



AGRICULTURAL SECTOR DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROGRAMME II (ASDSP II)

Introduction

The Agricultural Sector Development Support Programme II (ASDSP II) is a follow up to ASDSP I which was completed in June 2017. The design has been adapted to reflect changes in institutional and policy setting in the Agricultural Sector. The Programme supports the development of at least three prioritized value chains in each county, sector consultations and coordination at all levels (National, Intergovernmental, Cross-County and County levels). It addresses four critical challenges that were identified during phase I as a hindrance to agricultural commercialization, namely; low productivity along the value chains; inadequate entrepreneurial skills among the value chain actors (VCAs) and among service providers; low access to markets by VCAs and; weak and inadequate structure and capacities for consultation and coordination within the Sector.

Project Goal

The overall goal is to contribute to the transformation of crops, livestock and fisheries production into commercially oriented enterprises that ensure sustainable food and nutrition security.

Project Purpose

To develop sustainable priority value chains for improved income, employment, food and nutrition security.

Project outcomes

1. Productivity of priority value chains increased

- Capacity of existing service providers on identified opportunities enhanced
- Value chain innovations supported
- Climate smart agriculture interventions, practices and technologies for value chain development enhanced

2. Entrepreneurial skills of priority value chain actors strengthened

- Entrepreneurial skills for VCAs including service providers enhanced

3. Access to markets by value chain actors improved

- Market access linkage for priority VCAs improved
- Access to market information by VCAs improved
- Access to VC financial services by VCAs improved

4. Structures and capacities for consultation, cooperation and coordination in the sector strengthened

- Initiatives for establishment of the Sector structures for consultation and coordination supported
- Capacities of the established structures for consultation and coordination enhanced
- Participation of stakeholders in consultation and coordination structures enhanced
- Sector policies, strategies, regulations and plans prepared and launched (prioritized value chain related)

Expected outcomes

- a) Sector institutions and capacities strengthened
- b) Linkages between key Sector stakeholders improved
- c) Appropriate Sector-wide policies developed
- d) Environmental resilience for value chain actors promoted
- e) Enabling conditions that enable vulnerable groups to engage in value chain development strengthened value chain organizations developed
- f) Equitable access to market increased
- g) Access to affordable financial and insurance services for value chain actors improved.

Key features

- a) The Programme is fully devolved with 80% of financial resources channeled through counties and staff fully devolved to counties.
- b) Provision for innovations to support youth and women economic empowerment through value chains development.
- c) Intergovernmental institution steer sector consultation and coordination.
- d) Both national and county governments co-finance the programme.

Project coverage: All the 47 Counties

Project cost: KES. 5,692 out of which SIDA contribution is KES. 3 billion, European Union KES. 600 million, GoK KES. 800 million and KES. 1.292 billion from the County Governments whereby each County contribute KES. 5.5 million per year.

ASDSP II Achievements

Outcome 1: Productivity of priority value chains increased

- Opportunity and innovation and, grant mechanism guidelines developed
- Counties have developed Strategic Integrated Value Chain Action Plans (SIVCAPs)
- Gender and Social Inclusion Action Plan (GSIAP) study done and guidelines completed
- County GSI and GSIAPS under review.
- ASDSP II Gender and Social Inclusion Strategy done
- ToR for the establishment and operationalization of CSA done
- Development of Mapping of Value Chain Suitability and Resource Maps done for counties
- Baseline survey in all counties completed and reports finalized.

Outcome 2: Enhanced entrepreneurship of priority Value Chain Actors

- Entrepreneurship guidelines Reviewed
- Development of training plan and training material for entrepreneurship Developed
- Entrepreneurship strategy developed and rolled out

Outcome 3: Access to markets by priority VCAs improved

- Updated national and counties VCA/VCO database (disaggregated by gender)

Outcome 4: Structures and capacities for consultation, cooperation and coordination in the sector strengthened

- Governance and Management structures established at national and county levels
- Baseline Survey conducted
- Guidelines for the operationalization of key structures developed
- 300 staff and stakeholders sensitized on programme implementation mechanisms/ guidelines
- Technical Advisory Services procured

- 2019/2020 work plan and budget developed and implementation on-going
- IEC materials developed
- Management meetings and bilateral reviews for monitoring programme progress and performance undertaken
- County sector leadership sensitized on the programme (CECs, Chief Officers)
- Support given to the Ministry for finalization of the Strategic Plan (2018 - 2022)
- Supported the launching of Irish Potato Regulations 2019