

## BMZ05

Agri-Agency/ies	Trias & FFD	FO partner(s)	MADFA, HODFA, ZODFA & TUNADO
Budget distribution	330.000 EUR & 70.000 EUR Total : 400.000 EUR	Country/ies	Uganda
Project Title	Towards more Inclusive Food Systems in Uganda through social and economic empowerment of smallholder youth, women and refugee farmers		
General objective	Improving the participation of smallholder farmers in Uganda's food systems by enhancing the voice of 2,500 FO members in national food system policy dialogue and sustainably increasing the livelihood and agricultural production of 70,000 FO members located in the districts of Hoima, Masindi, Zombo, Kabarole, Kiryandongo, Bulisa and Kikuube		
Target group	Directly, 20 FO staff and board members, as well as 15,000 FO members		

### Context

The Ugandan government has defined agriculture as a crucial economic sector in the country's transition to middle-income, but the food system faces several challenges such as underutilized food production potential, unsafe food production, limited access to markets, climate change and environmental degradation. These, combined with a rapid population growth, have led the country in a great food insecurity, persistent malnutrition, poverty and increased inequality. To overcome these challenges, a food system transformation is needed. The four project partner FOs (MADFA, HODFA, ZODFA and TUNADO) could have a great impact towards the necessary transformation due to their capacity to reach out to more than 100,000 smallholder farmers through their extension service and their membership in the Uganda National Farmers Federation (UNFFE). The support of Trias and FFD to these four FOs would allow them to enhance their voice in food system policy dialogue to shape food systems to fit best their member's needs, as well as contributing to the improvement of national food security.

### Action Plan

In order to achieve the general objective, actions will be implemented through two specific objectives :

- 1) Enhanced capacity of FOs to provide quality services to smallholder farmers, with emphasis on women, youth and refugees. *Main activities foreseen* : Workshops to elaborate inclusivity strategies and climate resilience action plan; Consulting service for food hygiene study; Training of Trainers - , cascaded training to FO staff and procurement of training material for the Enabling Rural Innovation (ERI) toolbox; Peer to peer exchanges and implementation of Farmer Field School for enhancing the use of Climate Smart Agriculture practices. *Main results expected* : Farming business of FO members has improved sustainably leading to increased income and improved livelihoods.
- 2) Enhanced capacity of the four FOs to influence policies for the national food system transformation, with emphasis on nature positive production, climate resilience and inclusion of vulnerable groups. *Main activities foreseen* : Production of publications about good practices in relation to targeted thematics of the project; Training of Trainers and cascaded training for improving lobby, advocacy and leadership skills of FO staff; Production of policy proposals; Meetings with key actors in order to improve participation in the Uganda Government Parish Development Model (PDM); Participation in policy dialogue events at local, regional and national levels; Organisation of seminars about nature positive production practices. *Main results expected* : Consultations and data collection is done and used in policy dialogue with government and other stakeholders by the FOs

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