sub county ad town council and Mende sub county. The project is working with a total of 26 farmer groups with the following objectives.

### **Goal/ impact[s]**

To contribute to improved livelihoods amongst smallholder farmers in Uganda by enhancing food security, raising incomes, and improving the farming environment.

### **Project objective[s] / intended outcome[s]**

1. Smallholder farmers achieve diversified and increased production for crop and livestock using sustainable farming practices.
2. Smallholder farmer institutions are stabilized and empowered to manage socio-economic and environmental concerns sustainably according to their assets and capabilities.
3. Smallholder farmers empowered to participate and influence programs and policies that affect their livelihoods.

### **Achievements of the previous projects.**

A number of achievements have been registered by the beneficiaries. These are in the area of improved crop production, animal production, income generation and environmental conservation.

### **For more information**

Read; [Sustainable Agriculture - Key to Inclusive Rural Transformation  
Final evaluation report February 2016](#)