

Feed and forage seed business models to support further professionalization of the dairy sector in Kenya and Uganda

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Impact activities

- Forage Seed Sector Mapping and Analysis with stakeholders in Kenya and Uganda
- Training on forage propagation and production in Kenya and Uganda
- Design of Forage seed promotion campaigns using selected channels, including local channels in Kenya and Uganda
- Papers for dissemination in relevant fora e.g. Conferences/workshops/ scientific papers/working papers/reports
- Capacity building of seed entrepreneurs in seed multiplication, handling and storage



Synergies with other initiatives

- Livestock CRP forage work in Eastern Africa especially in the priority countries (Tanzania, Ethiopia, Uganda)
- World Bank Eastern and Central Africa Agriculture Transformation (ECAAT) project (Burundi, DRC, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda)
- SNV- CIAT forage promotion in central and rift valley locations in Kenya
- Grass2cash project: Making the case for integration of improved forage grasses into humid- to sub-humid livestock production systems (Kenya and Ethiopia)



Project description

Action Research with diverse forage seed stakeholders in Kenya and Uganda to:

- Study existing needs, constraints and opportunities in forage seed systems,
- Identify and promote commercially viable business models for forage seed production and marketing,
- Develop appropriate quality assurance mechanisms,
- Design and test approaches to effectively promote quality forage seed,
- Explore commercial opportunities for women and youth.

Candidate Forage species

Brachiaria, Desmodium, Vetch, Sweet Lupin, Forage Maize, Forage Sorghum, Forage Oats

Three Forage Seed Business Models

- 1 Local- CBOs/individual led forage seeds businesses for own use and sale of surplus
- 2 National- production and marketing by commercial national seed companies in either Kenya or Uganda
- 3 International- commercial seed production and marketing in collaboration with national companies



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