

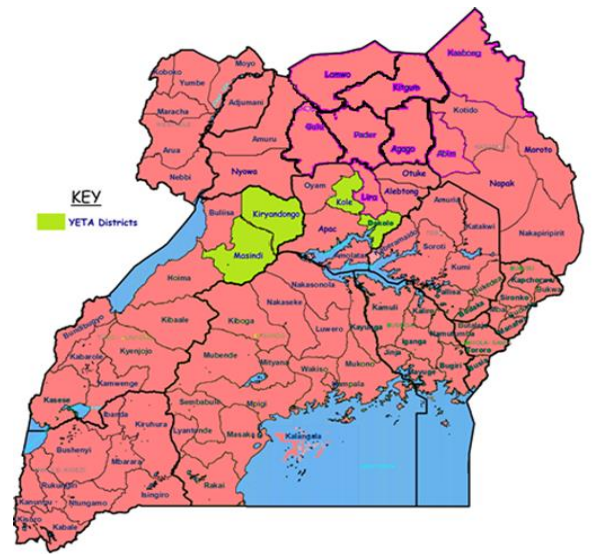
YOUTH EMPOWERMENT THROUGH AGRICULTURE (YETA)

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IN COLLABORATION WITH:

The MasterCard Foundation

Project Value: \$11,454,063



Target

To train **26,250** youth in Agriculture Business Skills



Youth at a group maize garden explain their marketing plan

Reflections

- Strengthening YA's and Regional Advisory Committee.
- Harness youth participation through sports activities.

Youth Empowerment Through Agriculture

YETA strives to empower 26,250 youth between 15-24 Years through Agriculture using its "Learn, Engage, Build" model.

It is designed to create long-term engagement by integrating numeracy, literacy and life skills with technical expertise in agriculture, business, entrepreneurship and management.

YETA builds upon the successes of the Uganda Conservation Farming Initiative (UCFI) - NCBA CLUSA's \$8.4 million USDA-funded program in Northern Uganda, which took a value chain approach to increasing smallholder farmer profitability through conservation farming.

The project is being implemented in the four districts of Dokolo, Kole, Kiryandongo and Masindi.

Objectives

- Youth Associations (YA's) are formed and strengthened
- YA members have improved well-being and confidence through enhanced foundational skills
- YA members have access to increased financial services
- YA members develop the technical and entrepreneurial skills to launch their businesses.

Milestones

- Value chain analysis
- 163 YA's mobilized, trained and incubated
- Over 5600 youths reached
- Launching Youth Association Incubation
- Signing of Memorandum of Understanding with YA's, Parent Associations, Producer Organizations and mentors to support mentoring of YA's.



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Upcoming Activities

- Support youth complete the group incubation agri-business enterprise and start individual enterprises
- Linking YA's and individual youth to parent associations and private sector (input suppliers and buyers) for mentoring and marketing opportunities
- Linking YA's and individual youth to financial service providers enable access to credit to continue their agri-businesses
- Mobilise more youth to benefit from the project activities (more than 14,000 youth targeted in 420 groups)
- Train cohort 2 youth in similar skills, leveraging experiences and lessons learned from cohort 1
- Devise strategies that keep YA's more involved and empowered to lead and manage their group activities.



A Vet Doctor examines a pig before dispatching it to a youth group

Challenges

- Bad Weather led to low yields
- High charges for group registration of YA's
- Difficult access to land by youth

Success story

Under the leadership of Olibo Jonathan, Nen anyim youth group in Ayer sub county Kole district that has 12 boys and 16 girls took on the piggery enterprise.

To date six members have already learnt how to keep pigs and have started individual pig rearing for increased income.

After training in entrepreneurship and with more land near a swamp offered by a supportive group mentor, they have ventured in to brick making, fish farming and horticulture including; water melons, cabbages and tomatoes.

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