

# Development of a Gender Responsive Commercial Seed System for African Indigenous Vegetables in Uganda

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# What is the issue?

## Importance and Problem

- Solanacea leafy vegetable is one of African indigenous vegetables with high nutritive value.
- Its production and trade is by limited access to quality seeds.
- Seed multiplication offers huge opportunities for women and youth farmers that are traditionally growers of vegetables.



## Project objectives

1. Enhance capacity of women and youth groups to produce AIVs seed.
2. Increase utilization of quality assurance services for AIV in seed production.
3. Develop business models for AIV seed production and marketing.
4. Optimize scales of production for the AIVs seed system.
5. Increase economic women power and decision



# How do we solve the seed problem

## Innovative solution

- Upgrading vegetable farmers from low return chain activities (**leaf production**) to high return value added products (**seed**).
- Nakati vegetable Leaf production earns UGX 600,000/= compared to UGX 7.000.000/= (USD 2000) per acre per season .



## Process

The consortium applied;

- Inclusive value chains analysis
- Participatory learning action
- Equity-focused research
- Creating positive deviance



# What is next ?

## Vision of the future

- Increased participation in upgraded AIV value chain.
- Formal and functional commercial AIV seed system.
- Increased gender equity due increased profits and value.



## What we want from you

- Partnership to leverage resources for more participation in inclusive markets, finances and gender equity.

