



POLICY RELEVANCY OF ARF PROJECTS

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AGRICULTURE SECTOR POLICY FRAMEWORK

- **Mandate:** Initiate, develop and coordinate implementation of policies, programmes for sustainability of market oriented, improved quality and safety of agricultural products for food security and improved house hold incomes
- **Mission:** Transform subsistence to commercial oriented agriculture
- **Vision:** A profitable , competitive and sustainable agriculture Sector
- **Goal:** To promote Food and Nutrition security to improve household incomes through coordinated interventions

AGRICULTURAL SECTOR POLICY FRAMEWORK

- Results to be achieved
 - Productivity and increased production
 - Value Addition
 - Employment Opportunities
 - Promote Agribusiness
 - Investment
 - Trade

POLICIES

- National Agricultural policy 2014
- Commodity based policies (Fish, Coffee, Honey, Animal feeds, Vet drugs)
- Food and Nutrition Policy
- System policies (Range lands, Research, Agricultural Extension)
- ACDP resettlement policy framework

MAAIF POLICY FOCUS

- Value addition
- Production and productivity
- Enabling environment (standards, strategies and plans)
- Sustainable input and output markets
- Cross cutting issues (Gender, Climate change, Environment)
- Agricultural support sectors and services

PROJECTS AND POLICIES

Project	Policy alignment
Macro nutrient fortification of Cereals for proteins Enhancement of rice markets in Uganda through micronutrient fertilization	Food and Nutrition Policy and strategic plan Fertilizer policy and strategic plan
Grafted tomatoes to enhance sustainable production Stabilizing sesame yields and production in Lango region Northern Uganda	National Agricultural Policy
Cassava applied research for food security Introduction of cashew nut	Extension Policy

POTENTIAL FOR POLICY ALIGNMENT TO PROJECTS

- Sustainability issues (cashew nut)
- Profitability of the intervention (rice, cassava, cashew nut)
- Productivity/production – fertilizer application, farmer participatory Research and dissemination of innovations
- National strategic commodities (cassava, rice, cereals)
- Niche markets and market access (Cashew nut, tomatoes)
- Quality and safety (fortification research)

FEARS/LESSONS

- Zoning strategy (suitability and profitability)
- Scaling up the results of the research for wider application
- Findings on the parameters don't work in isolation
- The findings may not be the priority for decision makers but provide support if well documented.

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