



Sunflower value chain and gender, Arusha, Tanzania-part of the global FO-RI programme

1. The main goal of the action is to foster a transition towards resilient, productive and sustainable agroecological food systems through farmer-led innovation and research.
2. Farmers organisations lead 13 Action Research initiatives in 17 countries around the world and advocacy actions at regional level in five zones.

In Africa (Burkina Faso, Mali, Senegal, Cameroon, Burundi, RDC, Madagascar, Tanzania), in Asia (Philippines), in the Pacific (Fidji, Cook Islands, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Tonga), in the Caribbean (Haiti) and in Latin America (Brazil et Uruguay).

ACTION-RESEARCH

Improving productivity and profitability of sunflower value chain by enhancing women's participation in Arusha Region of Tanzania.

Overall objective

To improve the productivity and profitability of sunflower value chain by enhancing women's participation in Arusha Region of Tanzania

Context

Despite sunflower cash crop importance in Arusha, Tanzania, challenges of low yields, soil fertility degradation, disease and pest attacks, high input costs result in limited women participation.

The FO-RI project is proposed for implementation in three districts of Monduli, Karatu, and Arusha DC., where a farmer-led research approach adopted, will focus on (1) "Determining best crop management and post-harvest management practices for sunflower production" and (2) Enhancing gender equality and participation of women in the Sunflower value chain in Tanzania".

Target

About 4200 small scale farmers, out of which 2300 will be female.

Monitoring system

The M&E plan will rely on the use of male champions who will be identified, trained and tasked with promoting gender transformative approaches, and will work closely with farmer lead researchers to enhance women participation.

Main implementing partners

WE EFFECT

We Effect, a Swedish Cooperative Movement organization, works to combat poverty through sustainable development initiatives with farmer cooperatives. They will partner with MVIWAARUSHA for the FO-RI project, to develop smallholder farmers' organizational, business, and production skills while promoting gender equality. Additionally, they will create farmer training content, standardized radio messages, and support advocacy campaigns and gender-related trainings. They will also conduct evaluations, financial monitoring, and disburse funds to co-applicant while coordinating reporting.

MVIWAARUSHA

MVIWAARUSHA is a network of farmers and pastoralist groups from the Arusha region. They will focus on strengthening and mobilizing farmers' groups, facilitating communication between networks, advocating for farmers' interests, coordinating farmer-led interventions and scaling out project results. Further, they will also build farmers' capacity to advocate for

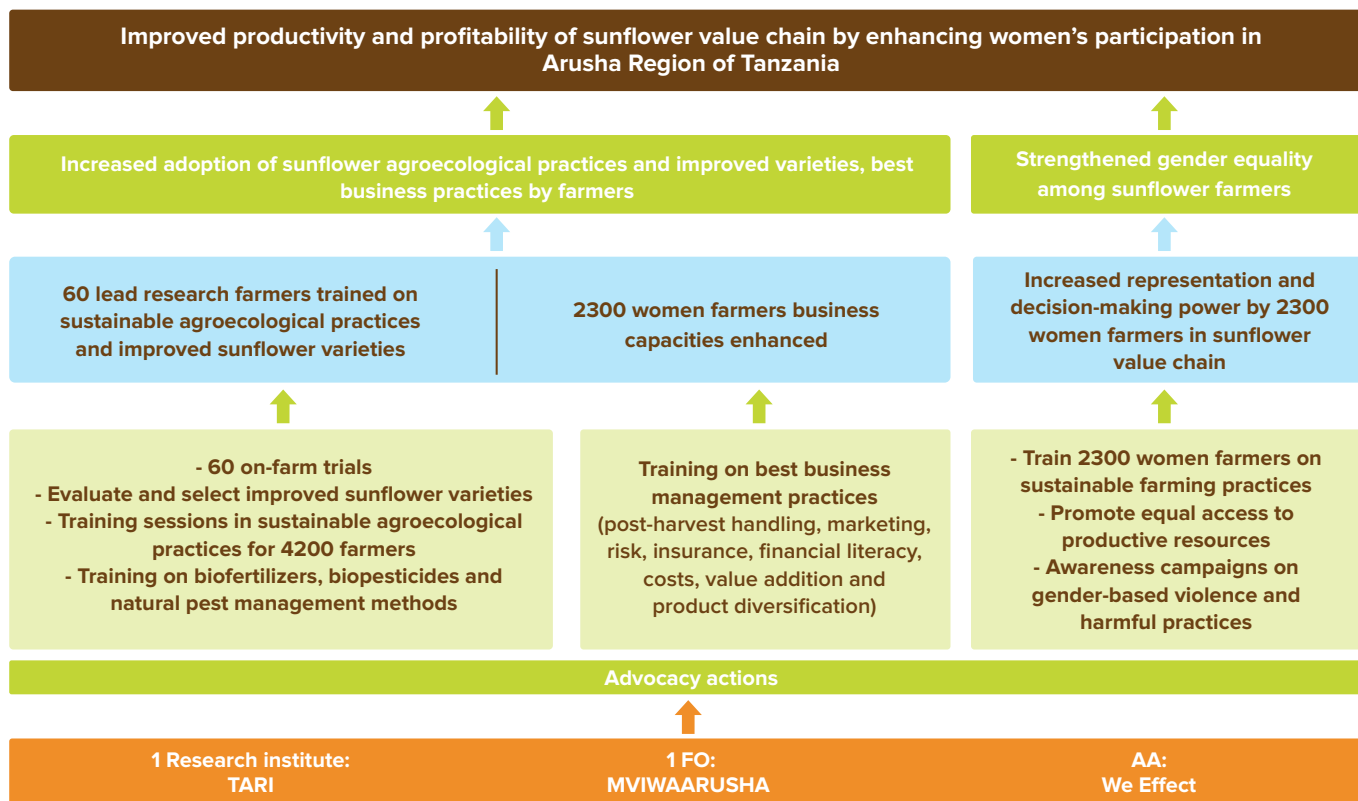


agroecological issues, organize farmer markets, link farmers to financial service providers, spearhead advocacy initiatives, and coordinate farmer-led research.

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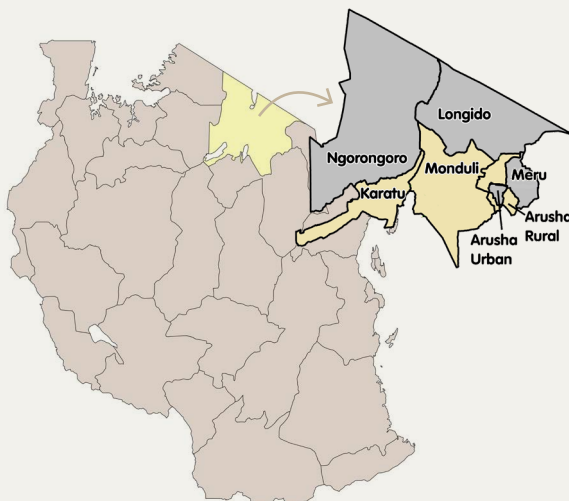
Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) is crucial to the FO-RI project in providing technical support in farmer-led research, innovation platforms, and pest control methods. TARI will collaborate with MVIWAARUSHA to plan, implement and monitor farmer innovation platforms. They will support farmers in conducting research trials, identifying sunflower varieties, and collecting, analyzing, and reporting data. TARI will also help farmers document progress, disseminate findings, and share lessons learned.

Intervention logic and expected results



Areas of intervention

Arusha (Monduli, Karatu and Arusha District)



Starting date and duration

The project started in 2022 and lasts 48 months.

Budget

€ 400.000

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